

*District Anglers Notice Hawera, Stratford and Taranaki
Acclimatisation Districts*

PURSUANT to section 71 of the Fisheries Act 1983, the Hawera, Stratford, and Taranaki Acclimatisation Societies hereby give the following District Anglers Notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—This notice may be cited as the District Anglers (Hawera, Stratford, and Taranaki Acclimatisation Districts) Notice 1983, and shall come into force on 1 January 1984.

2. Interpretation—Words and expressions in this notice which are defined in the Fisheries Act 1983 or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 have the meanings so defined.

3. Open season—Fishing for acclimatised fish by licence holders shall be permitted during the period from the 1st day of October in any year to the 30th day of April in the following year (both days inclusive), provided that:

(a) There shall be an open season from the 1st day of June to the 30th day of September in the same year (both days inclusive) in the following waters:

(i) For perch, in all lakes and dams (not rivers) in the Hawera Acclimatisation District:

(ii) For trout, in Lake Brewer, Lake Herengawe, Lake Okoia, Lake Oturi, and Lake Waiau:

(b) There shall be an open season from the 10th day of June to the 30th day of September in the same year (both days inclusive) in the following waters:

(i) For acclimatised fish, in Lake Ratapiko, except in the race entering the lake upstream from the bridge near the outlet of the race into the lake, as is indicated by notice boards erected on the banks of the race by the bridge:

(ii) For trout, in the Hangatahu (or Stony) River downstream from Wiremu Road (also known as Highway 45), the Waiau River downstream from Main Road at Opunake, the Waiwakaiho River downstream from Main Road Bridge at Fitzroy, Lake Mangamahoe, Lake Opunake, the Kaupokonui and Waingongoro Rivers downstream from South Road, the Waitara River downstream from its junction with the Manganui, Huatoki downstream from Huatoki Road bridge.

(c) No person shall fish for acclimatised fish at any time in that part of the Patea River or its tributaries which lie upstream of the hydro-dam site on the river to the boundary of the Hawera Acclimatisation District.

(d) No person shall fish for acclimatised fish in the Hawera Acclimatisation District from the 21st day of April to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive).

4. Authorised tackle—(1) Every person shall fish for, take or kill acclimatised fish using only a rod and running line provided that for:

(a) playing an acclimatised fish, a landing net or gaff may be used to secure or land any such fish;

(b) taking small indigenous fish for bait in angling, a bait net not over 1.8 metres in length may be used;

(c) keeping alive acclimatised fish lawfully taken with rod and line in the same water, a keep net not over 1.8 metres in length may be used.

(2) No person shall use in fishing for acclimatised fish or have under his control more than one assembled rod and running line at any one time.

(3) No person shall fish for acclimatised fish with a rod and line unless he is in actual attendance within 15 metres of the rod and has the rod under his own visual observation.

5. Prohibition on unauthorised fishing tackle, etc.—No person shall, when fishing for acclimatised fish or when in possession of an assembled fishing rod and gear suitable for fishing for acclimatised fish, have in his possession or under his control or convey or cause to be conveyed to the vicinity of any place where he is fishing or proposes to fish, any paravane, any stroke-hauling or foul-hooking gear, any spear, any narcotic or poisonous substance or liquid injurious to fish.

6. Authorised use of nets—(1) No person shall use or cause to be used for any purpose a net of any description, except as provided for in clause 4 of this notice, except:

(a) A whitebait net;

(b) any net used for taking fish for the purposes of management or scientific investigations pursuant to an authority granted pursuant to section 72 of the Act.

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 acclimatised fish shall—

(a) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Mangamahoe Dam;

(b) Use, in any waters or parts thereof contained within the Hawera or Stratford Acclimatisation Districts, any spoon, spinner, minnow, or other similar lure having attached to it more than one hook, or a hook which is not single pointed or single barbed:

Provided that the foregoing prohibition shall not apply in any waters or parts thereof which form the boundary to these districts with any other district.

Provided also that nothing in this subparagraph shall prevent the use, with artificial fly, of a dropper having only one hook or the use, with natural bait, of 2 hook, tandem hook, or safety pin hook tackle.

11. Daily limit bag—(1) No person shall on any one day take, kill or have in possession more than 6 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 6 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 33 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.