

Revoking Regulations for Trout, Perch, or Tench Fishing in South Canterbury Acclimatization District, and making others in lieu thereof.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 26th day of September, 1927.

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 the South Canterbury Acclimatization District as the same is hereinafter defined in the First Schedule hereto and the waters thereof; and doth hereby declare that the regulations shall, as from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, supersede all other regulations for the said district, and such regulations are hereby revoked.

REGULATIONS.

1. LICENSES to fish for trout or other acclimatized fish may be issued by the secretary of the South Canterbury Acclimatization Society, or by any one authorized by such secretary in that behalf, and such licenses shall entitle the person named therein to fish in the said acclimatization district from the 1st day of October in any one year to the 30th day of April, in the year following, subject to the said Acts and to any special regulations made thereunder and to these regulations: Provided that the period for fishing in the waters named and known as Lakes Alexandrina, Tui, Hartley, Stony, and Sunday shall be from the 1st day of November in any one year till the 30th day of April in the following year: Provided further that such secretary may refuse to issue a license to any person who, within the previous two years, has been convicted of any breach of the provisions of any Act relating to fishing for trout or perch, or of any regulation made thereunder.

2. Such licenses shall be issued at the following rates: Licenses for men: £1 for the whole season. Licenses for women and for boys attending school or under the age of sixteen years: 5s. for the whole season.

3. Every such license shall be in the form set forth in the Second Schedule hereto.

4. No person shall fish with more than one rod and line, and with the following baits only: Natural or artificial fly, natural or artificial minnow, and any small indigenous fish, grasshopper, beetle, spider, caterpillar, creeper, or worm: Provided that it shall be unlawful to use worm when fishing for trout, perch, or tench in the Opihi River.

5. Not more than one bait shall be used in spoon and/or minnow and bait fishing, excepting in the Rangitara River, where not more than two live baits may be used, and no spoon or minnow shall be used with more than three sets of triple hooks.

6. No bare hooks shall be used.

7. Not more than three flies shall be used for fly-fishing on any one cast in the daytime, and not more than two at night, and no double-hooked flies shall be used.

8. No persons shall use any trace or cast of a greater gauge than 21, standard wire gauge.

9. No person shall use any trace of a greater length than 6 ft.

10. No person shall use any other bait or any method, device, or contrivance whatever, for the purpose of fishing, taking, catching, or killing trout or other acclimatized fish except a rod and line, and a landing-net or gaff for fish taken with rod and line.

11. No cross-line fishing, stroke-hauling, or any other un-sportsmanlike device shall be used for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing trout or other acclimatized fish, nor shall any of the baits above-mentioned be used with any medicated or chemical preparation whatever.

12. No person shall take or attempt to take trout or other acclimatized fish without a license, and shall, on demand of any ranger, constable, or person producing a license, produce and show to such ranger, constable, or license-holder his license, and the contents of his creel or bag, and the bait used by him for taking, catching, or killing trout or other acclimatized fish.

13. Every trout not exceeding 9 in. in length from nose to tip of tail taken or caught by any person shall be immediately returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

14. No person shall take or catch more than twenty-five trout, irrespective of weight in any one day, except in an angling competition duly authorized by the society.

15. No person shall have in his possession any of the salmonidæ or trout between the 1st day of May and the 30th day of September in any year, which period is hereby appointed a close season for all such fish: Provided always that this regulation shall not apply to fish caught by the officers of the Marine Department or of an acclimatization society, or the General Manager of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, for purposes of pisciculture: Provided further that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the provisions of any regulations now in force or hereafter made with respect to keeping trout or salmon in freezing or cool chambers during the close season hereinbefore mentioned.

16. No person shall cast or throw into any stream or waters in which trout or salmon exist or have been liberated, or shall allow to flow into or place near the bank or margin of any such stream 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 prohibit the depositing in such stream of debris from any mining claim.

17. No person shall take, fish for, catch, or kill, in any manner whatever, or have in his possession, any salmon, salmon parr, or smolts, or the ova, young, or fry of any salmon in any stage whatever; and any of the above-named taken by accident or otherwise shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

18. For the purposes of these regulations the mouth of every river or stream shall be deemed to include every outlet of the same and the sea-shore between such outlets, and shall extend over a radius of 500 yards from the point or line where the waters of such river or stream meet those of the sea or of any harbour at low water.

19. No person shall buy, sell, or expose or offer for sale, or shall fish for the purpose of obtaining for sale, any trout or other acclimatized fish, or any part thereof, unless he has a license to do so under regulations for taking trout or other acclimatized fish or for selling them.

20. If any person shall be convicted of an offence against these regulations the license (if any) held by the offender shall thereupon become void.

21. It shall be unlawful to fish for trout in the waters of Lake Alexandrina by the method known as trolling.

22. The penalty for every breach of any of these regulations shall be not less than 40s. and not more than £50.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SOUTH CANTERBURY ACCLIMATIZATION DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District bounded on the north-west by the Westland Acclimatization District; on the north-east by the Ashburton Acclimatization District; and on the east by the sea; on the south by a line up the Pareora River to its source, by a right line to the summit of Mount Nimrod; thence by a right line to Trig. Station F; thence northerly along the summit of the range to Trig. Station K; thence by a line due west to the Hakataramea River; thence up the Hakataramea River and Dalgety Creek to Hakataramea Pass; thence by a right line passing through Trig. Station NI to Stony Stream; thence down Stony Stream to the Waitaki River; and on the west by a line up the middle of the Waitaki and Pukaki Rivers to Pukaki Lake; thence up the middle of Pukaki Lake to the Tasman River; thence up the middle of the Tasman River to the Tasman Glacier; thence along the western boundary of the said Tasman Glacier to a point in line with a line from Mount Cook, and passing through Ball Hut; thence by that line to Mount Cook and the summit of the Southern Alps, the place of commencement.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

LICENSE TO FISH.

The Fisheries Act, 1908, and its Amendments.

THE holder of this license [*Name in full*], of [*Address, calling, or occupation*], having this day paid the sum of _____, is hereby authorized to fish with only one rod and line for trout within the South Canterbury Acclimatization District, from the _____ day of _____, 19____, to the _____ day of _____, 19____, subject to the said Acts and to the regulations made thereunder and to these regulations for the time being in force in the said district.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 19____.

Secretary, South Canterbury Acclimatization Society.

C. A. JEFFERY,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.