



**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS
(ASHBURTON) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1978**

PURSUANT to section 83 (1) (d) of the Fisheries Act 1908, and to regulation 7 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Ashburton) Modification Notice 1978.

2. Commencement—This notice shall come into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. Application—This notice shall be in force only within the Ashburton Acclimatisation District.

4. Modification of regulations—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951* are hereby modified as follows:

Limit Bag

- (a) No person shall on any one day take or kill more than 14 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon) of which—
- (i) Not more than 4 may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron:
 - (ii) Not more than 10 may be trout, of which trout not more than 6 may be taken from any lake or lakes, including any tributaries of lakes:

Size Limit

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any trout or salmon that does not exceed—
- (i) In the case of any trout taken from any lake, including any tributary of any lake, 30 cm in length:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout or salmon other than a trout taken as provided in subparagraph (i) hereof, 25 cm in length:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish shall—
- (i) With any natural bait, use more than one such bait, or more than 3 single hooks or 2 single and 1 triple hook, or any hook with a gap greater than 9 mm:

*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 13: S.R. 1976/191)
Amendment No. 14: (Revoked by S.R. 1976/268)
Amendment No. 15: S.R. 1976/268

(ii) Troll from any boat or launch, or fish in any lake from any boat or launch:

Provided that a person may fish in the Maori Lakes, Lake Emma, Lake Heron, and Lake Clearwater (also known as Tripp), at a distance of at least 70 m from any bank or island, from a securely anchored boat:

(iii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Maori Lakes or Lakes Emily, Roundabout, Spider, Denny, Donn, or Clearwater (also known as Tripp), or in the Hinds River, or in the tributaries of any such lake or of the Hinds River:

Provided that, subject to Part V of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951, a primary school pupil may fish with any lawful lure or bait in the Hinds River upstream from the Lynnford Bridge:

(iv) Use any natural bait in Lake Camp (also known as Howard), Lake Emma, or in the Ashburton River except from its source to Coles Cutting approximately 2.8 km from its mouth:

Provided that a primary school pupil may fish with natural bait in the Ashburton River between the bridge on the main South Road and Coles Cutting:

(v) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Ashburton River more than one artificial fly, lure, or bait, or more than one hook (single or multiple), or any single hook of wire with a diameter larger than 1 mm, or with a gap greater than 9 mm, or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 13 mm:

(vi) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Rakaia River or the Rangitata River more than one lure or bait when any weight is attached, or more than one hook (single or multiple), or any hook with a gap greater than 13 mm:

Open Season Exceptions

(d) No person shall fish—

(i) At any time for acclimatised fish in the tail race from the Highbank power station or in the stream or side channel in the flood bed of the Rakaia River by which the waters from the said tail race enter the first main branch of the Rakaia River, the stream or side channel being indicated at its upper and lower ends by iron posts painted white:

(ii) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rakaia River and its tributaries above Lake Coleridge powerhouse, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

Provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to any lakes draining into the Rakaia River above the point specified:

(iii) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rangitata River and its tributaries above the point approximately 1.6 km downstream from Forest Creek, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

(iv) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rangitata River from the west end of the Rangitata Gorge downstream to the confluence with Boundary Creek, both points being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

(v) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending with the Friday preceding the first Saturday in November, for acclimatised fish in any high country lake or tarn or any tributary of any such lake or tarn:

(vi) During the months of March and April, for quinnat salmon in Lake Heron and its tributaries:

(vii) During the month of April, for acclimatised fish in Bowyers Stream or in Taylors Stream or in the south branch of the Ashburton River from its source downstream to its confluence with Taylors Stream.

Open Season Extensions

(e) There shall be an open season—

(i) During the month of May in Lake Camp (also known as Howard):

(ii) During the period commencing on the first Saturday following Queen's Birthday weekend and ending with the 31st day of August in the Rakaia, Ashburton, and Rangitata Rivers downstream from the bridge spanning each of those rivers on the main south road.

5. Revocation—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Ashburton) Modification Notice 1975* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of May 1978.

J. B. BOLGER,
In the place of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Except as varied by Modification Notices of local application, the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951 provide, *inter alia*, that—

- (a) The *limit bag*, which is the maximum number of trout or salmon that may be taken by one person in one day computed from midnight to midnight, shall be 50;
- (b) The *size limit*, which is the minimum size of fish lawfully takeable measured from tip of nose to tip of tail, shall be 15 cm for trout and salmon. Undersized fish must be released unharmed and are not reckoned in the limit bag;
- (c) Only artificial or natural fly, insect, worm, crustacea, or fish are lawful lures or baits for acclimatised fish. Shellfish (mollusca) and fish roe are illegal. Not more than 2 lures or baits may be used. Artificial flies, which include feathered lures, must have only one hook. In waters restricted to fly, no weight or loaded lure is permitted. Any weight must be affixed above any lure or bait, and, with artificial minnow (which includes spoon), at least 38 cm above;
- (d) The duration of the *open season* for acclimatised fish is from October 1 to April 30.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the Ashburton Acclimatisation District by reducing the limit bag to 14, of which not more than 4 may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron, and not more than 10 may be trout, of which trout not more than 6 may be taken in any lake or in any tributary of any lake, by increasing the size limit to 30 cm in the case of trout taken in any lake or in any tributary of any lake and 25 cm in other cases, by imposing restrictions on lures and methods of fishing in the waters specified in the notice, by restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters, and by extending the open season in certain waters.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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