

provided that it shall be a defence for any person charged with a breach of this notice if he proves that he was netting for indigenous fish in accordance with the provisions of any regulations or notices in that behalf for the time being in force.

7. Prohibition on possession or control of spear gun—(1) No person shall, when taking any acclimatised fish or when in possession of any acclimatised fish, have in his possession or under his control any spear gun or any pointed missile (other than a bullet) which is propelled by means of any mechanical or explosive device.

(2) Where any person is charged with an offence under sub-paragraph (1) of this clause, it shall be a defence to the charge if the defendant proves that the spear gun or pointed missile in his possession or under his control was not used in taking the acclimatised fish.

(3) In this clause the term "explosive" has the same meaning as in the Explosives Act 1957.

8. No disturbance or possession—No person shall otherwise than in accordance with this notice intentionally disturb or damage the spawning redds or the eggs or larvae of acclimatised fish or have in his possession the eggs or larvae of acclimatised fish.

9. Authorised lures and baits—No person shall fish for acclimatised fish with any bait or lures other than artificial or natural fly, insect, worm, crustacea, minnow, fish (excluding fish ova or any portion of a fish or any shellfish (mollusca) or uncoloured bread dough.

10. Authorised fishing gear—(1) No person when fishing for acclimatised fish shall use—

- (a) more than 2 lures or baits;
 - (b) any lead or weight attached below or so as to hang below any lure or bait;
 - (c) in any water in which only artificial fly is permitted, any lead or weight other than the necessary weight of line, cast and fly;
 - (d) any artificial fly having more than one hook or having a multiple hook;
 - (e) any bait or lure treated with any medicinal or chemical preparation other than—
 - (i) In the case of artificial fly, oil used solely to give buoyancy to such flies; and
 - (ii) In the case of natural baits, a formalin or other preservative preparation;
 - (f) any wire, either plain or twisted, or any gimp trace or cast of a greater thickness than 0.82 mm;
 - (g) any wire or gimp trace or cast of a greater length than 1.8 metres;
 - (h) on or in conjunction with any spoonbait, minnow, or other lure any double or treble hook or other fixed multiple assembly of hooks any one hook of which has a greater distance than 13 mm between the point and the nearest part of the shank of the hook; or
 - (i) in conjunction with any spoonbait or artificial minnow, any lead or weight affixed to the trace or line at a distance of less than 38 cm above the lure.
- (2) No person in fishing for trout shall:
- (a) Use any creeper, worm, huhu grub, or koura, or any fish, except that in the Kaituna and Pongakawa Rivers inanga may be used;
 - (b) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Ohourere Stream (commonly known as the Minden Stream);
 - (c) Use any single hook with a gap greater than 12 mm, or use any multiple hook;
 - (d) Use any spoon-bait, minnow, or other lure of a weight greater than 40 g, or attach any weight to any such lure or to the line or trace near it, so that the total weight exceeds 40 g.

11. Daily limit bag—(1) No person shall on any one day take, kill or have in possession more than 10 trout or salmon.

(2) No person shall continue to fish for trout or salmon on any day on which he has already taken or killed 10 trout or salmon.

(3) It shall be permissible to make up the difference between a lesser limit bag prescribed in one place and a higher limit bag prescribed in another place.

12. Minimum size to be taken—(1) No person shall fish for, take, or kill in any manner whatever, or intentionally have in his possession, any trout or salmon which does not exceed 15 cm in length.

(2) Every person taking a trout or salmon which does not exceed the specified length shall immediately return it with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.

(3) Any acclimatised fish taken by any person netting for indigenous fish shall be immediately returned to the water from which it was taken with as little injury as possible.

Approved at Wellington this 16th day of December 1983.

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*District Anglers Notice Central North Island Wildlife Conservancy
Acclimatisation District*

PURSUANT to section 71 of the Fisheries Act 1983, the Department of Internal Affairs hereby gives the following District Anglers Notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—This notice may be cited as the District Anglers (Central North Island Wildlife Conservancy Acclimatisation District) Notice 1983, and shall come into force on 1 January 1984.

2. Interpretation—(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Artificial fly" includes any lure of feather, fur, wool, or other material of any kind customarily used in the making of artificial flies; but does not include any lure in the tying of which lead or other weight has been incorporated unless the hook incorporated in the lure does not exceed 20 mm in length (being the horizontal straight line distance from the rear of the eye of the hook to the rear of the bend) and the gap (being the distance from the point of the hook to the underside of the nearest part of the hook shank above the point) does not exceed 7 mm and the hook is not larger than size No. 8 ('Redditch' scale);

"Artificial minnow" includes spoonbait, any lure in the tying of which lead or other weight has been incorporated to facilitate the casting or sinking of the lure, and any lure which incorporates a spinning device or a device to impart a wobbling or irregular motion of the lure;

"Boat" includes a launch or other vessel; and also includes any canoe, punt, or raft, and any aircraft or hovercraft on the surface of the water;

"Close season" means, in respect of any part of the district, that portion of any year which is not included in the open season for that part;

"District" means the Rotorua Trout Fishing District as described in the First Schedule to this notice;

"Foulhook", in relation to any trout, means to take the trout with a hook otherwise than through the mouth;

"Landmark" means a black and yellow ringed post;

"Length", in relation to any fish, means the total length from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail;

"Lure" means any artificial or natural fly, and any artificial minnow;

"Natural fly" includes spiders and insects; but does not include anything the use of which is prohibited by clause 9 (1) (c) of this notice.

"Open season" means—

(a) In respect of Lakes Rotorua, Maraetai, Whakamaru, Ohakuri, Atiamuri, Aratiatia Lake up to Huka Falls, Lake Rotokura, and Dry Lake (commonly known as the Karioi Lakes), the Rangitaiki River (excluding tributary streams) and impoundments down stream of its confluence with the Otamatea Stream, the Mohaka River and its tributaries that lie within the District downstream of the Pakaututu Road bridge and the Tiniroto Lakes, the 1st day of July in any year to the 30th day of June in the year next following (both days inclusive);

(b) In respect of rivers and streams flowing into Lake Rotorua or Lake Waikaremoana (but excluding that part of the Hopuruahine River from its source to the main Rotorua-Wairoa highway bridge which crosses this river at the head of the falls), the 1st day of December in any year to the 30th day of June in the year next following (both days inclusive);

(c) In respect of the waters between the landmarks at the Lake Tarawera Outlet and the falls approximately 2500 m downstream from the Outlet the 1st day of October in any year to the 31st day of May in the year next following (both days inclusive);

(d) In respect of all other waters in the district, the 1st day of October in any year to the 30th day of June in the year next following (both days inclusive);

"River" or "stream" includes any lake or impoundment of waters thereon, whether natural or artificial; and also includes any artificial watercourse;

"Take" and all references thereto includes taking, fishing for, catching, killing, or pursuing by any means or device; and also includes the attempt to take;

"Trout" includes char of any species or any hybrid thereof whether dead or alive; and includes any part of any trout.

(2) Words and expressions in this notice which are defined in the Fisheries Act 1983 or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings so defined.