

*Regulations for Trout-fishing in the Buller Acclimatization District.*

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 20th day of April, 1931.

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 Buller 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 other regulations for the said district, and such regulations are hereby revoked.

REGULATIONS.

1. LICENSES to fish for trout or other acclimatized fish in all waters within the said district may be issued under the hand of the Secretary of the Buller 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 or other acclimatized fish, or of any regulation 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 10s., and every such license shall be in the form set forth in the Second Schedule hereto. Licenses may also be issued to boys attending school or under the age of eighteen, or to women, at a reduced fee of 5s. for each such license so issued: Provided that day licenses may be issued on payment of a fee of 1s. for each day's fishing. No license shall confer any right of entry upon the land of any person without his consent.

3. Trout or other acclimatized fish shall not be fished for, taken, or killed, otherwise than with one rod and line, but a landing-net or gaff may be used to secure any trout or other acclimatized fish caught with such rod and line.

4. It shall be unlawful to fish for trout or other acclimatized fish with other than natural or artificial fly, natural or artificial minnow, silveries, bullies, grasshoppers, spiders, caterpillars, creepers, or worms.

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

6. 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 the Department of Internal Affairs, or of any acclimatization society, or for the purpose of pisciculture or scientific research: 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.

7. 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, flaxmill 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.

8. 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: Provided always that this regulation shall not apply to fish caught by the officers of the Marine Department, or the Department of Internal Affairs, or of any acclimatization society, or for the purpose of pisciculture or scientific research.

9. No person shall fish for trout 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 or other acclimatized fish.

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

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

12. Except as aforesaid, no person shall fish with or use any net, or any instrument, or device, or means for taking trout 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: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the placing of any net other than a stake net at any place in the Buller River below a straight line drawn across the said river opposite Lyndhurst Street, or at any place in the Orowaiti River below the old bridge, for the purpose of taking sea fish only, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and any regulations made thereunder, nor render any person liable to any penalty for so doing, or for taking sea fish by such means.

13. For the purposes of these regulations the mouth of every such 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 one-quarter of a mile 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.

14. 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 such person has a license to do so under regulations for taking trout or other acclimatized fish, or for selling them.

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

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

17. The penalty for the breach of any of these regulations shall not be less than forty shillings or more than fifty pounds: Provided that in the case of any person found guilty of taking any salmon or trout illegally during the spawning season or of any person who uses dynamite, rifle, or other fire-arms, or any other explosive substance for the purpose of catching or killing salmon or trout, the minimum penalty shall not be less than ten pounds.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

BULLER ACCLIMATIZATION DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Nelson and Westland Land Districts bounded towards the north-west generally by a line starting at a point on the Tasman Sea coast at Kohaihai Bluff in Block XIII, Whakapoai Survey District, and proceeding up a leading spur and along the summit of a range over Mount Domett to Mount Cobb; thence towards the north-east generally by a line along the summit of the western ranges over Mount Snowden and Mount Peel to Mount Arthur; thence towards the south-east by a line along the summit of a leading range over Mount Luna and along the summit of Lyell Range to Bald Hill; thence by a line down a leading spur on the western side of Eight-mile or Boundary Stream to the mouth of that stream; thence down the left bank of the Buller River and up the right bank of the Inangahua River to a point due north of Mount Haast; thence by a right line to Mount Haast; thence by a right line to the nearest point of the Grey River; thence towards the south-west generally by a line down the middle of the Grey River to its confluence with the Otututu River; thence by a line up the middle of the Otututu River to its source near Mount Faraday; thence by a right line to Mount Faraday; thence towards the south-east by a line along the summit of the Paparoa Range to a point near the source of the Punakaiki or Deadman's River; thence towards the south-west generally by a right line to that source and by a line down the middle of that river to the sea; thence towards the north-west by the Tasman Sea to Kohaihai Bluff, 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 in every