

District Anglers (Ashburton Acclimatisation District) Notice 1986

PURSUANT to section 71 of the Fisheries Act 1983, the Ashburton Acclimatisation Society hereby gives the following District Anglers Notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—This notice may be cited as the District Anglers (Ashburton Acclimatisation District) Notice 1986, and shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1986.

2. Interpretation—(1) In this notice—"Total weight" in relation to any rod fishing shall include the weight of anything attached to the line.

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

3. Open season—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause and to clause 4 of this notice, there shall be an open season for fishing for acclimatised fish from the 1st day of October in any year to the 30th day of April in the following year (both days inclusive).

(2) There shall be an open season for fishing for acclimatised fish from:

- (a) the 1st day of May to the 31st day of May in the same year (both days inclusive) in Lake Camp (also known as Howard);
- (b) from the first Saturday following Queen's Birthday weekend to the 31st day of August in the same year (both days inclusive) in the Rakaia, Ashburton, and Rangitata Rivers downstream from the bridge spanning each of those rivers on the main south road;
- (c) from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of September in the same year (both days inclusive) in the Rangitata Diversion Race between the point known as the Klondyke Intake and the control structure at the intake pipe of the Highbank power station.

(3) No licence holder shall fish for or take any acclimatised fish except during an open season.

4. Closed season—(1) There shall be a closed season for fishing for acclimatised fish—

- (a) from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive) in the Rakaia River and its tributaries above Lake Coleridge powerhouse, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any lakes draining into the Rakaia River above the point specified:

- (b) from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive) in the Rangitata River and its tributaries above the point known as Red Rocks Bluff, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks;
- (c) from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive) in the Rangitata River from the west end of the Rangitata Gorge downstream to the confluence with Boundary Creek, both points being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks;
- (d) from the 1st day of October to the Friday preceding the first Saturday in November in the same year (both days inclusive), in any high country lake or tarn or any tributary of any such lake or tarn;
- (e) from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive), in Bowyers Stream or in Taylors Stream or in the south branch of the Ashburton River from its source downstream to its confluence with Taylors Stream;
- (f) from the 1st day of October in any year to the 30th day of September in the following year (both days inclusive) in the tail race from the Highbank power station or in the stream or side channel in the flood bed of the Rakaia River by which the waters from the said tail race enter the first main branch of the Rakaia River, the stream or side channel being indicated at its upper and lower ends by iron posts painted white.

(2) There shall be a closed season for fishing for quinnat salmon from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of April in any year (both days inclusive) in Lake Heron and its tributaries.

5. Authorised tackle—(1) No licence holder shall fish for or take any acclimatised fish except by using a rod and running line.

(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1) of this clause,—

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

(b) for keeping acclimatised fish alive a keep net of not more than 1.8 metres in length may be used in the water from which that fish was taken.

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

(4) No licence holder shall fish for acclimatised fish unless he is within 15 metres of the rod he is using and has the rod under his own visual observation.

(5) No licence holder 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 fishing 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 fly, spoonbait, minnow, or other lure, any single 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;
- (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;
- (j) any unsportsmanlike device or method.

(6) No licence holder when 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 any licence holder 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) 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;

(d) 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 one lure or bait when any weight is attached, or more than one hook (single or multiple), or any hook with a gap greater than 13 mm;

(e) 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 lure (except where this is otherwise prohibited);

(ii) fishing with a single hook feathered lure (the total weight of which must not exceed 28 grams) seaward of a line drawn between two poles situated on either side of the upstream limit of the estuarine area.

(7) Every licence holder 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 licence holder 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.