

formed by the production (in an easterly direction) of the northern boundary-line of the last-mentioned section; thence by a further production of the said section-line for a distance of three miles; thence by a line parallel to the general trend of the coast-line of Tasman Bay, and distant three miles therefrom, to a point made by the production of the south-western boundary-line of the Wakapuaka Native Reserve; and thence by the said produced line to the point of commencement:

Excepting and excluding therefrom Section 1132, Town of Nelson; reserve for lighthouse, Nelson Haven; Sections 1097, 1098, 1099, and 1100, City of Nelson; and Aboukir Battery and Fort Bastia Reserves, all on Haulashore Island; Oyster and Saxton's Islands; Waimea Islands, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and Section 1, Block II, Waimea Survey District, all in the Waimea Mud-flat; and Sections 1 and 2, Block IV, Motueka Survey District (Moutere), known as Giblin's Island; and all foreshore, mud-flats, and other lands (if any) within the Motueka Electoral District north of Section 90, Block II, Moutere Survey District.

(9) It shall be unlawful to take oysters in the subdivisions of the Northern District as hereinafter set out which shall be marked out by distinguishing posts or marks, to be approved by the Superintendent at the Port of Russell, in the manner provided by the said Act as nearly as may be.

(a) The Northern Subdivision, which shall extend from a point on high-water mark of the sea due east of Trig. Station No. 3, Mataka, near Cape Wiwiki, to North Cape; and shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between these points.

(10) The Middle Subdivision, which shall extend from Ti Point, being the south side of the entrance to the River Waitangi, in the Bay of Islands, to a point on high-water mark of the sea due east of Trig. Station No. 3, Mataka, near Cape Wiwiki; and shall include all bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between these points.

(11) The Southern Subdivision, which shall extend from a point on high-water mark of the sea due east of Trig. Station No. 29 on the south head of Whangaruru Harbour to Ti Point, being the south side of the entrance to the River Waitangi, in the Bay of Islands, and shall include all the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between these points.

(12) The period from 1st February, 1928, to the 31st January, 1940, is hereby prescribed a close season for oysters in the Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sounds and Tory Channel, and in all bays and inlets therein. During such close season it shall be unlawful for any person to take any oysters in such sounds, channel, bays, and inlets.

(13) The bays, estuaries, and tidal waters situated between the northernmost point of the south head of Tairua Harbour and the south head of Opotiki River, including the bays, estuaries, and tidal waters of any islands situated between the said points on the south head of Tairua Harbour and the south head of Opotiki River, to be an oyster-fishery under the name of the "Tauranga Oyster-fishery."

(14) The bays, estuaries, and tidal waters inside the heads of Whangape Harbour.

MAORI RESERVES.

92. No Maori or other person shall sell any oysters taken from the oyster fisheries hereinafter defined.

All oysters taken by any person in pursuance of this regulation shall be taken whole—i.e., oysters shall not be opened on the rocks, and the shells shall not be left on the rocks.

(1) That part of the foreshore of the Mongonui Inlet of the Bay of Islands fronting the Toatoa and Te Mamaku Blocks, as shown outlined in red on plan marked M.D. 4465, and deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington, the boundaries of such area being marked by posts painted red and marked "Maori Oyster Boundary," shall be an oyster-fishery where Maoris only may take oysters for their own food at all times.

(2) That part of the foreshore of Arapaoa River, Kaipara Harbour, between Te Kopua point and Wakaiti, as shown outlined in red on plan marked M.D. 4282, and deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wellington, the boundaries of such area being marked by posts painted red and marked "Maori Oyster Boundary," shall be an oyster-fishery where Maoris only may take oysters for their own food at all times.

(3) That part of the foreshore of Kiakia Bay, Kaipara Harbour, for a distance of fifty chains from Te Kopua Point, the boundaries of such area being marked by posts painted red and marked "Maori Oyster Boundary," shall be an oyster-fishery where Maoris only may take oysters for their own food at all times.

(4) The portion of the tidal waters of Manukau Harbour which are coloured red on plan marked M.D. 2490, which is deposited in the office of the Marine Department at Wel-

lington, shall be an oyster-fishery where Maoris only may take oysters for their own food.

(5) That part of Whangaruru Harbour inside a straight line drawn from Kerikeri Point to Tokitoki Point shall be an oyster-fishery where Maoris only may take oysters for their own food at all times.

SEALS.

93. In these regulations "licensee" means the person, firm, or company to whom a license under these regulations is issued.

94. Licenses to take seals may be granted by the Minister in respect of any specified area, and shall be for a period of one year from the date thereof, and shall be in the form set forth in the Sixth Schedule hereto, and may be revoked by the Minister at any time.

95. No person shall take seals under any such license during the period from the 1st day of October in any one year of the period in respect of which the license is issued until the 31st day of May in the following year.

96. A licensee shall take no female seal whatever and no bull seal under the age of one year.

97. The licensee shall not take more than four hundred bull seals in any one year.

98. The licensee shall deliver all skins taken in pursuance of his license to the Superintendent at a port in New Zealand to be named by the Minister, to be held by such Superintendent until disposed of by the licensee, and shall pay to the Superintendent as a royalty the sum of £1 in respect of each skin taken.

99. The skins of all seals taken under this license shall be delivered entire to the Superintendent, and shall not be cut in any way other than is necessary for the purpose of detaching the skin from the carcass.

100. No skins shall be exported from New Zealand or otherwise disposed of by the licensee without the permission in writing of the Superintendent to whom the skins are delivered pursuant to clause 98 hereof.

101. The licensee shall enter into a bond of £500, with approved sureties, as a guarantee of the due performance of the terms, conditions, and restrictions of his license and of these regulations.

102. The licensee shall take all steps necessary to prevent any other person, except those specifically employed by him for the purpose, from taking seals within the area prescribed in the license during the period in respect of which such license is issued.

103. The period from the date hereof to the 30th day of November, 1934, is hereby prescribed a close season for seals.

SPONGES AND SPONGE-BEDS.

104. Sponges and sponge-beds are hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of sections 18 to 22, both inclusive, of the Fisheries Act, 1908 (relating to oysters and oyster-beds).

105. Licenses shall be granted by the Governor-General, who shall have power to fix the rental to be charged and to make any special conditions in any license that he may deem advisable.

106. The area to be included in a license shall be such as may be decided upon by the Minister of Marine.

107. The licenses may be issued for such periods as may be decided upon by the Minister of Marine: Provided that no license shall be issued for a longer period than fourteen years.

108. In the case where a survey of the area comprised in a license is necessary, the sum of £1 shall be paid by the licensee on the issue of a license as a fee for the survey.

109. A licensee shall not assign, charge, or part with any right, power, or privilege conferred by or under his license without the written consent of the Minister of Marine being first obtained.

110. A license for one area may be granted to any number of persons or to a joint-stock company.

111. The working of the sponge-beds shall be under the control of an Inspector of Fisheries, who shall have power to regulate the quantity of sponges that may be taken from the beds of any holding.

112. Should a licensee commit a breach of the Fisheries Act, 1908, or its amendments, or of these regulations, his license for taking sponges may be revoked or determined without any notice to him.

TOHEROA.

Interpretation.

113. "Area" means any area of toheroa-beds herein defined or described.

Restrictions on taking Toheroa.

114. No person shall—

(a) Take from any area or have in his possession from any area any toheroa the shell of which is less than 3 in. in length: