

*Regulations for Trout-fishing, Bay of Islands Acclimatization District.*

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

## ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this 10th day of November, 1924.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by the Fisheries Act, 1908, and its amendments, 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 make the following regulations for all that part of the Dominion known as the Bay of Islands Acclimatization District and the waters thereof, as the same is defined in the First Schedule hereof; and doth hereby declare that these regulations shall, as from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, supersede all regulations for the said district at variance therewith, and such regulations are hereby revoked.

## REGULATIONS.

1. LICENSES to fish for trout in all waters within the said district, as described in the First Schedule hereto, shall be issued under the hand of the secretary of the Bay of Islands Acclimatization Society (hereinafter termed "the said society") or any person duly authorized by such secretary in that behalf. Such licenses shall be either whole- or half-season licenses.

2. Every such whole-season license shall entitle the holder thereof to fish for trout in all the waters of the said district for a period extending from the 1st day of October in any one year to the 30th day of April in the year following (both days inclusive), and one half-season license from the 1st day of February to the 30th day of April in the one year, subject, however, to the special limitations and restrictions hereinafter provided for by the Fisheries Act, 1908, or any amendment thereof or any regulation thereunder.

3. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon holders of such licenses aforesaid shall be exercised subject to the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1908 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), and to the regulations made or hereafter to be made thereunder during the currency of such licenses, and to regulations made or hereafter to be made as aforesaid in force in or affecting any particular acclimatization district or having special reference to any particular water, stream, river, or lake; provided always that the secretary of the said society, or any person authorized by him as aforesaid, shall not be compelled to issue a license to any person who within two years previously to the date of his application therefor has been convicted or shall have been convicted of any breach of the provisions of the said Act or the regulations thereunder or of any Act relating to trout-fishing or any regulations thereunder.

4. Licenses shall be issued by the said society at the following rates: For men—Whole-season licenses, 20s.; half-season licenses, 12s. 6d. For women—Whole-season licenses, 5s. For boys attending school or under the age of sixteen years—Whole-season licenses, 5s. Such licenses shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the Second Schedule hereto.

5. The holder of any such license as aforesaid may fish as aforesaid with one rod and line only, and may use a landing-net or gaff to secure any trout caught with such rod and line.

6. No person shall use in any river or stream any bait or lure other than the natural or artificial fly, or any small indigenous insect, grasshopper, beetle, or spider, but the natural or artificial minnow or any form of spoon bait may be used in any lake. All lures must be on a running-line attached to a rod and reel. The use of a set rod and line for taking trout in any waters is strictly prohibited. The use of shellfish, koura, or the houhou or matai-grub shall be a breach of the regulations.

7. No license shall be transferable or be deemed to authorize any person other than the person named therein to fish.

8. The period from the 1st day of May in any one year to the 30th day of September in the same year (both days inclusive) is hereby appointed a close season during which it shall be unlawful for any person other than an officer of the Government or an appointee of the society, for the purpose of acclimatization only, to fish for or take trout or to in any way injure or disturb the same.

9. No person shall cast or throw into any stream or waters in the said district in which trout exist or have been liberated, nor shall allow to flow into or place in or near the bank or margin of such streams or waters any sawdust

or sawmill refuse, lime, sheep-dip, flax-mill refuse, or any other matter or liquid that is noxious, poisonous, or injurious to fish; provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to or prohibit the depositing in any such stream or waters of debris from any mining claim.

10. No person shall fish for trout without a license; and every person fishing in any such water shall on demand of any fishery officer, constable, ranger, officer of the said society, or person producing a license to fish issued in New Zealand, give his true name and place of residence either permanent or for the time being, and on the like demand produce and show to such fishery officer, constable, ranger, or officer of the said society, or person producing a license as aforesaid, his license to fish and the contents of his creel, bag, or other receptacle for carrying fish, and also the bait or lure used or intended to be used by him for taking, catching, or killing such trout.

11. Every trout not exceeding eleven inches in length from tip of nose to tip of tail taken or caught by any person shall immediately be returned alive with as little damage or hurt as possible into the water from which the same has been taken.

12. No hand-line, night-line, or cross-line fishing, stroke-hauling trimmer, or any other unsportsmanlike device shall be used for the purpose of taking or attempting to take, kill, or capture trout, nor shall any of the hereinbefore-mentioned permitted baits or lures be prepared or used with any medicated or chemical preparations whatever.

13. No person other than an officer of the Government or an appointee of the society for the purposes of acclimatization shall fish with or use any net, or engine, instrument, or device of any kind whatever for taking or attempting to take trout in any lake, river, or stream within the said district, or at the mouth or entrance of any such lake, river, or stream. Any trout taken by any such net or other means shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same was taken.

14. For the purposes of these regulations a lake or the mouth of a river or stream shall respectively be deemed to include every outlet of such lake, river, or stream respectively, and the seashore between the outlet of any such river or stream, and shall extend over a radius of five hundred yards from the point or line where the waters of such river, lake, or stream meet those of the sea or of any harbour at low water.

15. No person shall buy, sell, or expose or offer for sale, or shall fish for the purpose of obtaining for sale, any trout or any portion thereof.

16. Any person convicted of any offence against these regulations shall have his license to fish (if any) confiscated, and such license (if any) shall thereupon become null and void.

17. No person shall take or catch more than twenty-five trout in any one day.

18. Except as provided for by the regulations regarding keeping trout in freezing-works or freezing-chambers during the close season, which regulations were made by the Governor in Council on the 6th day of October, 1908, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the eighth day of the same month, no person shall have in his or her possession, whether frozen, chilled, or otherwise, any trout between the 5th day of May and the 1st day of October in any year; provided that this regulation shall not apply to any fish taken by officers of the Government or by officers of the Bay of Islands Acclimatization Society for the purposes of acclimatization.

19. The penalty for every breach of these regulations shall be not less than £5, and not more than £50.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

*Bay of Islands Acclimatization District defined.*

All that area of land in the North Auckland Land District comprising the Counties of Bay of Islands and Hokianga.

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

*Bay of Islands Acclimatization Society.*

## LICENSE TO FISH.

The Fisheries Act, 1908, and its Amendments.

The holder of this license, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, having this day paid the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby authorized to fish with only one rod and line for trout within the Bay of Islands Acclimatization District from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, subject to the said Acts and to the regulations made thereunder for the time being in force in the said district.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

....., Secretary.

F. D. THOMSON,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.