

*Revoking Regulations for Trout-fishing in the Auckland Acclimatization District, and making others in lieu thereof.*

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 31st day of August, 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 the Auckland Acclimatization District, as may be from time to time defined (hereinafter referred to as "the said district"), and the waters thereof; and doth hereby declare that the regulations shall, as from the date of the publication thereof in the *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 shall be issued under the hand of the secretary of the Auckland Acclimatization Society (hereinafter termed "the said society"), or any one duly authorized by such secretary in that behalf. Such licenses shall be whole-season, weekly, or day 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; subject, however, to the special limitations and restrictions hereinafter provided. Subject to the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1908, and its amendments, and to the regulations made thereunder, and for the time being in force in each acclimatization district, every such license shall entitle the holder thereof to fish for trout, Atlantic salmon, quinnat salmon, and other acclimatized fish in all streams, rivers, and lakes in the Dominion of New Zealand other than those comprised in the Rotorua Acclimatization District and in Taupo waters.

3. During the period from the 1st day of October, 1931, to the 30th day of September, 1932, no person shall take trout by any means whatsoever in the Waimakariri River, nor in the Little Puriri Stream, nor in that portion of the Wanganui River between the Matapuna Railway-bridge and the Victory Bridge at Taumarunui, nor during the period from the 1st day of October, 1931, to the 30th day of September, 1933, in that portion of the Waipa River between the pit of the Otorohanga Gravel Company, Limited, and the eastern boundary of the Meadowlands Farm main drain.

4. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon holders of such licenses aforesaid shall be exercised subject to the provisions of 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.

5. Licenses shall be issued by the said society at the following rates: For men—Whole-season licenses, 20s.; weekly licenses, 5s.; day licenses, 2s. 6d.; For women and boys attending school or under the age of sixteen—Whole-season licenses, 5s.; Day licenses, 2s. 6d. Such licenses shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the Schedule hereto.

6. 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.

7. No person shall use any bait or lure other than the natural or artificial fly, or natural or artificial minnow, and any small indigenous fish, insect, grasshopper, beetle, or spider. The use of shellfish, fish ova, koura, or the houhou or matai grub, or of earthworms shall be a breach of the regulations:

Provided that no bait other than natural or artificial fly shall be used for taking fish in the Oraka, Mangakahu, Mangatangi, Maungatawhiri, South Wairoa, Waimiha, and Oamaru Rivers, and also in that portion of the Ongarue River between its source and the Waimiha Railway-station, the Waihou

River from its source to the Oxford Bridge on the Tirau-Rotorua road, the Moakurua Stream from its source to its junction with the Oamaru River, Hay's Creek (otherwise known as Hunua Gorge Creek), and the Ararimu Creek:

Provided still further that no bait other than natural or artificial fly, or natural or artificial minnow, or spoon bait shall be used in taking fish in the Waipa River throughout its course and tributaries thereof, or in the Ongarue River below the Waimiha Railway-station:

Provided still further that no bait other than artificial fly shall be used for taking fish in that portion of the Puniu River lying between the junction of the Wairaka and Waipara Rivers:

Provided still further that no person shall fish for trout in any portion of Lake Arapuni with any lure or bait other than natural or artificial fly, artificial minnow, or some form of spoon bait; provided that no spinning fly, lure, or bait other than the artificial fly shall be used from a point 80 chains above the dam down to the spillway:

Provided still further that no person shall fish for trout in any portion of Lake Arapuni wherein artificial fly, artificial minnow, or some form of spoon bait is authorized by these regulations, with any fly, minnow, or spoon bait which is of greater length than 2½ in.

8. No person shall simultaneously use more than one inanga, whitebait, bully, or other indigenous fish as a bait or lure for trout: Provided further that no person shall, when so using such indigenous fish as a bait or lure, use a sinker, lead, or other weight of a greater weight than one-half ounce, and that no such sinker, lead, or other weight, shall be used unless affixed or attached directly to and upon the main line, cast, or trace of the person using same, and at a point upon such line, cast, or trace between the rod and bait: Provided further, however, that it shall be lawful for any person fishing as aforesaid with one indigenous fish as bait to use in that portion of the Waikato River below and downstream from the Leamington Bridge at Cambridge a sinker, lead, or other weight (affixed as aforesaid to the main line, cast, or trace) of a weight not exceeding two ounces.

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

10. The period from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of September in any one year, both days inclusive, is hereby appointed a close season, during which it shall be unlawful for any person to fish for or to take trout, or to in any way injure or disturb the same. No person shall have in his possession, whether frozen, chilled, or otherwise, any trout between the 5th day of May and the 1st day of October in any one year.

11. 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 stream or waters, any sawdust or sawmill refuse, lime, fish-gut, 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.

12. No person shall fish for trout without a license, and every person fishing in such waters shall, on demand of any fishery officer, constable, 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, 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.

13. Every trout not exceeding 10 in. 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.

14. No hand-line, night-line, or crossline fishing, stroke-hauling, trimmer, or any other unsportsmanlike device shall be used for the purpose of taking or attempting to take, catch, kill, or capture trout; nor shall any of the herein-before-mentioned permitted baits or lures be prepared or used with any medicated or chemical preparation whatever.

15. Except as provided in Regulation 7, no person 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 such net or other means shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

16. For the purposes of these regulations a lake and the mouth of a river or stream shall respectively be deemed to include every outlet of such lake, river, or stream respectively,