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THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (WESTLAND) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1979

PURSUANT to section 83 (2) (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 (Westland) Modification Notice 1979.

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 Westland 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 no more than 4 may be salmon and no more than 10 may be trout:

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 salmon, 30 cm in length:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout, 22 cm in length:

Open Season Exceptions

- (c) No person shall fish at any time for acclimatised fish in any stream flowing into Lake Wahapo or Lake Mapourika:

Close Season Exception

- (d) There shall be no close season in Lake Mahinapua:

*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

Open Season Extensions

(e) There shall be an open season during the months of May and September in the following waters:

- The Big Wanganui River:
- The Big Waitaha River:
- The Cook River:
- The Fox River:
- The Hokitika River downstream from the Kaniere Bridge:
- The Karangarua River:
- The Waiho River:
- The Whataroa River.

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

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of June 1979.

DUNCAN MacINTYRE,

In the place of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

*S.R. 1975/168

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 1 person in 1 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 1 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 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the Westland Acclimatisation District by reducing the limit bag, increasing the size limit, dispensing with a close season in certain waters, and amending the duration of the open season in other waters.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.