

Reprint  
as at 1 October 2019



## Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018

(LI 2018/155)

Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018: revoked, on 1 October 2019, by clause 17 of the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2019 (LI 2019/212).

Pursuant to section 48A(2A) of the Conservation Act 1987, the Minister of Conservation gives the following notice.

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#### Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.  
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

**This notice is administered by the Department of Conservation.**

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## Notice

### 1 Title

This notice is the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018.

### 2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 1 October 2018.

### 3 Interpretation

In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**adult** means a person aged 18 years or over on 1 October 2018

**backcountry fishery** means—

- (a) the Dingle Burn backcountry fishery; or
- (b) the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery; or
- (c) the Goulter backcountry fishery; or
- (d) the Greenstone River backcountry fishery; or
- (e) the Hunter River backcountry fishery; or
- (f) the Karamea backcountry fishery; or
- (g) the Lochy River backcountry fishery; or
- (h) the Matakītaki backcountry fishery; or
- (i) the Mokihinui backcountry fishery; or
- (j) the Nevis River backcountry fishery; or
- (k) the Oreti River backcountry fishery; or
- (l) the Pomahaka River backcountry fishery; or
- (m) the Rangitikei River backcountry fishery; or
- (n) the Travers backcountry fishery; or
- (o) the Wairau backcountry fishery; or
- (p) the Whakaurekou River backcountry fishery; or
- (q) the Wilkin River backcountry fishery; or
- (r) the Young River backcountry fishery

**backcountry licence** means an endorsement on a specified licence that adds an entitlement to fish for sports fish in 1 or more of the following:

- (a) the Dingle Burn backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (b) the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (c) the Goulter backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (d) the Greenstone River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (e) the Hunter River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (f) the Karamea backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (g) the Lochy River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (h) the Matakītaki backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (i) the Mokihinui backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (j) the Nevis River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (k) the Oreti River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (l) the Pomahaka River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (m) the Rangitikei River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (n) the Travers backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (o) the Wairau backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (p) the Whakaurekou River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 April 2019:
- (q) the Wilkin River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019:
- (r) the Young River backcountry fishery in the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019

**child** means a person aged under 12 years on 1 October 2018

**controlled area** means—

- (a) the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery; or
- (b) the Greenstone River backcountry fishery

**controlled period** means,—

- (a) in relation to the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery, the period beginning on 1 November 2018 and ending on 31 May 2019;
- (b) in relation to the Greenstone River backcountry fishery, the period beginning on 1 February 2019 and ending on 31 March 2019

**controlled-period licence** means a licence that entitles the following persons to fish for sports fish in a controlled area during a controlled period, but only during the day, and on the reach, specified in the licence:

- (a) the holder of the controlled-period licence; and
- (b) if the holder also holds a backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence, the holder's spouse or partner and, if any member of the holder's family is accompanied by the holder or the holder's spouse or partner, the member of the holder's family; and
- (c) on the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery, up to 3 anglers named in the controlled-period licence who are accompanying the holder and who hold backcountry licences, as long as the maximum size of any group for any 1 licence is 4; and
- (d) on the Greenstone River backcountry fishery, 1 or more anglers named in the controlled-period licence who are accompanying the holder and who hold backcountry licences

**day licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish during the 24-hour period specified in the licence in—

- (a) the region for which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**Dingle Burn backcountry fishery** means the Dingle Burn upstream of the bridge on the Dingle Burn Station access road

**Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery** means the Ettrick Burn from its confluence with Lake Te Anau to the upstream limit of Log Cabin Slip at NZTopo50/CC07 796753

**family** means—

- (a) 1 person, or 1 person and that person's spouse or partner; and
- (b) the dependants of that person or those persons who—
  - (i) ordinarily or periodically reside with that person or those persons; and
  - (ii) are aged under 18 years on 1 October 2018; and

- (c) the grandchildren of that person or those persons who are aged under 18 years on 1 October 2018

**family licence** means a licence that entitles the holder and the holder's spouse or partner and, if any member of the holder's family is accompanied by the holder or the holder's spouse or partner, the member of the holder's family to fish for sports fish in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 September 2019 in—

- (a) the region for which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**Fish and Game Council** has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Conservation Act 1987

**Goulter backcountry fishery** means the Goulter River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Wairau River

**Greenstone River backcountry fishery** means the Greenstone River catchment, namely,—

- (a) the Greenstone River upstream of the swing bridge at the river's mouth where the river enters Lake Wakatipu; and
- (b) all tributary streams flowing into the Greenstone River, including the Caples River

**Hunter River backcountry fishery** means the Hunter River catchment upstream from the river's mouth where the river enters Lake Hāwea

**junior** means a person aged 12 years or older, but under 18 years, on 1 October 2018

**Karamea backcountry fishery** means the Karamea catchment upstream of the confluence with the Kakapo River

**local area licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish in just 1 region specified in the licence in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 September 2019

**Lochy River backcountry fishery** means the Lochy River catchment upstream of the confluence with Disputed Creek

**long-break licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish for a continuous 9-day period specified in the licence in—

- (a) the region for which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**loyal senior** means a person who, on 1 October 2018,—

- (a) is aged 65 years or older; and
- (b) has for the last 5 years held an adult whole-season licence or a family licence

**loyal senior licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 September 2019 in—

- (a) the region in which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**Matakitaki backcountry fishery** means the upper Matakitaki River and its tributaries upstream from the Horse Terrace Bridge

**Mokihinui backcountry fishery** means the Mokihinui catchment upstream of the confluence with the Rough and Tumble Creek

**Nevis River backcountry fishery** means the Nevis River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Kawarau River

**non-resident** means a person who, on 1 October 2018, is not a resident

**non-resident licence** means a whole-season licence or day licence that is issued to a non-resident

**Oreti River backcountry fishery** means the Oreti River and its tributaries upstream of Rocky Point

**partner** means a civil union partner or a de facto partner

**Pomahaka River backcountry fishery** means the Pomahaka River catchment upstream of the Park Hill Bridge on Switzers Road

**Rangitikei River backcountry fishery** means the upper Rangitikei River and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the Ohinewaione Stream

**region** means the region of a Fish and Game Council

**resident** means a person who, on 1 October 2018,—

- (a) is a New Zealand citizen; or
- (b) ordinarily resides in New Zealand

**short-break licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish for a continuous 3-day period specified in the licence in—

- (a) the region in which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**specified licence** means—

- (a) a family licence, an adult or a junior or child whole-season licence (resident or non-resident), or a loyal senior licence; or
- (b) a local area licence, if the region (specified in the licence) in which the holder is entitled to fish includes a backcountry fishery

**Taupo District** means the district described in the Schedule of the Taupo District Order 1983

**Travers backcountry fishery** means the Travers River catchment upstream of the signposted river-crossing for the Coldwater/Lake Head Department of Conservation walking track

**Wairau backcountry fishery** means the upper Wairau River and its tributaries (but excluding Fish Lake) upstream from the Wash Bridge

**Whakaurekou River backcountry fishery**—

- (a) means the Whakaurekou River upstream from the confluence with the Rangitikei River; and
- (b) includes the tributaries within the Ruahine Ranges (namely, the Mangatera, Maropea, and Waikamaka Rivers)

**whole-season licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish in the period beginning on 1 October 2018 and ending on 30 September 2019 in—

- (a) the region for which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**Wilkin River backcountry fishery** means the Wilkin River catchment upstream from the confluence with the Makarora River

**winter licence** means a licence that entitles the holder to fish for sports fish in the period beginning on 1 April 2019 and ending on 30 September 2019 in—

- (a) the region for which the licence is issued; and
- (b) all other regions except the Taupo District

**Young River backcountry fishery** means the Young River catchment upstream from the confluence with the Makarora River.

*Eligibility for sports fish licences, classes of licences, and fees*

**4 Licences issued by Fish and Game Councils**

- (1) A Fish and Game Council must issue—
  - (a) resident whole-season licences in accordance with clause 11(1) and (2); and
  - (b) non-resident whole-season licences in accordance with clause 11(3).
- (2) A Fish and Game Council may also issue 1 or more of the following:
  - (a) day licence (resident only, or resident and non-resident):
  - (b) family licence:
  - (c) local area licence:
  - (d) long-break licence:
  - (e) loyal senior licence:
  - (f) short-break licence:

- (g) winter licence.
- (3) In addition,—
  - (a) backcountry licences may be issued (by endorsement) by—
    - (i) the Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council; or
    - (ii) the Otago Fish and Game Council; or
    - (iii) the Southland Fish and Game Council; or
    - (iv) the Wellington Fish and Game Council; or
    - (v) the West Coast Fish and Game Council;
  - (b) controlled-period licences may be issued by—
    - (i) the Otago Fish and Game Council; or
    - (ii) the Southland Fish and Game Council.

## **5 Day licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues resident day licences,—
  - (a) a resident who is an adult or a junior may obtain a day licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule; and
  - (b) a resident who is a child may obtain a day licence from that Council without payment, as indicated in the Schedule.
- (2) If a Fish and Game Council issues non-resident day licences, a non-resident who is an adult, a junior, or a child may obtain a day licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.

## **6 Family licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues family licences, an adult may obtain a family licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a family licence.

## **7 Local area licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues local area licences, an adult may obtain a local area licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a local area licence.

## **8 Long-break licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues long-break licences, an adult may obtain a long-break licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a long-break licence.



**9 Loyal senior licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues loyal senior licences, a loyal senior may obtain a loyal senior licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a loyal senior licence.

**10 Short-break licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues short-break licences, an adult may obtain a short-break licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a short-break licence.

**11 Whole-season licence**

- (1) A resident who is an adult or a junior may obtain a whole-season licence from a Fish and Game Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) A resident who is a child may obtain a whole-season licence from a Fish and Game Council without payment, as indicated in the Schedule.
- (3) A non-resident who is an adult, a junior, or a child may obtain a whole-season licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.

**12 Winter licence**

- (1) If a Fish and Game Council issues winter licences, an adult may obtain a winter licence from that Council on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.
- (2) However, a non-resident is not eligible to obtain a winter licence.

**13 Holder of specified licence or other person may apply for backcountry licence**

- (1) The following persons may apply to a Fish and Game Council that is authorised to issue backcountry licences under clause 4(3)(a) to have the relevant licence endorsed as a backcountry licence:
  - (a) the holder of a specified licence:
  - (b) the spouse or partner of the holder of a family licence.
- (2) Any person entitled to fish under a backcountry licence must, when requested by the relevant Fish and Game Council, provide to the Council information on the use by that person and any angler accompanying that person of any part of the backcountry fishery.
- (3) As indicated in the Schedule, no fee is payable for a backcountry licence, except as provided in subclause (4).

- (4) The fee for a backcountry licence for the Rangitikei River backcountry fishery is specified in the Schedule.

**14 Holder of backcountry licence or other person may apply for controlled-period licence**

- (1) The following persons may apply to the Otago Fish and Game Council or the Southland Fish and Game Council for a controlled-period licence:
- (a) the holder of a backcountry licence:
  - (b) the spouse or partner of the holder of the backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence.
- (2) The Fish and Game Councils may issue no more than—
- (a) 70 controlled-period licences for the Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery; and
  - (b) 177 controlled-period licences for the Greenstone River backcountry fishery.
- (3) The Fish and Game Councils must issue licences according to the order in which the Councils receive applications.
- (4) A controlled-period licence that is issued on application by the spouse or partner of the holder of a backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence is to be issued in the name of the holder of the backcountry licence.
- (5) No fee is payable for a controlled-period licence, as indicated in the Schedule.

**15 Fees inclusive of GST**

The fees specified in the Schedule are inclusive of goods and services tax.

*Forms*

**16 Forms of licences**

- (1) Every licence must be in writing and must specify—
- (a) the holder's full name, postal address, telephone number (if any), and date of birth:
  - (b) the effect of the licence:
  - (c) the time and date of issue:
  - (d) the period during which the licence is valid:
  - (e) whether the holder is an adult, a junior, or a child:
  - (f) whether the holder is a resident or non-resident:
  - (g) that, by applying for a licence in electronic form, an applicant consents to the provision of the licence in that form in accordance with Part 4 of the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017.

- (2) The following licences must specify the full names of the members of the holder's family:
  - (a) a family licence:
  - (b) a controlled-period licence, if the holder also holds a backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence.
- (3) A local area licence must specify the name of the region to which it applies.
- (4) The following licences must specify whether the holder wishes to be an elector for the applicable Fish and Game Council:
  - (a) an adult resident whole-season licence:
  - (b) a loyal senior licence:
  - (c) a local area licence.
- (5) A family licence must specify whether the holder or spouse or partner of the holder wishes to be an elector for the applicable Fish and Game Council.

*Revocation*

**17 Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017 revoked**

The Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017 (LI 2017/168) is revoked.

**Schedule**  
**Fees payable for sports fish licences**

cls 5–15		
Class of licence	Class of applicant	Fee (inclusive of GST) (\$)
Backcountry licence, except for Rangitikei River backcountry fishery	All classes	No fee
Backcountry licence for Rangitikei River backcountry fishery	All classes	25
Controlled-period licence	All classes	No fee
Day licence (resident)	Adult	21
	Junior	5
	Child	No fee
Day licence (non-resident)	Adult	34
	Junior	20
	Child	20
Family licence	Adult	169
Local area licence	Adult	104
Long-break licence	Adult	91
Loyal senior licence	Loyal senior	111
Short-break licence	Adult	47
Whole-season licence (resident)	Adult	130
	Junior	26

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<b>Class of licence</b>	<b>Class of applicant</b>	<b>Fee (inclusive of GST) (\$)</b>
	Child	No fee
Whole-season licence (non-resident)	Adult	169
	Junior	34
	Child	34
Winter licence	Adult	78

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of August 2018.

Eugenie Sage,  
Minister of Conservation.

### **Explanatory note**

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

This notice, which comes into force on 1 October 2018, revokes and replaces the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017. This notice—

- fixes the forms and classes of licences to fish for sports fish:
- fixes the scope and effect of those classes of licence:
- introduces new categories of non-resident fishing licences for junior and child whole-season licences and non-resident adult, junior, and child day licences:
- clarifies that a Fish and Game Council that issues day licences to residents may also issue these to child residents, at no fee:
- introduces a fee for a backcountry licence for the Rangitikei River backcountry fishery, to meet the cost of public liability insurance in respect of access over New Zealand Defence Force land:
- includes the Oreti River and Pomahaka River backcountry fisheries:
- provides for the licences issued in respect of any region to be available in all other regions (except the Taupo District):
- fixes the fees payable for the licences. Those fees have been set to recover the anticipated costs of management of the freshwater sports fish resource by Fish and Game New Zealand for the 2018–2019 season.

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## Reprints notes

### **1** *General*

This is a reprint of the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018 that incorporates all the amendments to that notice as at the date of the last amendment to it.

### **2** *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

### **3** *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

### **4** *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2019 (LI 2019/212): clause 17