

THE WILDLIFE REGULATIONS 1955

Licences and Licence Fees

6. Every applicant for a licence shall furnish his true full name and usual address to the person to whom the application is made, and that information shall be set out in the licence.

7. Every licence shall before issue be signed by the issuing agent by whom the licence is issued or by some person authorized by him to sign on his behalf.

8. No licence shall be valid unless it is in the proper form and has been completed in accordance with regulations 6 and 7 hereof and signed by the applicant, who shall, when those conditions have been complied with, become the licence holder for the purposes of the Act and of these regulations.

9. (1) Where any person commits a breach of the Act or of these regulations or of any notification by the Minister under the Act, the Court in its discretion may, in addition to imposing a fine, declare void and of no effect any licence of that person, and the convicted person shall be such a case forthwith surrender the licence to the Court.

(2) The Court in its discretion may also, in addition to any other penalty, make an order prohibiting the issue of a licence to that person for any period not exceeding two years, and the person in respect of whom any such order is made shall not apply for or otherwise obtain any licence during that period. Any licence obtained by any such person during that period shall be void and of no effect.

12. Where under the provisions of section 61 (2) of the Act any person purporting to be the holder of a licence under these regulations has produced the licence to an authorized person (as defined in section 61 (3) of the Act), he shall, if required by that authorized person, make and give legibly and clearly a specimen signature for comparison with the signature of the holder as shown on the licence.

Restrictions on Methods of Taking Game

18. (1) No person shall use any artificial decoy for the purpose of hunting or killing game, unless that decoy is securely anchored.

(2) No person shall place any artificial decoy within 60 yards of any other artificial decoy already set out by any other person.

(3) Every person using artificial decoys shall prevent them from spreading over an area greater than 30 yards square and shall prevent any of them coming within 60 yards of any other artificial decoys already set out by any other person in conformity with subclauses (1) and (2) of this regulation.

19. No person shall hunt or kill game while occupying any stand, hide, shelter, maimai, mudhole, loo, louvre, or position (hereinafter referred to as a stand) which has been duly claimed by any other licence holder in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) A stand may be claimed by the planting thereon, subsequent to such time on such day as is decided by the society, of a stake having either a board or an identifying label attached having plainly marked thereon the name and the address of the claimant and the number of his licence:

(b) No person shall claim more than one stand:

(c) No stand shall be claimed within 100 yards of a stand which has already been duly claimed by any other person, except with the consent of the last mentioned person:

Provided that any stand not occupied by the claimant within one hour after the opening hour of shooting in that district as prescribed by the Minister's notification may be occupied on that day by any other licence holder:

Provided further that nothing in this regulation shall be deemed to affect in any way whatsoever the rights of the occupier of the land as defined in section 19 (4) of the Act.

20. No person other than the occupier shall shoot within 100 yards of an occupied stand, except with the consent of the occupier.

21. For the purposes of section 18 (1) (c) (iii) of the Act, the magazine of every automatic or auto-loading or repeating shotgun used for hunting or killing game shall be so adjusted that the gun is incapable of holding more than two shells, as follows:

(a) In the case of an automatic or semi-automatic or auto-loading shotgun with a tubular magazine—

(i) By inserting a metal or wooden filler at the muzzle end of the magazine of such dimensions that

it cannot be removed without prior removal of a metal pin set transversely through the magazine and riveted at both ends: or

(ii) By inserting a metal pin set transversely through the magazine and riveted at both ends:

(b) In the case of a repeating shotgun with a tubular magazine, by inserting a metal or wooden filler at the muzzle end of the magazine of such dimensions that it cannot be removed without the prior removal of a metal pin set transversely through the magazines and riveted at both ends:

(c) In the case of a repeating shotgun with a box magazine, by inserting a metal pin riveted at both ends and set transversely across and through the magazine:

(d) In the case of any automatic, semi-automatic, auto-loading or repeating shotgun of any type other than those specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this regulation, it shall be rendered incapable of holding more than two shells by a method which will not allow of a change in the field.

Freezing Chambers and Canneries

22. In this Part of these regulations—

"Freezing chamber" means any freezing chamber, cool store, refrigerating works, cannery, or other plant or premises (not being a private dwellinghouse) where any game is frozen, canned, or otherwise preserved or treated or stored:

"Open season" includes the first three days next following the close of an open season.

24. No person shall place, or cause to be placed, in any freezing chamber any game except during the open season for that game in the district in which that game was hunted or killed.

25. No person shall place or keep, or cause to be placed or kept, any game in any freezing chamber except in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) The number of game which may at any one time be so placed or kept, or caused to be so placed or kept, by any one person shall not exceed twenty head in the aggregate:

(b) No game from which the legs have been removed shall be so placed or kept, or be caused to be so placed or kept:

(c) No game shall be so placed or kept, or caused to be so placed or kept, unless there is affixed or tied thereto a label on which the following particulars are legibly written:

(i) The name and the address of the owner of the game:

(ii) The date on which the game was placed in the freezing chamber:

(iii) The number of the game licence (if any) of the owner of the game:

(iv) If the owner of the game is not the holder of a game licence, such particulars as will indicate the means or manner in which ownership was acquired:

(v) The name of the acclimatization district in which the game was taken.

Taxidermists

29. No person shall hold in possession for the purpose of mounting, preserving, or curing any wildlife included in the First Schedule or Third Schedule to the Act, unless the wildlife has been taken or killed in the open season only for that wildlife or under the written authority of the Secretary. That authority shall be retained by the person in possession of the wildlife, and shall be produced on demand to any officer of the Department.

NOTE: The wildlife included in the First Schedule or Third Schedule of the Wildlife Act 1953 means all the game birds.

General

44. Every person commits an offence who commits a breach of or fails to comply with any provision of these regulations, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50, in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of April 1960.

W. T. ANDERTON, Minister of Internal Affairs.