

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

(a) From the 1st day of October in any year and ending with the Friday immediately proceeding the first Saturday in November in the same year (both days inclusive) in any high country waters:

(b) 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 the Lake Coleridge powerhouse, that point more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks or in any tributary flowing into Lake Coleridge, whether artificial or natural, provided that this subclause shall not apply to any lakes draining into the Rakaia River above the point specified;

(c) From the 1st day of October in any year to the 30th day of September in the following year (both days inclusive) in Taylor's Drain from its source to its junction with the Wairarapa Stream; in the Avon River from the Armagh Street bridge at Hagley Park to the Barbadoes Street Bridge; in the canal commonly called the Wilberforce Division which connects Lake Coleridge with the Wilberforce River; in Lake Marion; and in Lake Letitia.

(d) From the 1st day of March to the 30th day of April in the same year (both days inclusive) in the area within 500 m of the mouth of the Lee and Tentburn River utilised by the New Zealand Salmon Company's Tentburn Hatchery.

(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 the same year (both days inclusive) in the following waters:

(a) Lake Heron and its tributaries:

(b) The Hurunui River above the junction of the South Branch of that river, or any tributary of that part of that river, including Lake Sumner:

(c) The Waiau River above the junction of that river with the Hope River, or any tributary of the Waiau River:

(d) The Waimakariri River above the white posts at Woodstock, or any tributary of that part of that river or the Kowhai River and its tributaries.

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

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

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

(b) For keeping sports 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, in fishing for, taking or attempting to take, sports fish, or have under their control, more than one assembled rod and running line.

(4) No licence holder shall fish for sports fish unless within 15 metres of the rod being used and has the rod under visual observation.

(5) No licence holder when fishing for sports 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, case 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 case of a greater length than 1.8 metres.

(h) On or in conjunction with any fly, 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;

(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) Notwithstanding subclause (5) of this clause, no licence holder in fishing for sports fish shall—

(a) Use any natural lure or bait in any high country waters:

(b) fish from any mechanically propelled boat in any lakes except in lakes Ellesmere, Forsyth, Coleridge, and Sumner at a distance of at least 200 m from any person fishing from the shore:

(c) Fish from any boat or any flotation device in any high country waters except Lakes Coleridge, Georgina, Lyndon, Pearsons, Taylor, Katrine, and Sumner, in which lakes any non-mechanically propelled boat may be used provided that any licence holder may fish from a securely anchored boat in lake Heron:

(d) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in Lakes Ida, Little Ida, Catherine (also known as Monck), Sarah, Marymere, or Sheppard:

(e) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April in any year (both days inclusive), use in the Rakaia River more than one lure or bait when any weight is attached.

(7) Notwithstanding subclauses (5) and (6) of this clause, any licence holder who, when using a line with weight attached other than the normal weight of the lure, bait, or fly, hooks a fish other than through the head, shall immediately return the fish alive with as little injury as possible into the waters from which it was taken.

6. Prohibition on Unauthorised Fishing Tackle, etc.—Subject to subclause 5 (2) of this Notice no licence holder shall, when fishing for sports fish, use or be in possession of, or be in control of, or convey or cause to be conveyed to the vicinity of any place where that licence holder is fishing or proposed to fish, any paravane, any stroke-hauling or foulhooking gear, or any spear, or any gaff.

7. Use of nets—Subject to clause 5 (2) of this Notice, no licence holder shall use or cause to be used for taking sports fish a net of any description:

Provided that it shall be a defence for any licence holder charged with a breach of this clause if that licence holder proves that he or she was netting for indigenous fish in accordance with the provisions of any regulations or notices in force in that behalf.

8. Prohibition on possession or control of spear gun—(1) No licence holder shall, when taking or attempting to take or when in possession of, any sports fish, be in possession of or be in control of, 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 licence holder 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 speargun or pointed missile in the defendant's possession or under the defendant's control was not used in the taking of the sports fish.