

- (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 foulhooking 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 subclause (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. Authorised lures and baits—No person shall fish for acclimatised fish with any bait or lure 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.

9. 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) With any natural bait, use more than one such bait, or more than 3 single hooks or 2 single and 1 triple hook, or any hook with a gap greater than 9 mm;
- (b) Troll from any boat or launch, or fish in any lake from any boat or launch—

Provided that a person may fish from a securely anchored boat in—

 - (i) The Maori Lakes, Lake Emma, and Lake Heron;

(ii) Lake Clearwater (also known as Tripp) at a distance of at least 70 m from any bank or island;

- (c) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Maori Lakes or Lakes Emily, Roundabout, Spider, Denny, Donn, or Clearwater (also known as Tripp), or in the Hinds River, or in the tributaries of any such lake or of the Hinds River;

Provided that a primary school pupil may fish with any lawful lure or bait in the Hinds River upstream from the Lynnford Bridge;

- (d) Use any natural bait in Lake Camp (also known as Howard), Lake Emma, or in the Ashburton River except from its mouth to a point downstream of the junction of the South Ashburton River and Taylors Stream, and inclusive of the North Ashburton River;
- (e) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Ashburton River more than one artificial fly, lure, or bait, or more than one hook (single or multiple), or any single hook of wire with a diameter larger than 1 mm, or with a gap greater than 9 mm, or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 13 mm;
- (f) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Rakaia River or the Rangitata River more than 1 lure or bait when any weight is attached, or more than 1 hook (single or multiple), or any hook with a gap greater than 13 mm.
- (g) Cast other than from the reel, or retrieve the line other than by winding the reel, in the Rangitata, Ashburton and Rakaia Rivers except when—

(i) Using an artificial fly or natural line (except where this is otherwise prohibited);

(ii) Fishing with a single hook feathered lure (the total weight of which must not exceed 20 grams) seaward of a line drawn between 2 poles situated on either side of the upstream limit of the estuarine area.

(3) Every person taking any quinnat salmon by any means other than by hooking it through the mouth shall immediately return it alive with as little injury as possible into the waters from which it was taken and no person shall have in his possession any quinnat salmon taken by any means other than by being hooked through the mouth, except for the purpose of returning it into those waters in accordance with this provision.

10. Daily limit bag—(1) No person shall on any 1 day take, kill, or have in possession more than 14 trout or salmon of which—

- (a) Not more than 4 may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron;
- (b) Not more than 10 may be trout, of which trout not more than 6 may be taken from any lake or lakes, including any tributaries of lakes.

(2) No person shall continue to fish for trout or salmon on any day on which he has already taken or killed 14 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.

11. 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 in length—

- (a) In the case of any trout taken from any lake, including any tributary of any lake, 30 cm;
- (b) In the case of any trout or salmon other than a trout taken as provided in paragraph (a) hereof, 25 cm.

(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.

12. Revocation—The notice published in the supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 222 of Thursday, 15 December 1983, on pages 4595–4597, titled *District Anglers (Ashburton Acclimatisation District) Notice 1983*, is hereby revoked.

Approved at Wellington this 28th day of September 1984.

KIM WALSHE,
for Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice continues the conditions under which a current licence holder may fish for acclimatised fish in the Ashburton acclimatisation district, set out in the 1983 notice, but—

- (1) Removes the prohibition on disturbance of spawning redds or possession of eggs of acclimatised fish;
- (2) Changes one of the fishing gear restrictions and inserts another in respect of the Ashburton, Rangitata and Rakaia Rivers.