

Regulations providing for the Taking or Killing of Opossums.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 10th day of May, 1921.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR F. H. D. BELL, K.C.M.G.,
PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1920, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that opossums of the species *Trichosurus vulpecula* or of the subspecies *Trichosurus fuliginosus* may be taken or killed within the areas referred to in the First Schedule hereto from the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, inclusive, subject to the conditions prescribed in the regulations in the Third Schedule hereto; and, with the like advice and consent, doth hereby order and declare that opossums of the above species may, in accordance with the provisions of regulation twenty-one hereinafter contained, be taken or killed within the areas defined in the Second Schedule hereto, or in any registered orchard, or on any land adjoining such orchard included in the areas defined as aforesaid, and that it shall be unlawful to liberate or harbour opossums in any area defined in the Second Schedule hereto or in any registered orchard.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL those areas being the acclimatization districts under the control of the following acclimatization societies: Auckland, Grey District, Hawera, Nelson, North Canterbury, Otago, Rotorua, South Canterbury, Southland, Taranaki, Wanganui, Wellington, Westland.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

AREAS WHEREIN OPOSSUMS MAY BE TAKEN OR KILLED
WITHOUT LICENSE.

Waitemata Area.—Comprising ridings of Kumeu, Pukeatua, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Waitakere, Waipareira, Waikumete, and Titirangi.

Rodney Area.—Comprising ridings of Omaha, Matakana, Kourawhera, Albert, and Tauhoa.

Hawk's Bay Area.—Commencing at a point at the mouth of the Maraetotara Stream; thence following the coast-line in a north-westerly direction to a point opposite to where the Napier-Hastings Road turns off in a westerly direction at Awatoto; thence along the same road to Meeanee Bridge; thence along the right bank of the Tutaekuri River to the Waiohiki Bridge; thence along the Omaha Road to Fernhill; thence following the public road along the eastern boundary of Te Awa-o-te-Atua Block to its junction with Iron Gate Road; thence along the said road to its junction with the Pakipaki-Stortford Lodge Road; thence along the Hastings-Maraekakaho Road in a south-easterly direction to the Te Aute Road; thence along the said road in an easterly direction to its junction with the Mount Erin Road; thence along the said road to Gilpin Road, following along that road to the south-east corner of Havelock Town District; thence westerly along the boundary of the said town district to the Te Mata Road; thence along the said road to its junction with the Tukituki River; thence across the said river to its eastern bank; thence along the said bank to its junction with the south-eastern boundary of the Clive Suburban Area; thence along the said boundary to its junction with the Maraetotara Stream; thence along the said stream to its mouth.

Kapiti Area.—All that land included in Block III of Kapiti Survey District.

Kaitawa Area.—Comprising Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, in D.P. 669, being part of Muaupoko Block, in Block XIII, Kaitawa Survey District.

Nelson Area.—All that area in the Nelson Land District commencing at the mouth of the Otuwhero River in Tasman Bay, and thence bounded by the said bay, the estuary of the Waimea River, Tasman Bay, and Nelson Haven to the south-west corner of Section 4, Block V, Wakapuaka Survey District; thence by the Nelson-Blenheim Road to the road

forming the north-west boundary of Section 24 in Block VI of the said survey district; by that road, by Section 77, by Sections 33 and 4 in Block VI before mentioned, by Sections 15 and 18 in Block X, Wakapuaka Survey District, and by Sections 48, 64, 45, 46, 50, 24, 25, and 28, all in Block IX of the said survey district, and the production of the last-named boundary to the Maitai River; by that river to the western boundary of Section 31 in Block I, Maungatapu Survey District; thence bounded by Sections 31, 2, 18, 28, 26, part 4, and 22, all in Block I last mentioned; by Section 14 (waterworks reserve) to the road near Trig. J, by the said river over Trigs. G and G, and by the Aniseed Valley Road to the Roading River; thence by the said river, by the Wairoa River to Section 8 in Block XIII of the Waimea Survey District; thence by Sections 8, 67, 63, and 64 in Block XIII of the last-mentioned survey district, and by Section 9 in Block I, Rintoul Survey District; by Sections 3, 1, 6, and 18 in Block IV, Gordon Survey District, and by Sections 3 and 4 in Block VIII of the said survey district; thence by a road, a line across a road, by the south-east boundary of Section 63, a line across a road, by the south-east boundaries of Sections 5 and 60, and by the southern boundaries of Sections 60 and 3, all in Block VII, Gordon Survey District; thence by part of the eastern boundary and by the southern boundary of Section 27 in Block VI of the said survey district, by a road to and by the south-east boundary of Section 43 in Block X, Gordon Survey District, to Gordon's Creek; thence by the said creek and by the Motueka River to and by the north boundary of Section 2 in Block V, Gordon Survey District; thence by Small Grazing-run 6, by a road, by Sections 11 and 10 in Block IX of the said survey district; by Section 22 in Block XII, Tadmor Survey District, by Brewerton Creek, by Sections 17 and 73 in the said Block XII, to the Motupiko River; thence by a line across that river to the north-east corner of Section 2 in the last-mentioned Block XII; by that section and by Sections 12 and 11 in the said Block XII; by Section 13 in Block VII, Tadmor Survey District, by a road, and by a line across the Nelson-Glenhope Railway and across a road to the Tadmor River; thence by the said river to the Motueka River, by that river to the Graham River, and up that river and its tributaries to Trig. Station F (Crusader); thence by the boundary between the counties of Waimea and Takaka to Section 17 in Block I of the Motueka Survey District; thence down the Riwaka River to the east boundary of Section 27 in Block IX, Kaiteriteri Survey District; thence by the said Section 27, and by Sections 45 and 42 in Block VII, Kaiteriteri Survey District, to Kairuru Road; thence by the said road, by Sections 80 and 87 in Block VIII, Kaiteriteri Survey District, and by a line across a road to the Holyoake's Valley Stream; thence by that stream and the Otuwhero River to the point of commencement.

Christchurch Area.—Waimari and Heathcote Counties and Port Victoria Riding in the Mount Herbert County.

Rangiora Area.—All that portion of land contained in Blocks I, II, V, and VI of the Rangiora Survey District.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS AS TO THE TAKING
OR KILLING OF OPOSSUMS.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context, "authorized officer" means any person appointed by the Under-Secretary, Department of Internal Affairs, to be an authorized officer for any specified purpose under these regulations.

2. Opossums may be taken or killed only in the following manner—

- (a.) By means of a running noose fixed in such manner that the head of the animal will pass through the noose.
- (b.) By shooting with a pea-rifle, except in scenic reserves.
- (c.) By means of the trap known as the American jump-trap; provided that such traps with teeth, or the ordinary rabbit-trap, may be used only for the season provided in these regulations. In future seasons only the American jump-trap without teeth may be used.

3. All traps or other contrivances used for the purpose of taking opossums must be visited by the licensee at least once daily.

4. A license to take or kill opossums may be issued to any person on payment of the sum of £2 10s., in the form prescribed in the Fourth Schedule hereto, and any Postmaster or authorized officer is hereby authorized to sign and issue such license to take or kill opossums; and, except as provided in this Order in Council, no person shall take or kill opossums without previously taking out such a license.