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THE FISHERIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1950,  
AMENDMENT NO. 29

KEITH HOLYOAKE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 20th day of March  
1978

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. R. D. MULDOON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Fisheries Act 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 29, and shall be read with and deemed part of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1978.

**2. Size of mesh of net**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby further amended by revoking the table to subclause (1) (as amended by regulation 4 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amend-

\*S.R. 1950/147 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 20: S.R. 1973/52)

Amendment No. 21: S.R. 1973/252

Amendment No. 22: S.R. 1975/181

Amendment No. 23: S.R. 1975/259

Amendment No. 24: (Revoked by S.R. 1977/167)

Amendment No. 25: S.R. 1977/167

Amendment No. 26: S.R. 1977/226

Amendment No. 27: (Revoked by S.R. 1977/292)

Amendment No. 28: S.R. 1977/292

ment No. 7, regulation 6 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 22, and regulation 4 (a) of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 28), and substituting the following table:

“Description of Fish	Size of Mesh
Butterfish (Greenbone) .....	108 mm
Eels .....	25 mm
Flatfish of all descriptions .....	100 mm
Garfish (piper) .....	25 mm
Herring .....	30 mm
Mullet .....	80 mm
Sardine .....	12 mm
All other fish .....	55 mm”

(2) Regulation 4 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 7\*, is hereby consequentially revoked.

**3. Big game fish**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking Part VII and the heading to that Part, and substituting the following:

#### “PART VII—BIG GAME FISH

“91. **Restriction on taking big game fish**—No big game fisherman, in taking in sport any fish of the families Istiophoridae or Xiphiidae or any other species commonly recognised as being big game fish, shall use any method other than a rod and running line:

“Provided that a gaff may be used to secure any such fish which is hooked.”

**4. Limitation on size of fish**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby further amended by revoking regulation 107 (1) and the table appended to it (as amended by regulation 11 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 2, regulation 15 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 10, and regulation 6 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 22), and substituting the following subclause and table:

“(1) No person (not being the holder of a fishing permit issued under section 12 of the Fisheries Amendment Act 1963 or the holder of a licence or consent issued or given under section 15 or section 23 of the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977) shall take or have in possession any species of fish which is shorter than the length set opposite that species in the following table. The measurement of length being made from the tip of the nose to the posterior end of the middle ray of the tail fin.

"Description of Fish	Length
Flat fish -	
Dab ("white" or "square" flounder) ( <i>Rhombosolea plebeia</i> )	23 cm
Lemon Sole ( <i>Pelotretis flavilatus</i> )	23 cm
English Sole ( <i>Peltorhampus novaezeelandiae</i> )	25 cm
Flounder ("yellow belly") ( <i>Rhombosolea leporina</i> )	25 cm
All other flatfish	25 cm
Round fish—	
Butterfish ( <i>Coriodox pullus</i> )	33 cm
Blue Cod ( <i>Parapercis colias</i> )—as provided by Part VI of these regulations	.....
Red Cod ( <i>Physiculus bacchus</i> )	25 cm
Moki ( <i>Latridopsis ciliaris</i> and <i>Chironemus spectabilis</i> )	28 cm
Snapper ( <i>Chrysophrys auratus</i> )	25 cm
Tarakihi ( <i>Cheilodactylus macropterus</i> )	25 cm"

(2) The following regulations are hereby consequentially revoked:

- (a) Regulation 11 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 2\*:
- (b) Regulation 15 of the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 10†:
- (c) So much of the Schedule to the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 22, as relates to regulation 107 (1) of the principal regulations.

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

\*S.R. 1954/75  
†S.R. 1968/104

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations amend the Fisheries (General) Regulations 1950.

Regulation 2 repeats the size-of-mesh table in metric terms for ease of reference.

Regulation 3 removes all restrictions on taking big game fish except where fishing is being done in sport, in which case a rod and running line must be used.

Regulation 4 removes the size limits from all flat and round fish taken by commercial fishermen. An amended table of sizes is substituted to be followed by amateur fishermen.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.