

## Whangarei Harbour.

- (b) All that area of sea-bed bounded by a line commencing at the southern extremity of Busby Head and proceeding due west to the Marsden Point Beach; thence north-easterly and north-westerly along the line of ordinary high-water mark to the Marsden Point Wharf; thence by a direct line across the Whangarei Harbour to the southern extremity of Lort Point, Reotahi; thence generally easterly and southerly along the ordinary high-water mark of the Whangarei Harbour to the starting-point at Busby Head. As the said area is more particularly shown and delineated on plan marked M.D. 6783, deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington, and thereon coloured blue.
- (2) It shall be lawful for any person to take mussels from the said areas for home consumption only, but no such person shall take more than fifty mussels for such purpose in any one day.

## NETS.

61. Subject to any other regulations for the time being in force in respect of the size of mesh of any particular type of net, the mesh of every set net or seine net used for taking fish in any waters of the Dominion shall, when prepared for use, be as follows:—

Flounder set nets	.. ..	Not less than 4 in.
Flounder seine or drag nets	.. ..	2½ in.
Mullet nets	.. ..	3½ in.
Herring nets	.. ..	1½ in.
Garfish or piper nets	.. ..	1 in.
Nets (other than Danish seine nets) used for taking other species of fish	.. ..	2½ in.

Provided that on and after the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, the mesh of every seine or drag net used for taking flounders shall measure when prepared for use not less than 4 in.:

And provided still further that this regulation shall not apply to Lake Ellesmere, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, but the mesh of every net used for taking fish in such lake shall measure when prepared for use not less than 4 in. : Provided that it shall be lawful to use in the said lake herring nets, the mesh of which shall measure when prepared for use not less than 1½ in.

62. The size of mesh in every case shall be ascertained by measuring the length between knot and knot of opposite corners with the mesh closed, the net being first wetted and stretched, and being tanned, barked, or otherwise prepared for use. In case of dispute or doubt a ½ lb. weight shall be slung or attached to one knot of the mesh in order to produce a fair strain or extension, and the space between the top and bottom knot shall be measured forthwith while the mesh remains extended. If the net to be measured is dry, the part to be measured shall be soaked either in fresh or salt water for not less than ten minutes, and the mesh so soaked shall then be measured.

63. The mesh of every trawl-net shall measure when prepared for use, wetted and stretched, not less than the following dimensions—viz., in wings and belly and batings down to 100 meshes, 4½ in.; in the square, 4½ in.; and in the cod-end, 4 in. The part of the trawl-net known as the cod-end shall not begin higher up the net than to the bottom of the 100 meshes above mentioned.

64. The size of mesh of trawl-net shall be ascertained by measuring the length between knot and knot of opposite corners with the mesh closed, the net being first wetted and stretched, and being tanned, tarred, or otherwise prepared for use. In case of dispute or doubt, a 1 lb. weight shall be slung or attached to one knot of a mesh in order to produce a fair strain or extension, and the space between the top and bottom knots shall be measured forthwith while the mesh remains extended. If the net to be measured is dry, the part to be measured shall be soaked either in fresh or salt water for not less than ten minutes, and the mesh so soaked shall then be measured.

65. Any fishery officer may at any reasonable time examine and measure any net used, or which he has reason to believe is intended to be used, for fishing purposes.

66. Every person commits an offence who shall use for fishing purposes, or has in his possession for such use, any net the mesh of which is of less size than is hereinbefore prescribed, or who being in possession of any net refuses to allow any fishery officer to measure the same, or in any way prevents or obstructs him in so doing.

67. No person shall set any net by the process known as "stalling," whereby a net is staked or set across or within any bay, inlet, river, or creek in tidal waters in such a manner that fish enclosed by such net are or may be left stranded at low tide.

68. Notwithstanding anything contained in clause 67 of the hereinbefore-recited regulations, it shall be lawful to take fish by the process known as "stalling" on the mud-flats in Kaipara Harbour, subject to the following conditions:—

- The size of mesh of set nets so used shall not be less than 4½ in.
- No person or persons shall use more than 300 fathoms of set-net from one boat or launch.
- No person or persons shall join together the nets used or set by different boats or launches.
- There shall be a clear space of not less than 100 yards between the nets set by different boats, and no person shall set nets without leaving such space.
- Persons using set nets shall frequently "underrun" such nets from the time the nets are set until the tide has run out, and take out the fish.

69. When a person is lawfully engaged in setting or placing his nets for the purpose of taking indigenous fish, no other person shall impede him by the process known as "blocking," whereby another person sets or places his nets outside or round or partly round the nets of the person first setting or placing his nets so as to prevent fish getting through to such last-mentioned nets.

70. It shall be lawful for any fishery officer to seize and take possession of all fish unlawfully taken, and also all baskets, nets, receptacles, gear, tackle, or other apparatus which are being used, or which in the opinion of such officer are intended to be used, in contravention of the provisions of the said Act or any regulations made thereunder; and the production by such officer of his warrant of appointment shall be a sufficient authority for his so acting in any of the cases aforesaid.

## NETTING PROHIBITED.

## Aohanga River.

71. No person shall use a set net for the purpose of taking fish in the tidal waters of the Aohanga River between the Waterloo Bridge and the mouth of the said river.

## Catlin's River.

72. No person shall use a net for taking fish in the waters of the Catlin's Lake and River above a straight line drawn from White's Point on the northern shore of the Catlin's Lake to Glass Point on the southern shore of such lake, the northern end of such line being marked by a post having painted thereon the words "netting limit" as shown on plan marked M.D. 4562 No. 1, deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington.

## Owaka River.

73. No person shall use a net for taking fish in the waters of the Owaka River above a straight line drawn across the river from the dividing-line between Sections 3 and 11, Block VIII, Glenomaru Survey District, such limit being marked on the eastern shore of the river by a post painted white bearing the words "netting limit," as shown on a plan marked M.D. 4562 No. 1, deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington.

## Lake Ellesmere.

74. (1) No person shall put, throw, drag, draw, or place, or allow to be put, thrown, dragged, drawn, or placed, any net or seine of any description (except a landing-net) for taking fish of any description whatsoever within a radius of three-quarters of a mile from the mouth of any river or stream flowing into Lake Ellesmere, as the same are defined in clause 75 hereunder, and marked by posts erected at the mouths of the said rivers or streams.

(2) The maximum depth of all set nets used in Lake Ellesmere shall be as follows: In the case of nets of from 4 in. to 5 in. mesh the depth shall not exceed 3 ft. 3 in., and in the case of nets of a mesh measuring over 5 in. the depth shall not exceed 4 ft. 6 in., the measurement to be made with the net hanging up and the mesh closed.

(3) All nets used for taking fish for market shall be marked with a distinguishing brand. In the case of set nets one float cork at each end of each net shall have plainly branded on it in legible figures the registered number of the boat of the fisherman to whom it belongs; and in the case of seine or hauling nets the registered number of the boat of the fisherman to whom the net belongs shall be branded in plain figures on the first cork at each end of each net.

75. Areas in Lake Ellesmere within which netting is prohibited:—

- Hart's Creek Area.*—Bounded by a line commencing at a point 114282.8 links south and 147015.7 links west of Mount Pleasant Trig. Station, and thence bearing 24° 17' 3" for a distance of 4989 links; thence bearing 112° 54' 15", 3677.7 links; thence bearing 154° 20' 6", 2421.8 links; thence bearing 197° 50' 57", 1765.6 links; thence bearing 97° 9' 49", 5914.4 links, to point of commencement. Situated in Block III, Southbridge Survey District.