

*Regulations for Trout, Perch, or Tench Fishing in the Waitaki Acclimatization District.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 16th day of September, 1929.

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 Waitaki 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 hereof 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, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) in all waters within the said district may be issued under the hand of the Secretary of the Waitaki Acclimatization Society, or any one authorized by the said Secretary in that behalf, and such license 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 any regulations made thereunder, and to these regulations:

Provided that the 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, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) or of any regulations made thereunder.

2. The fee to be charged for a license as aforesaid to each male person over the age of sixteen years shall be £1, and every such license shall be in the form set forth in the Second Schedule hereto. Single-river licenses, authorizing the holder to fish in one specified river or stream, may be issued on payment of the sum of 10s. for each such license. Licenses may also be issued to boys attending school or under the age of sixteen, or to women, at a reduced fee of 5s. for each license so issued:

Provided that it shall be lawful for any Secretary or his deputy, in any case where application is made for a license on or after the 1st day of January in any year, to issue a license to any man for the sum of 12s. 6d., but so that such license shall extend only from the time of granting the same until the termination of the then trout-fishing season. No license shall confer any right of entry upon the land of any person without his consent.

3. The Secretary of the said society may issue day-licenses to *bona fide* travellers and strangers not resident within the district aforesaid on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. for each day's fishing.

4. No person shall take, kill, or fish for trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) otherwise than with one rod and line, but a landing-net or gaff may be used to secure any trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) caught with such rod and line, and no lures or baits other than natural or artificial flies, minnows, insects, any small indigenous fish (except shell fish), creepers, or worms:

Provided that it shall be unlawful for any person to fish with a set rod unattended:

Provided also that during the period from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December in any year it shall be unlawful for any person except the holders of ladies' and juvenile licenses to use worms for fishing for trout and perch in the Kakanui River.

5. No person shall fish with more than two flies, or one fly and one minnow, devon or spoon bait, or one fly and one natural bait, or two natural baits affixed to any trace or with any shell-fish. No fly shall have more than one hook, and no person shall use more than one lead or sinker, and such lead or sinker shall be tied above all flies, minnow, or natural bait used:

Provided that the restrictions imposed by this regulation shall not apply to single-hooked flies of size 10 (old numbers) or smaller.

6. No person shall use any trace made of gimp or of either plain or twisted wire having a greater gauge than 21 standard wire gauge, or having a greater length than 6 ft.:

Provided that the maximum length of wire herein prescribed shall not apply to traces of wire having a gauge not exceeding 28 standard wire gauge.

7. No license shall authorize any person other than the person named therein to fish.

8. 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 the 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 Tourists and Health Resorts, for the purpose of pisciculture or scientific investigation:

Provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the provisions of any regulation now in force, or hereafter made, with respect to keeping trout or salmon in freezing or cool chambers during the close season hereinbefore mentioned.

9. No person shall cast or throw into any stream 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, 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 streams of debris from any mining claim.

10. 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.

11. No person shall fish for trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) without a license; and every person fishing shall, on the demand of any ranger, constable, officer of the said society, or of any person producing a license, produce and show to such ranger, officer, constable, or person his license, and the contents of his creel or bag, and the bait used by him for taking, catching, or killing such trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish).

12. Any person taking or catching any trout not exceeding 9 in. in length from nose to tip of tail shall immediately return it alive into the water from which the same is taken.

13. No person when fishing shall use or make use of any artificial light, lamp, or torch, other than an electric torch.

14. No person shall cross-line fish, stroke-haul, or use any other unsportsmanlike device for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish); nor shall any person use any of the above-mentioned baits with any medicated or chemical preparation whatsoever.

15. Except as aforesaid, no person shall fish with or use any net, or any instrument, or device or means for taking trout, perch, tench (or other acclimatized fish) in any river or stream within the district aforesaid, or at the mouth or entrance of any such river or stream.

16. For the purpose of these regulations the mouth of every river or stream shall be deemed to include every outlet of the same and the seashore between such outlets, and shall extend over a radius of 500 yds. 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.

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

18. No person shall take or catch in any one day more than twenty trout.

19. The penalty for the breach of any of these regulations shall not be less than £2 or more than £50.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

WAITAKI ACCLIMATIZATION DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury and Otago Land Districts bounded on the west by the Westland Acclimatization District; on the north-east and north by the South Canterbury and Waimate Acclimatization Districts; and on the east by the sea from Mount Cook to the north-western corner of Section 1 of 20, Block III, Moeraki Survey District; thence southerly along the western boundary of the said section, and westerly along the southern boundaries of Sections 45, 44, and 43, Block IX, Moeraki Survey District, to the public road forming the western boundary of the last-mentioned section; thence north-westerly along that road to the north-eastern corner of Section 31, Block XI, Moeraki Survey District; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the said Section 31 to the eastern boundary of Block XII, Moeraki Survey District; thence northerly along that boundary to the north-eastern corner of the said Block XII; thence