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## CODE OF CONDUCT

### *Please consider the rights of others and observe the anglers' code of conduct*

- Always ask permission from the land occupier before crossing private property unless a Fish & Game access sign is present.
- Do not park vehicles so that they obstruct gateways or cause a hazard on the road or access way.
- Always use gates, stiles or other recognised access points and avoid damage to fences.
- Leave everything as you found it. If a gate is open or closed leave it that way.
- A farm is the owner's livelihood and if they say no dogs, then please respect this.
- When driving on riverbeds keep to marked tracks or park on the bank and walk to your fishing spot.
- Never push in on a pool occupied by another angler. If you are in any doubt have a chat and work out who goes where.
- However if agreed to share the pool then always enter behind any angler already there.
- Move upstream or downstream with every few casts (unless you are alone).
- Fish being returned to the water should be released as carefully and quickly as possible. Ideally leave the fish in the water and remove the hook with long-nosed pliers without handling the fish.
- While catch and release fishing is widely promoted by some as a conservation minded approach to angling it remains the anglers choice. However the catching of large numbers of fish in a day can impact on individual fish and also on the angling experience for others. Fish & Game advocate hooking and landing a limited number of fish per day.
- Fish being retained should be killed as quickly as possible, ideally by spiking or stabbing the brain slightly behind and above the eye (also known as iki jime – pronounced "iki jimi").
- Always respect the environment, wildlife, other anglers and members of the public.
- Remove waste nylon and personal litter from the river banks and parking places.
- The only way we can protect our rivers in the long term is to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY all your gear before entering another river or lake anywhere in New Zealand.

**REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED YOURSELF!**

# NATIONAL REGULATIONS

## THE SPORTS FISHING REGULATIONS

These regulations are set to ensure that:

- fish populations are maintained and that the number of fish caught does not threaten the sustainability of the fishery
- the quality of the fishing experience is maintained
- spawning areas are protected
- angling opportunities are not unnecessarily restricted
- incompatible methods of fishing are kept separate
- anglers use sporting methods.

The main angling rules and catch limits are shown in this booklet, but there are other rules in the Conservation Act, Freshwater Fisheries Regulations and other legislation which affect sports fishing. For example, a current fishing licence is required to fish for the species listed in the First Schedule, and it must be carried with anglers at all times when fishing. The licence is to be produced upon demand by a Fish & Game Ranger.

If you are in any doubt about sports fishing regulations, please contact your local Fish & Game office.

These regulations are approved by the Minister of Conservation on the advice of the 12 regional Fish & Game Councils. The Fish & Game licence allows an angler to fish New Zealand wide (except Taupo) and every attempt has been made to make the regulations as consistent nationwide as possible.

## ANGLERS' NOTICE FOR FISH AND GAME REGIONS

### CONSERVATION ACT 1987 FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS 1983

Pursuant to section 26R (3) of the Conservation Act 1987, the Minister of Conservation approves the following Anglers Notice, subject to the First and Second Schedules of this Notice, for the following Fish & Game Regions:

Northland	Nelson/Marlborough
Auckland/Waikato	North Canterbury
Eastern	West Coast
Hawke's Bay	Central South Island
Taranaki	Otago
Wellington	Southland

## NOTICE

This Notice shall come into force on the 1st day of October 2017.

### 1. APPLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

- 1.1 This Anglers' Notice sets out the conditions under which a current licence holder may fish for sports fish in the area to which the notice relates, being conditions relating to—
- the size and limit bag for any species of sports fish;
  - any open or closed season in any specified waters in the area, and the sports fish in respect of which they are open or closed;
  - any requirements, restrictions, or prohibitions on fishing tackle, methods, or the use of any gear, equipment, or device;
  - the hours of fishing;
  - the handling, treatment, or disposal of any sports fish.
- 1.2 This Anglers' Notice applies to sports fish which include species of trout, salmon and also perch and tench (and rudd in Auckland /Waikato Region only).
- 1.3 Perch and tench (and rudd in Auckland /Waikato Region only) are also classed as coarse fish in this Notice.
- 1.4 Within coarse fishing waters (as defined in this Notice) special provisions enable the use of coarse fishing methods that would otherwise be prohibited.
- 1.5 Outside of coarse fishing waters a current licence holder may fish for coarse fish wherever sports fishing is permitted, subject to the general provisions in this Notice that apply for that region.

# PLEASE KEEP DIDYMO OUT OF THE NORTH ISLAND

**It is crucial that you do your bit to keep Didymo out of the North Island.**

CHECK, CLEAN and DRY your fishing gear, clothing, waders and other equipment before moving from one waterway to another. Thoroughly spray your gear (lines, reels, rods, flies, nets, waders, boots etc) and any clothing that has been in contact with water with a 5% solution of household detergent.

**CHECK** *and remove all plant matter from your gear*

**CLEAN** *spray or soak with 5% detergent*

**DRY** *completely dry for 48 hours*

FELT SOLED BOOTS have been identified as a high risk carrier of didymo and other unwanted aquatic organisms. The felt is very absorbent and cannot be cleaned effectively using the normal methods. Fish & Game New Zealand is continuing the restriction placed on the use of felt soles since 2008.

**ANGLERS MUST STILL CHECK, CLEAN, DRY ALL EQUIPMENT THAT GETS WET WHILE FISHING BEFORE GOING TO A NEW FISHING SPOT.**

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Fishing conditions generally common to all Fish and Game regions.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

Regional specific fishing conditions, bag limits, closed and open waters, and the like.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

(applies to all regions except Taupo)

**2. INTERPRETATION**

*Words and expressions in this Notice, which are defined in the Conservation Act 1987, the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 or the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017, shall be so defined.*

*“artificial fly”* means any lure of feather, fur, wool or other material of any kind customarily used in the making of artificial flies.

*“bait”* means:

- Natural insect.
- Natural spider.
- Natural worm or worms.
- Natural crustacean.
- Natural fish, excluding fish ova, or any portion of a fish, or shellfish (mollusc), except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.
- Uncoloured bread dough.
- Any scented lure, soft bait and other synthetic imitations with chemical attractant properties, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.

*“bait assembly”* means either a hook rigged with a number of baits or a single bait rigged with a number of hooks.

*“bait fishing”* means to fish for sports fish with bait.

*“boat”* means any manned flotation device.

*“coarse fish”* means perch, tench (all New Zealand) and rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region only).

*“coarse fishing waters”* means named locations where anglers can fish for coarse fish:

- (a) with a rod which has either a fixed or running line.
- (b) with no restriction on the type or number of baits in use.
- (c) with no restriction on the use of preparations to attract fish.

*“fly fishing”* means to fish for sports fish with fly rod and fly reel and fly line and artificial fly.

*“fishing”* and *“fish”* in this Notice means:

the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish; and includes:

- (a) any other activity that may reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish.

- (b) any attempt to catch, take or harvest sports fish.
- (c) any operation in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in this definition.

“*freshwater*” means

- (a) all waters of rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, lagoons, wetlands, impoundments, canals, channels, watercourses, or other bodies of water whether naturally occurring or artificially made.
- (b) all waters of estuaries or coastal lagoons.
- (c) all other fresh or estuarine waters where freshwater fish indigenous to or introduced into New Zealand are found.
- (d) all waters in the mouth of every river or stream, and the mouth of every river and stream shall be deemed to include every outlet thereof and the seashore between those outlets and the waters of the sea or lying within a distance of 500 metres from any place where at low tide the waters of a river or stream meet the waters of the sea.

“*foul hook*” means to hook a sports fish other than from within the mouth.

“*landmark*” means a black, yellow and white ringed post or buoy.

“*length*” is the measurement from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

“*lure*” means any authorised artificial fly or spinner or bait.

“*spinner*” means any artificial lure other than an artificial fly.

“*spin fishing*” means to fish for sports fish with a spinner.

“*sports fish*” means those freshwater fish described in the First Schedule of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, namely:

- Brown trout.
- Rainbow trout.
- American brook trout or char.
- Lake trout or char.
- Atlantic salmon.
- Quinnet or chinook salmon.
- Sockeye salmon.
- Perch.
- Tench.
- Rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region only).
- Any hybrid of the above species.

### 3. AUTHORISED TACKLE

3.1 No licence holder shall fish for trout or salmon except by using a rod and running line and authorised lure (as defined in clause 7 of this First Schedule).

3.2 Nets and gaffs:

3.2.1 When playing a sports fish, a landing net may be used to secure or land that fish.



3.2.2 For keeping coarse fish alive, a keep net may be used in the water from which the fish was caught.

3.2.3 No licence holder shall use a gaff to secure or land a sports fish except where provided for in the second schedule of this notice.

3.3 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall:

3.3.1 Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.

3.3.2 Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.

3.3.3 Use more than 1 bait assembly.

3.3.4 Be more than 15m from the rod being used.

3.3.5 Use in waters other than those where bait fishing is permitted any lure treated with any chemical preparation other than that used solely to control the buoyancy of an artificial fly, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.

3.3.6 Use any preparation not attached to a lure to attract fish except when fishing for coarse fish in coarse fishing waters.

3.4 No person shall fish for sports fish by using felt-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a sole of felted, matted or woven fibrous material when sports fishing.

#### 4. FOUL HOOKING OF FISH

4.1 No licence holder shall attempt to foul hook any sports fish.

4.2 Any licence holder who foul hooks a sports fish shall return it immediately to the water with as little injury as possible.

#### 5. FISH LENGTH

Every licence holder who catches a sports fish which does not exceed the specified minimum length, or exceeds the specified maximum length, shall immediately return it with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.

#### 6. OPEN SEASON

No licence holder shall fish for any sports fish except during an open season.

#### 7. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

7.1 No licence holder shall continue to fish for a particular species of sports fish on any day in which he or she has already killed the limit bag for that species except where provided for in the Second Schedule.

7.2 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 if the extra fish are taken in the area with the higher bag limit.

#### 8. AUTHORISED LURES

Authorised lures (subject to any regional restrictions specified in the Second Schedule) are:

- + Artificial fly.
- + Spinner.
- + Bait.

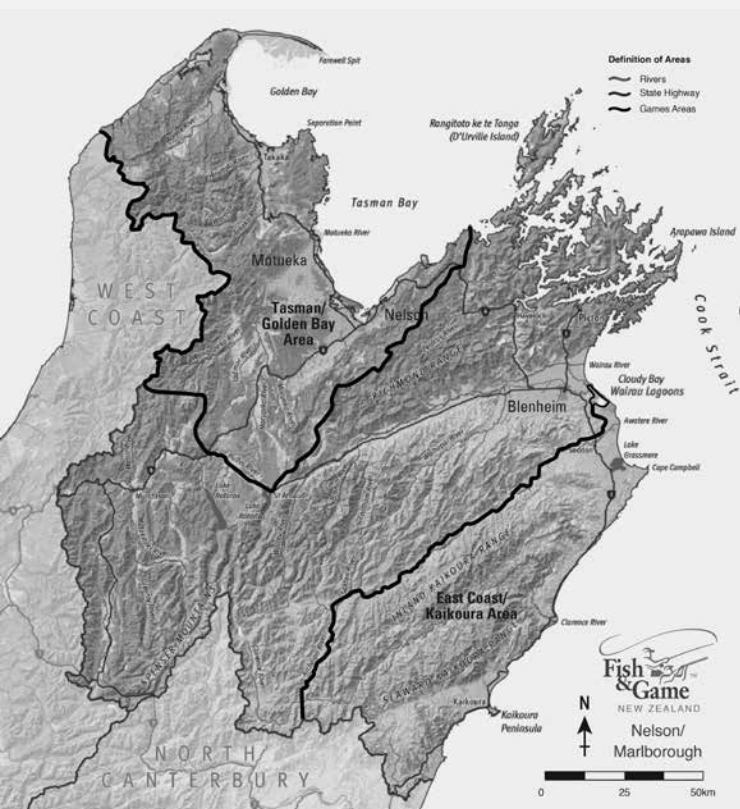


## SECOND SCHEDULE

(APPLIES ONLY IN THE SPECIFIED REGION)

# NELSON/MARLBOROUGH - Fish & Game Region<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Reference to Description: *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 83, 24 May 1990, page 1861

Fish & Game New Zealand's Nelson/Marlborough region offers some of the best, most easily accessible brown trout fishing in the country. In fact many of New Zealand's fishing guides who specialise in sighted brown trout fishing, work in this region. There is wonderful diversity reflected in the waters of Nelson/Marlborough. Rivers in the Golden Bay area are crystal clear in normal flows and dark brown in freshes from tannic acid leaching out of the native bush catchments. Waimea basin catchments rise in the steep beech clad Richmond and Arthur ranges before flowing through intensely farmed lands growing pine trees, apples, kiwi fruit and hops. The Murchison district offers everything from small feeder streams to the impressive Buller River. The Buller is New Zealand's fifth largest river, originating from the alps in the Nelson Lakes National Park. The run off and snow melt from these mountains flow into Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa. The two Lake outlets, although currently affected by invasive Didymo algae, form the upper Buller River until it is joined by the Matakītiki, Mangles, Matiri and Maruia at the 'four rivers plain' near Murchison. Marlborough rivers are a total contrast to the western Nelson rivers, often being blue coloured from glacial silt and wide, braided and undergoing extremes of flow. Molesworth Station is New Zealand's largest farm. This huge trackless area features many small alpine tarns and lakes and its western and southern boundary is the Clarence River-one of New Zealand's longest and more remote catchments that drain the Inland and Seaward Kaikouras. The lower Clarence and the Awatere Rivers flowing northeast from Molesworth are heavily silt laden for much of the year. Completing the circle of the region we finish in the Marlborough Sounds main catchment, the Pelorus Valley. Beginning in the Richmond ranges between Nelson and Marlborough, this river gouges its way through steep native bush covered mountains to slow down to a gentle pace in lush dairy farm land before entering the sea at Havelock.

## ACCESS PAMPHLETS

Access pamphlets providing detailed maps and instructions of access points and fishing information are available for Golden Bay and the Buller, Motueka, Pelorus and Wairau catchments. Pamphlets are available at no cost from most licence agents and information centres or the Nelson Fish & Game office. Access pamphlets are also available on [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz).

## COARSE FISH

Historically perch and tench, along with koi carp and Gambusia, were illegally released into the Nelson/Marlborough Region. It is Fish and Game policy that no anglers should benefit from illegal releases of sports fish. Therefore fishing for coarse fish in the region is still illegal and any angler found targeting coarse fish will be prosecuted.

## DIDYMO

Didymo is now present in many Nelson/Marlborough Rivers and anglers are reminded that they need to continue to disinfect their gear when moving between all rivers to minimise the risks of spreading didymo and other aquatic diseases. The most visible didymo growth occurs in Lake or Reservoir fed rivers such as the Upper Buller & Takaka Rivers. It is notable that this species is not yet present in the North Island.

## FIN-CLIPPED FISH & TROUT HEADS

Anglers are asked to keep an eye out for adipose fin-clipped trout and salmon. (Some may have tags located either under the skin next to the dorsal fin or inserted in the abdominal cavity). If an angler catches an adipose fin-clipped trout, they are asked to contact F&G with date, location caught and length & weight data, along with the tag (if fish kept). F&G would also like to receive the heads (and details), of any trout and salmon (not just tagged fish) kept in the region – for otolith analysis.

## BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

For more information on Nelson Marlborough backcountry fisheries or to obtain a backcountry licence go to [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz)

## Regulations

### 1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

### 2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Note:

**B** = Brown trout

**R** = Rainbow trout

**S** = Salmon

\* Child Licence Holder May Bait Fish

**FS** = Fly or Spin fishing only

**All methods** = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

#### 2.1 OPEN SEASON FOR TROUT

The season duration for brown and rainbow trout in all waters, including backcountry fisheries, shall be 1 October – 30 April, Artificial Fly or Spinner methods only, Bag Limit of 2 (however only one fish may exceed 500mm), except for the following listed waters (excluding their tributaries):

Waterway	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Species Open for Fishing	Daily Bag Limits
Aorere River downstream of Salisbury Road Bridge	All year	All methods	B	2
Argyle Pond (downstream of where powerline cross at head of lake) and lower hydro canals to confluence with the Wairau River	All year	All methods	B R	2
Awatere River	All year	All methods	B	2
Buller River downstream of Gowan Bridge	All year	All methods	B	2
Clarence River downstream of Acheron confluence	All year	All methods	B	2
Cobb Reservoir	All year	All methods	B R	4
Conway River	All year	All methods	B	2

Waterway	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Species Open for Fishing	Daily Bag Limits
Lyell Creek (Kaikoura) downstream of State Highway 1	All year	All methods	B	2
Maitai River downstream of Lower Nile Street Bridge	All year	FS*	B	2
Maruia River downstream of Maruia Falls	All year	All methods	B R	2
Matakitaki River downstream of State Highway 6 Bridge	All year	All methods	B	2
Middle Creek Kaikoura downstream of State Highway 1	All year	All methods	B	2
Motueka River downstream of Peninsula Road Bridge at Ngatimoti	All year	All methods	B	2
Oaro River	All year	All methods	B	2
Opawa River downstream of State Highway 1 Bridge (including Roses Overflow)	All year	All methods	B R	2
Pelorus River downstream of confluence with the Rai River	All year	All methods	B R	2
Rotoiti Lake except for closed areas (refer to clause 3 for this region.)	All year	All methods	B	4
Rotoroa Lake except for closed areas (refer to clause 3 for this region.)	All year	All methods	B R	4
Takaka River downstream of confluence with the Waingaro River	All year	All methods	B	2
Taylor River downstream of New Renwick Road Bridge (excluding Hutchinson St Bridge – Opawa Loop confluence)	All year	All methods	B R	2
Taylor River from Hutchinson St Bridge to Opawa Loop confluence	Junior only	All methods	BR	1
Taylor Dam	All year	FS*	BR	2
Tennyson Lake	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	B	4
Wairau River downstream of Wash Bridge including the Diversion and the Southern Valley Irrigation Intake Pond	All year	All methods	B R	2
Wairoa River / Waimea River downstream of confluence with the Lee River	All year	All methods	B	2

## 2.2 OPEN SEASON FOR SALMON:

Waterways not listed below are closed for salmon fishing:

Waterway	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Species Open for Fishing	Daily Bag Limits
Aorere River downstream of Salisbury Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2
Anatoki River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	S	2
Clarence River downstream of the Acheron confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2
Lyell Creek (Kaikoura) downstream of State Highway 1	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2
Opawa Loop downstream of the Snowden Crescent Walkway footbridge to the Taylor River confluence – Child/Junior only	All year	All methods	S	1

Waterway	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Species Open for Fishing	Daily Bag Limits
Pelorus River downstream of confluence with the Rai River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2
Takaka River downstream of confluence with the Waingaro River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2
Taylor River downstream of New Renwick Rd Bridge (excluding Hutchinson St Bridge – Opawa Loop confluence)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	1
Taylor River from Hutchinson St Bridge to Opawa Loop confluence – Child/Junior only	All year	All methods	S	1
Waikoropupu River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	S	2
Wairau River downstream of Wash Bridge including the Diversion and the Southern Valleys Irrigation Intake Pond	1 Oct – 30 Apr	All methods	S	2

### 3. CLOSED WATERS

3.1 No licence holder shall take sports fish from Lake Rotoiti or Lake Rotoroa between 1 May and 30 September, within 100m from the centre of the meeting line with the lakes, of the following rivers and streams:

#### Lake Rotoiti:

- (a) Travers River
- (b) Coldwater Stream
- (c) Black Valley Stream
- (d) Buller River

#### Lake Rotoroa:

- (a) Sabine River
- (b) D'Urville River
- (c) Gowan River

3.2 Waimea River Park Educational Fishery:

Closed season except by special permit or public notification.

3.3 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish in the following waters:

- a) Opawa Loop downstream of the Snowden crescent Walkway foot bridge to the Taylor River confluence unless the holder of a child or junior's licence.
- b) Taylor River from Hutchinson St Bridge to Opawa Loop confluence unless the holder of a child or junior's licence.

### 4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

4.1 Refer to clause 2 for this region.

4.2 Down riggers are permitted when lake fishing.

### 5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

There are no "fly fishing only" waters in the Nelson/Marlborough Region.

### 6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

Refer to clause 2 for this region.

## 7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Fishing for coarse fish in all waters in the Nelson/Marlborough Region is prohibited.

## 8. USE OF BOATS

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish from any boat in those parts of Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotoroa within 100m from the centre of the meeting lines with the lakes of the following rivers and streams:

### Lake Rotoiti:

- (a) Travers River.
- (b) Coldwater Stream.
- (c) Black Valley Stream.
- (d) Buller River.

### Lake Rotoroa:

- (a) Sabine River.
- (b) D'Urville River.
- (c) Gowan River

## 9. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

9.1 No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than the bag limits specified in clauses 2.1 – 2.2 for this region.

## 10. FISH LENGTH

There is no minimum size limit for trout or salmon taken in the Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Region. Where the daily bag limit permits the taking of 2 fish *on waters open 1 Oct-30 April*, only one fish may exceed 500mm from nose tip to middle fork of tail, *excluding salmon*.

## 11. NELSON/MARLBOROUGH BACKCOUNTRY FISHERY

### 11.1 Definition:

**Backcountry fishery** in this region means:

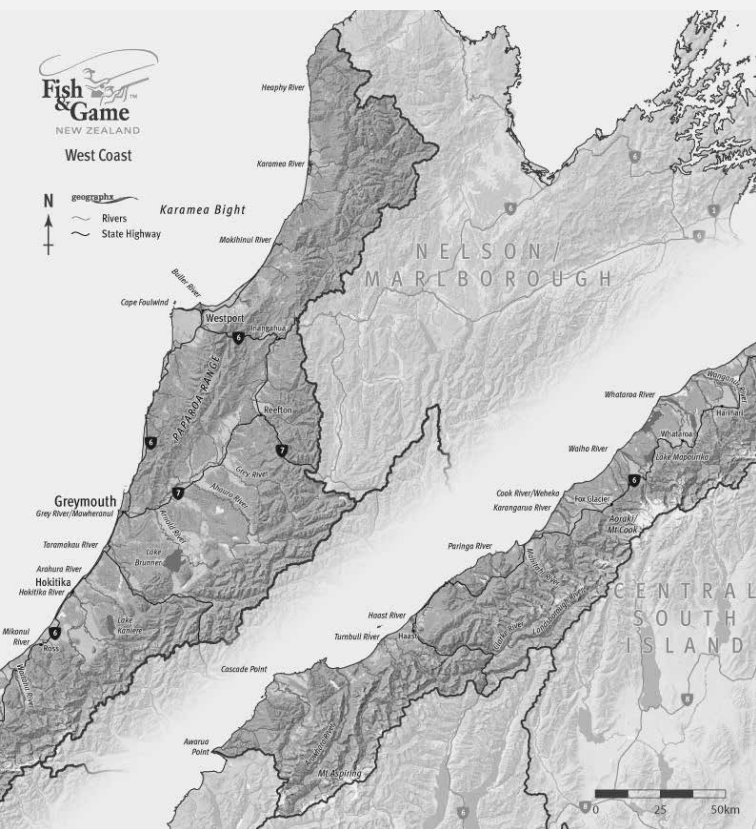
- i) The **Goulter backcountry fishery** which means the Goulter River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Wairau River;
- ii) The **Travers backcountry fishery** which means the Travers River catchment upstream of the marked Coldwater/Lake Head DOC walking track river crossing.
- iii) The **Wairau backcountry fishery** which means the upper Wairau River and tributaries (but excluding Fish Lake) upstream from the Wash Bridge.
- iv) The **Matakitaki backcountry fishery** which means the upper Matakitaki River and tributaries upstream from the Horse Terrace bridge.

11.2 All anglers who fish in the backcountry fishery (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) must obtain a backcountry licence (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice.



# WEST COAST - Fish & Game Region<sup>9</sup>

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9 Reference to Description: *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 83, 24 May 1990, page 1861

Fish & Game New Zealand's West Coast region extends from Kahurangi Point, north of Karamea, to Awarua Point south of Haast. In between lies some 2 million hectares, much of it wilderness and with more rivers and lakes than many people would fish in a lifetime. Increasing numbers of anglers rate isolation, peace and solitude almost as highly as the opportunity to fish for wild trout. On the 'Coast these attributes exist in abundance along with a surprising range of angling opportunity. Brown trout occupy a diverse range of habitats between the mountains and the sea including lakes and spring fed river tributaries. The more popular sea-run salmon fisheries are centred on South Westland lakes-which also contain resident lake stocks-and from January until April salmon can be expected around most major river mouths south of and including the Grey River. Barriers to access for anglers are, for the most part, dictated only by climate and terrain. All that we ask is that you respect West Coast waters, leave no litter and return fish that you cannot use.

## **ARAHURA RIVER ACCESS**

Unlike most other West Coast rivers the bed and banks of the Arahura River are not public land. In 1976 the Crown vested the title to the bed and banks of the Arahura River in the Mawhera Incorporation, a Māori landowners Trust, as Māori freehold land. The Mawhera Incorporation has a permit system in place to allow for public access. To obtain a permit from Mawhera Incorporation contact Rachel Scott (Mawhera Administrator), Proprietors of Mawhera Incorporation, Level 2, 83 Victoria Street, Christchurch, PO Box 13042, Christchurch 8141 T: (03) 964 7203 F: (03) 365 4098 E: admin@mawhera.org.nz.

## **HAUPIRI RIVER ACCESS**

A public access agreement is in place for Heaphy Road which provides access to the upper Haupiri River. Vehicle access to the carpark up the valley is ensured for recreational and commercial recreation purposes. Anglers must check in at the Christian Community Trust office as the access road is through private property. Access over the Land is restricted to the marked Route and is only permitted during day light hours (except in the case of an emergency). Access from the Carpark onwards is restricted to access by foot along the marked walking Routes. No filming or recording of the Trust's members or property is permitted on the Route without the Trust's permission. The New Zealand Outdoors Access Code is to be complied with on the Route. No camping, lighting of fires, hunting or discharging of firearms is permitted on the Route or the Land.

## **WEST COAST SPORTSFISHING GUIDE**

Fish and Game produce a regional map with instructions for access points and fishing information. Pamphlets are available at no cost from most licence agents and information centres or the West Coast Fish & Game office. A copy is also downloadable at [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz).

## **ANGLING ETHICS**

The West Coast region encourages a voluntary catch and release limit of 6 fish per day. This is to minimise the impact of angling pressure in sensitive fisheries and ensure the catchability of fish for future generations.

## BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

For more information on West Coast backcountry fisheries or to obtain a backcountry licence go to [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz)

## FIN-CLIPPED SALMON RELEASES

Liberations of salmon in the West Coast Region have been made during recent years with fin-clipped hatchery stock. The removal of the adipose fin allows for quick identification of hatchery origin fish. West Coast Fish and Game would like information of any fin-clipped salmon caught. This includes details of date, location, length, weight, and hen/jack fish. This information will be used to evaluate fishery enhancement during subsequent seasons and improve future salmon enhancement.

## Regulations

### 1. DEFINITIONS

For interpretation of terms, refer to the First Schedule of this Notice or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

### 2. OPEN SEASON

#### 2.1 Open season for trout and perch

The season duration for trout and perch in all waters shall be 1 October – 30 April (incl.) except in the following waters the season duration for trout and perch (excluding tributaries) shall be all year:

Ahaura River	Downstream of Granite Creek
Arahura River	Downstream of Milltown (Landsburgh) Bridge
Arawhata River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Arnold River	
Big Ditch Creek	Downstream of State Highway 67
Big Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Brunner Lake	
Buller River	Downstream of Lyell confluence
Cascade River	Downstream of Martyr confluence
Cook River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Deadmans Creek	Downstream of State Highway 67
Ellery, Lake	
Grey River	Downstream of Clarke confluence
Haast River	Downstream of Pleasant Flat Bridge
Hapuka River	
Haupiri, Lake	
Hindleys Creek	
Hokitika River	
Ianthe, Lake	Excluding outlet
Inangahua River (Lower)	From Perseverance Bridge to Buller confluence
Jacobs River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Kaniere, Lake	
Kaniere River	
Karamea River	Downstream of cableway at mouth of Lower Gorge

Karangarua River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Kohaihai River	Downstream of Heaphy Track Bridge
Kokatahi River	Downstream of Styx Confluence
Kumara/Kapitea Reservoir system	Downstream of Old Christchurch Road
Little Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Little Wanganui River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Mahinapua, Lake and outlet creek	
Mahitahi River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Mapourika, Lake	
Martins Creek	Downstream of Martins Creek Bridge
Mikonui River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Moeraki, Lake	
Moeraki River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Mokihinui River	Downstream of cableway at Welcome Creek
New River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Ngakawau River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Nile River	Downstream of Awakere confluence
Ohinetamatea River	
Okari River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Okarito River and lagoon	
Okuru River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Omoeroa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Oparara River	Downstream of Karamea-Kohaihai Road
Orowaiti River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Paringa, Lake	
Paringa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Poerua River (South Westland)	Downstream of State Highway 6
Porarari River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Punakaiki River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Taramakau River	Downstream of bridge at Jacksons
Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Turnbull River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Wahapo, Lake	
Waiatoto River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Waikukupa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Waimangaroa River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Waita River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Waitaha River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Wanganui River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Whakapohi River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Whareatea River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Whataroa River	
Whitcombe River	

## 2.2 Open season for salmon:

The open season for salmon in the Okarito River, Windbag Stream and Lakes Mapourika, Paringa and Moeraki shall be  
1 October – 31 March (incl.)

All other waters 1 October – 30 April (incl.)

### 3. CLOSED WATERS

McDonalds Creek at Lake Mapourika is closed to fishing at all times.

### 4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

All legal methods as described in the First Schedule to this Notice are permitted in all waters.

### 5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

There are no fly fishing only waters in the West Coast Region.

### 6. BAIT FISHING

Permitted in all waters.

### 7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no special conditions relating to coarse fishing other than those provided for in the First Schedule to this Notice.

### 8. USE OF BOATS

There are no special conditions relating to the use of boats for angling.

### 9. DAILY BAG LIMITS

9.1 In all other waters, except in the case of perch for which there is no daily limit, no licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than:

- 2 brown trout.
- 2 rainbow trout.
- 2 salmon.

### 10. FISH LENGTH

The minimum length for trout and salmon in the following waters shall be 250mm:

- Lake Ellery.
- Lake Mapourika.
- Lake Moeraki.
- Lake Paringa.

In all other waters there shall be no minimum length.

### 11. WESTCOAST BACKCOUNTRY FISHERY

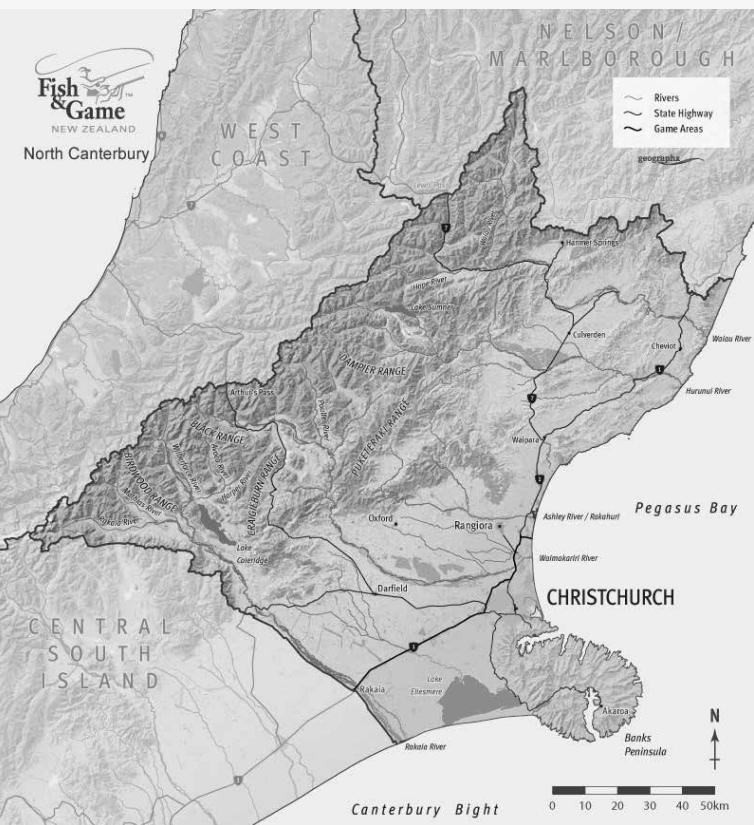
#### 11.1 Definition:

Backcountry fishery in this region means:

- The **Karamea backcountry fishery** which means the Karamea catchment upstream of the confluence with the Kakapo River.
- The **Mokihinui River** which means the Mokihinui catchment upstream of the confluence with Rough and Tumble Creek
- All anglers who fish in the backcountry fishery (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) must obtain a backcountry licence (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice.

# NORTH CANTERBURY - Fish & Game Region<sup>10</sup>

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Fish & Game New Zealand's North Canterbury region offers much to the angler. Without a doubt the star attraction of the region is the sea-run salmon fishery. The Rakaia, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Waiau rivers offer excellent sea-run salmon fishing between November and March. The best time to plan a trip is during February when river flows tend to be stable after the period of major snow melt in the Southern Alps. Most salmon are caught on heavy spinning tackle upriver or on specialised long distance surf casting tackle in the surf next to the river mouth. With an average size of around 7kg, salmon are one of the most highly sought-after sports fish in the country.

In an effort to ensure the sustainability of the salmon fishery without imposing additional regulations on anglers, North Canterbury Fish & Game encourages salmon anglers to limit their seasonal catch numbers and adopt the growing trend of catch and release of this magnificent sports fish (only if the fish is uninjured and not bleeding from the gills).

In addition to the high profile salmon fishery, North Canterbury also offers great fishing for other species. More than 30 high country lakes offer Brown and Rainbow trout with a few also offering landlocked Chinook salmon. The upper reaches of the braided rivers offer high quality Brown and Rainbow trout with very big fish in places. The lower reaches of the same rivers provide excellent sea-run trout fishing as well. Very large runs of fresh silver sea-run Brown trout converge on the tidal areas of the salmon rivers, particularly during the months of December and January.

For more information on sports fishing in North Canterbury, consult the fishing access guides/maps: Rakaia River, Waimakariri River, Hurunui and Waiau Rivers, the High Country Lakes, Junior Fisheries and Close to Christchurch. These are available from the North Canterbury office, from the North Canterbury Region page of the web site ([www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz)) or from major sports shops in the region.

For fishing conditions during the main fishing season ring (03) 366-2986 for our recorded river report.

**Pollution Hotline:** To report incidences of pollution or other damage to our waterways, please ring Environment Canterbury's 24 hour Pollution Hotline on 0800-76 55 88, and tell them that you want to be advised of the outcome of their investigation.

## Regulations

### 1. DEFINITIONS

For interpretation of terms, refer to the First Schedule of this Notice or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

1.1 The North Canterbury Fish and Game Region is divided into two zones:

**"Eastern Zone":** The area to the east of a line extending from a white post on the south bank of the Rakaia River (on Double Hill Road visible from the river) to a white post on

the north bank (near the Coleridge Power Station tailrace), to the confluence of Staircase Stream and the Waimakariri River (above Woodstock), to the Ashley Gorge Road Bridge on the Ashley River, to the junction of the Hurunui River with the South Branch, to the junction of the Waiiau and Hope Rivers; and excluding Lake Rubicon.

**“Western Zone”:** The area to the west of the eastern zone plus Lake Rubicon.

## 2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Except as closed under clause 3 for this region or restricted elsewhere in this Notice.

**Anglers please note: The tables below are to be read in conjunction with the following clauses for this region.**

- Clause 3 for waters where anglers are not allowed to fish.
- Clause 5 for waters recognised as coarse fishing waters.
- Clause 6 for further restrictions on bait fishing where “FSB” are allowed.
- Clause 8 for further restrictions of daily bag limits.
- Clause 9 for further restrictions on maximum fish lengths allowed.

Permitted Methods definition

F = Fly fishing only

FS = Fly or Spin fishing only

FSB = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

LAKES	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limit	Salmon Limit
Blackwater, Lake	10 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes—the four ponds at the western end of the Groyne reserve signposted as designated fishing lakes	All year	FSB	2	2
Coleridge, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 31 Aug	FS	2 2	4 4
Courtenay, Lake	All year	FSB	2	2
Ellesmere, Lake	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Evelyn, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Forsyth, Lake	All year	FSB	2	n/a
Georgina, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Grasmere, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Guyon, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Hawdon, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Henrietta, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Ida, Lake and Little Ida Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	F	2	n/a
Kaiapoi Lakes	All year	FSB	2	n/a



LAKES	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limit	Salmon Limit
Katrine, Loch	All year	FS	2	2
Letitia, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Lilian, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Lyndon, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 31 Aug	FSB	2	n/a
Marymere, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	F	2	n/a
Mason, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Minchin, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Monck (Catherine), Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	F	2	n/a
Monopolies Pond	All year	FSB	2	n/a
Pearson, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 30 Sep	FS	2	2
Rotokohatu, Lake	All year	FSB	2	n/a
Rubicon, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Sarah, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	F	2	n/a
Selfe, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 30 Sep	FS	2	n/a
Sheppard, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr	F	2	n/a
Sumner, Lake	All year	FS	2	2
Taylor, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 30 Sep	FS	2	n/a

EASTERN ZONE RIVERS	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limit	Salmon Limit
Ashley River, downstream of Ashley Gorge Road Bridge to State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Ashley River, downstream of Ashley Gorge Road Bridge to State Highway One	1 May – 30 Sep	FS	0	0
Ashley River, downstream of State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Avon River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Cam River, upstream of Smith Street Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	0
Cam River from the confluence of the Kaiapoi River to the Smith Street Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	1
Cust River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	0
Halswell River & Canal,	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Harts Creek	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Hawkins River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Heathcote River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Hororata River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Hurunui River, downstream of South Branch confluence (Eastern Zone)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Hurunui River, downstream of South Branch confluence (Eastern Zone)	1 May – 30 Sep	FS	0	0

EASTERN ZONE RIVERS	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limit	Salmon Limit
Irwell River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Kaiapoi River, upstream of Cust Main Drain confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	0
Kaiapoi River, downstream of Williams St Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	1
Kaiapoi River upstream of Williams Street Bridge & below the Cust Main Drain	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FSB	2	1
Kaituna River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Leader River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Lee Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
LII (L2) River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Mandamus River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	0
Okana River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Okuku River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Okuti River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Pahau River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	0
Otukaikino Creek (South Branch of Waimakariri)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	0
Rakaia River, downstream of Coleridge Tailrace confluence (Eastern Zone) to State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Rakaia River, downstream of Coleridge Tailrace confluence (Eastern Zone) to State Highway One	1 May – 30 Sep	FS	0	0
Rakai River, downstream of State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Saltwater Creek	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Selwyn River downstream of State Highway 77 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Styx River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Tentburn Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Waiau River, downstream of Hope River confluence (Eastern Zone)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Waiau River, downstream of Hope River confluence (Eastern Zone)	1 May – 30 Sep	FS	0	0
Waikari River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Waimakariri River, downstream of Staircase Stream confluence (Eastern Zone) to State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Waimakariri River, downstream of Staircase Stream confluence (Eastern Zone) to State Highway One	1 May – 30 Sep	FS	0	0
Waimakariri River, downstream of State Highway One	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Waipara River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	n/a
Wairewa River,	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	n/a
Waitohi River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1	0

WESTERN ZONE RIVERS	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limit	Salmon Limit
Ada River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Ashley River, upstream of Ashley Gorge Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Avoca River	1 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Boyle River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Broken River	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Cass Hill Stream (Bullock Creek)	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FS	2	0
Coleridge Tailrace	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FS	2	0
Cora Lynn Stream	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FS	2	0
Double Hill Stream & Double Hill Flat Stream	1 Oct – 28 Feb	FS	2	0
Doubtful River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Esk River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Glenariffe Stream	1 Oct – 28 Feb	FS	2	0
Goat Hill Stream	1 Oct – 28 Feb	FS	2	0
Harper River including diversion and tributaries	1 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Henry River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Hope River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Hurunui River, upstream of Lake Sumner	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Hurunui River, between Lake Sumner and South Branch confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Hurunui River, South Branch	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Hydra Waters, including Titan Stream	1 Oct – 28 Feb	FS	2	0
Lake Stream	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FS	2	0
Lewis River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Manuka Point Stream	1 Oct – 28 Feb	FS	2	0
Nina River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Porter River	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Poulter River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Rakaia River, upstream of Coleridge Tailrace confluence	1 Oct – 31 Mar	FS	2	0
Ryton River	1 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Selwyn River, upstream of State Highway 77 Bridge (at Glentunnel)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	n/a
Slovens Creek	4 Nov – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Waiau River, upstream of Hope River confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	0
Waimakariri River, upstream of Staircase Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Wilberforce Diversion	1 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Wilberforce River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2	0
Winding Creek	10 Dec – 31 Mar	FS	2	0

2.2 All lakes, rivers and streams in the Eastern Zone not mentioned in clause 2 for this region:

1 October to 30 April	All legal methods	2 trout, 2 salmon
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2.3 All lakes in the Western Zone not mentioned in clause 2 for this region:

4 November to 30 April	Spinner, fly	2 trout
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2.4 All tributaries of Western Zone lakes not mentioned in clause 2 for this region:

1 December to 30 April	Spinner, fly	2 trout
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2.5 All other rivers and streams in the Western Zone not mentioned in clause 2 for this region:

1 October to 30 April	Spinner, fly	2 trout
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### 3. CLOSED WATERS

3.1 No-one shall fish for sports fish in the following waters:

- Avon River between the Armagh Street Bridge at Hagley Park and the Barbadoes Street Bridge.
- Clearwater Lakes with the exception of Lake 3, Lake 4 and Lake 5.
- St Annes Lagoon near Cheviot.
- The tailrace of the Highbank Power Station.
- Within a 100 metre arc of the outfall of any licensed fish farm, with the exception of the Tentburn Outfall, where fishing for trout and salmon is permitted, but no fishing is allowed on the culvert.

3.2 No licence holder shall fish for coarse fish in the following waters:

- Clearwater Resort fishing lakes.
- Christchurch Groynes lakes.
- Ferrymead Park lakes.
- Westlake near Halswell.

3.3 No licence holder shall fish for salmon in the following waters:

- All rivers from 1 May to 30 September.
- Cam River and its tributaries upstream of the Smith Street Bridge.
- Hacketts Creek from 1 March to 30 April.
- The Kowhai River and its tributaries from 1 March to 30 April.
- The Kaiapoi River and tributaries upstream of Williams Street Bridge to the confluence with the Cust Main Drain from 1 April – 30 September.

- ✦ The Kaiapoi River and tributaries upstream of the confluence with the Cust Main Drain.
- ✦ Mandamus River.
- ✦ Pahau River.
- ✦ Waitohi River.
- ✦ Otukaikino/South Branch upstream of the confluence with the Waimakariri River.
- ✦ The Western Zone of rivers in the North Canterbury region.

3.4 No person other than a child (aged 12 or under as at the 1st October 2017) or junior licence holder (under the age of 18 years as at 1st October 2017) shall fish in the Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes or Courtenay Lake at Kaiapoi.

#### 4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

Scented artificial lures may be used in all waters other than fly-fishing-only waters, when actively retrieved so as to imitate a moving bait fish.

See the First Schedule of this notice for other definitions.

#### 5. COARSE FISHING WATERS

- ✦ Avon River downstream of Barbadoes Street Bridge.
- ✦ Forsyth Lake.
- ✦ Halswell Canal downstream of Duck Pond Road.
- ✦ Halswell River downstream of Seabridge Road.
- ✦ Kaiapoi Lakes.
- ✦ Monopolies Pond.
- ✦ Okana River downstream of State Highway 75.
- ✦ Rotokohatu Lake.

#### 6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

6.1 A person may bait fish for trout in the Eastern Zone between 1 October and 30 April only, except at:

6.1.1 Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes and Courtenay Lake, where bait fishing is permitted all year for Child and Junior Anglers only.

6.1.2 Selwyn River upstream of State Highway 77 Bridge at Glentunnel, where bait fishing is prohibited all year.

6.2 Bait fishing for trout is prohibited in the Western Zone except at Lake Lyndon where Child and Junior Anglers only may bait fish.

6.3 Bait fishing for salmon is prohibited except in the:

6.3.1 Courtenay Lake all year for Child and Junior Anglers only.

- 6.3.2 Kaiapoi River below the confluence with the Cust Main Drain between 1 October and 31 March
- 6.3.3 The Christchurch Groynes Fishing Lakes all year for Child and Junior Anglers only.
- 6.3.4 Use of scented artificial lures for salmon fishing provided the lure is actively retrieved to imitate a moving bait fish.

## 7. USE OF BOATS

7.1 Fishing from boats which are simultaneously being propelled by a motor (trolling) is permitted in:

- All rivers.
- Lake Coleridge.
- Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora).
- Lake Lyndon.
- Lake Forsyth (Te Wairewa).
- Lake Sumner.
- Loch Katrine.
- Lake Taylor.

7.2 Fishing from boats which are not simultaneously being propelled by a motor is permitted in:

- All rivers.
- Lake Letitia.
- All eastern zone lakes.
- Lake Lilian.
- Lake Coleridge.
- Lake Lyndon.
- Lake Evelyn.
- Lake Pearson.
- Lake Georgina.
- Lake Selfe.
- Lake Grasmere.
- Lake Sumner.
- Lake Hawdon.
- Lake Sheppard.
- Lake Henrietta.
- Lake Sarah
- Loch Katrine.
- Lake Taylor.

## 8. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

- 8.1 No licence holder shall take or kill more than 1 Tench from the coarse fishing waters named in clause 5 for this region.
- 8.2 In addition to the daily limit bags described in clauses 2 and 8.1 for this region, on any one day a licence holder is only permitted to take, kill or be in possession of no more than four sports fish caught that day, of which no more than 2 may be salmon.
- 8.3 No person may take Salmon from any river between the hours of 11pm and 4am in December and January, and between 10pm and 5am for any other month of the year.

*Note: The daily bag limit for salmon in the Kaiapoi River has been reduced from 2 to 1 salmon per day.*

## 9. FISH LENGTH

9.1 No licence holder shall be in possession of a sports fish which exceeds a maximum length of;

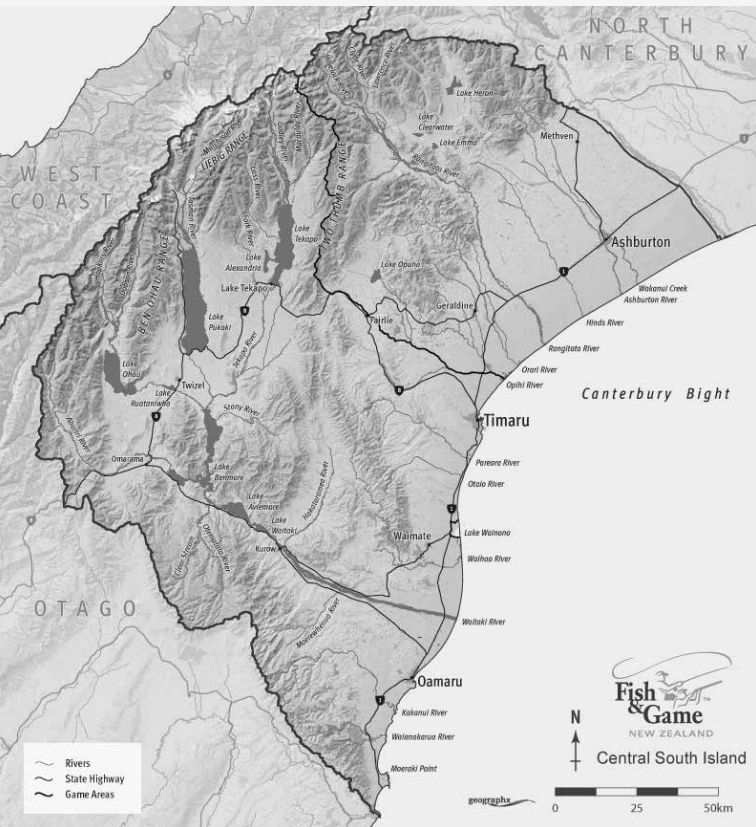
- 400mm from the following waters:
- Ashley River upstream of Ashley Gorge Road Bridge, Broken River and its tributaries (including Porter River and Slovens Creek), Hurunui River upstream of Lake Sumner, South Branch of the Hurunui River, Waiiau River and all of its tributaries upstream of the Hope River Confluence, Hope River and all of its tributaries including the Boyle, Doubtful, Lewis and Nina Rivers, Harper River and tributaries including the Avoca River.
- 450mm for Lake Sumner Chinook salmon.
- 150mm for Tench in coarse fishing waters.
- 250mm for Perch in the Kaiapoi Lakes
- No licence holder shall take or kill Perch exceeding 250mm in length from the Kaiapoi Lakes.

9.2 No licence holder shall be in possession of a trout or salmon less than 300mm anywhere in the region.



# CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND - Fish & Game Region<sup>11</sup>

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Fish & Game New Zealand's Central South Island region extends from the south bank of the Rakaia River in the north, to Moeraki in the south. With their headwaters in the Southern Alps, the Waitaki and the Rangitata are the region's biggest rivers. These are noted Chinook salmon fisheries with best fishing success from January through March. The Rangitata Mouth is one of the more famous fishing locations in the South Island as large numbers of salmon can be caught here. Salmon fishing in the Waitaki tends to be split between mouth and upriver anglers, with fishing from anchored jet boats being a popular option. Smaller rivers including the Opihi-Temuka and Ashburton together with many high country lakes are habitat to substantial brown and rainbow trout fisheries. Fontinalis (brook trout) are also present in some of these waters. In fact the Central South Island Region has some of the best fontinalis populations in the country, with Lake Emily being renowned as the place in New Zealand to catch a trophy.

For sheer numbers of trout, the lakes and rivers of the Mackenzie country are hard to beat. The Tekapo River and Lake Benmore in particular contain very good numbers of trout which are not overly difficult to catch. The canals that carry water for the many hydroelectric power stations in the Mackenzie basin are popular with local and visiting anglers and are renowned for producing extremely large trout. Brown and rainbow trout benefit from the commercial salmon farms that operate within the canals and commonly reach 4-10kg. Each season a number of trout weighing 15-18kg are also caught. Salmon sporadically escape from the salmon farms into the canals and are the mainstay of anglers catch at the canals.

The invasive algae Didymo is present in many of the region's waterways. Please help us stop the spread of didymo to new areas by restricting use of fishing gear to exclusive use in a single waterway. If you move gear between waterways you must CHECK, CLEAN and DRY. For more information on didymo visit [www.biosecurity.govt.nz](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz).

## Regulations

### 1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

### 2. OPEN SEASON, CLOSED SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, AUTHORISED TACKLE, DAILY BAG LIMIT, FISH LENGTH

2.1 The open season in all waters of the Region is from 1 October to 30 April except where otherwise specified in clause 2.6 or 2.7 for this region.

2.2 All legal methods as described in the First Schedule of this Notice (conditions applying across all fisheries and definitions) are permitted in waters of the region except where otherwise specified in clause 2.6 or 2.7 for this region.

2.3 The daily limit bag in all waters of the Region is 2 trout and

- 2 salmon and no limit on coarse fish, except where otherwise specified in clause 2.7 for this region.
- 2.4 The minimum length for salmon killed in the region shall be 300mm except where otherwise specified in clause 2.7 for this region. There is no minimum size for trout or coarse fish taken in the region.
- 2.5 Any licence holder who lands a sports fish and does not want to keep it shall immediately return it with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken
- 2.6 No licence holder shall –
- 2.6.1 fish for sockeye salmon in any river or stream between 1 March and 30 April.
- 2.6.2 use any unsportsmanlike device or method.
- 2.6.3 continue to fish on any day after having foul hooked three sports fish, even though any such sports fish have been returned immediately in accordance with the First Schedule of this Notice.
- 2.7 Open seasons, closed seasons, permitted methods, authorised tackle, daily bag limits, fish length for Central South Island rivers and lakes:
- Ahuriri River and its tributaries upstream of and including Longslip Creek: **Open season-** First Saturday in December to 30 April; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Ahuriri River and its tributaries downstream of Longslip Creek except Omarama Stream: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Ahuriri River Lagoons: **Open season-** First Saturday in December to 30 April; **Methods-** fly only; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Alexandrina, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 4 trout with maximum of one to be a brown trout, and 2 salmon. **Winter season-** open for lake only, 1 June to 31 July; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 sports fish, 0 brown trout.
- **Note 1:** Downriggers, paravanes, metal-cored or wire lines and weights to assist sinking of trolled lures are prohibited in Lake Alexandrina.
- Ashburton River and tributaries upstream of Taylors Stream junction and Ashburton River North Branch: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.

- Ashburton River and tributaries downstream of Taylors Stream junction: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon. **Winter season**- open downstream of State Highway 1 - 1 June to 31 August; **Methods**- fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 sports fish.
- Aviemore, Lake: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 September; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Aviemore, Lake tributaries except for Deep Stream and Otematata River: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Aviemore Spawning Race: Closed to all sports fishing.
- Awakino River: Closed to all sports fishing.
- Benmore, Lake: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 September; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Benmore, Lake tributaries except for Tekapo, Ahuriri, and Otematapaio rivers: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Cameron, Loch: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait for child licence holders and fly and spin for other than child licence holders; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Camp, Lake: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 31 May; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Centennial Park Lake (Timaru): **Open season**- 1 October to 30 September; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 2 trout. Designated Coarse Fishing Water.
- Clearwater, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout.
- Deep Stream and tributaries east of the bridge where it enters Lake Aviemore: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Deep Creek, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River: **Open season**- 1 October to 31 March for trout and 1 October to 28 February for salmon; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.

- Deep Stream, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River: **Open season**- 1 October to 31 March for trout and 1 October to 28 February for salmon; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Denny, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Donn, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Emily, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly only; **Limit**- 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Emma, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and Spin; **Limit**- 2 trout. Fishing from any unmoored boat is prohibited.
- Grays River: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout.
- Hakataramea River: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April for trout and First Saturday in November to 31 March for salmon; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Heron, Lake and tributaries: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 6 sports fish and no more than 4 to be trout. The minimum length for salmon killed in Lake Heron shall be 250mm and the maximum length shall be 450mm.
- High country tarns or lagoons: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout.
- Hinds River: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait for child licence holders and fly and spin for other than child licence holders; **Limit**- 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Hood, Lake: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 4 trout and 2 salmon. **Winter season**- open 1 June to 31 August; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 sports fish.
- Irishmans Stream: **Open season**- First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly and spin; **Limit**- 2 trout.
- Island Stream: **Open season**- 1 October to 30 April; **Methods**- Fly, spin and bait; **Limit**- 2 trout. Designated Coarse Fishing Water.

- Kakanui River and tributaries upstream of Five Forks Bridge: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Kakanui River and tributaries downstream of Five Forks Bridge: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Lake Stream: **Open season for trout-** 1 October to 31 March; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout. Closed to salmon fishing all year.
- Larch Stream: **Open Season-** First Saturday in November to 31 January; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- MacGregor, Lake: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon. Fishing from any unmoored boat is prohibited.
- Maerewhenua River: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Maori Lakes and their tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly only; **Limit-** 2 trout. Fishing from any unmoored boat is prohibited.
- Mary Burn: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Merino, Lake: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Middleton, Lake: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon. Fishing from any unmoored boat is prohibited.
- Mystery, Lake: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly only; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Ohapi Stream: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Ohau Canal from Lake Ruataniwha to Ohau C power station: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 sports fish of which no more than 2 to be trout. No person shall in any one day take or be in possession of more than two salmon greater than 500mm taken from the Tekapo – Pukaki and Pukaki – Ohau A hydro canals, and the Ohau Canal from Lake Ruataniwha to Ohau C power station.
- Ohau, Lake: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.

- Ohau, Lake tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Omarama Stream: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Opihi River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** Upstream of Opuha River confluence, 2 trout and 2 salmon. Downstream of Opuha River confluence, 4 trout and 2 salmon. **Winter season-** open downstream of State Highway 1, 1 June to 31 August; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 sports fish.
- Opuha, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 6 sports fish of which no more than 4 are to be trout.
- Opuha River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon. **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Orari River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** Upstream of Slip Panel Stream confluence, 2 trout and 2 salmon. Downstream of Slip Panel Stream confluence, 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Otematapaio River: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Otematata River: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April. **Methods-** fly and spin. **Limit-** in Otematata River and tributaries upstream of Clear Stream junction and including Clear Stream, 2 trout and 2 salmon. **Limit-** in Otematata River and tributaries downstream of Clear Stream, 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Pareora River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Poaka, Lake: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly only; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Pukaki, Lake: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Pukaki, Lake tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and Bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.

Pukaki – Ohau A Canal: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 sports fish of which no more than 2 to be trout. No person shall in any one day take or be in possession of more than two salmon greater than 500mm taken from the Tekapo – Pukaki and Pukaki – Ohau A hydro canals, and the Ohau Canal from Lake Ruataniwha to Ohau C power station.

Rangitata Diversion Race from the intake downstream to Rakaia River Road: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.

Rangitata River and tributaries upstream of Turn Again Point about 12km above the gorge: **Open season-** 1 October to 31 March for trout and 1 October to 28 February for salmon; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.

Rangitata River and tributaries downstream of Turn Again Point about 12km above the gorge: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon. **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon; **Winter season-** Open downstream of State Highway 1, 1 June to 31 August; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 sports fish.

- **Note 1:** A licence holder when fishing for sports fish in the Rangitata River or its tributaries: may use, seaward of a line drawn between the 2 poles situated near the upstream limit of the estuarine area, an artificial fly only if the total weight of everything attached to the cast does not exceed 28g, and may cast other than from the reel or retrieve other than by winding the reel only when using bait or fly fishing or when fishing with an artificial fly seaward of a line drawn between the 2 poles situated near the upstream limit of the estuarine area.
- **Note 2:** Fishing from boats is prohibited in that part of the Region seaward of the Rangitata River mouth, except from an anchored boat between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am on any day at a seaward distance greater than 200m from the nearest shore at low tide. The seaward boundary of the Central South Island Region around the Rangitata River mouth is a line drawn at a distance of 500m from any place where at low tide the waters of the river meet the waters of the sea.

- Roundabout, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly only; **Limit-** 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Ruataniwha, Lake including Wairepo Arm and Kellands Ponds: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon. Fishing from boats prohibited on Wairepo Arm and Kellands Ponds.
- Ruataniwha, Lake tributaries including Wairepo Arm and Kellands Ponds tributaries; **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Saltwater Creek: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout. Designated Coarse Fishing Water.
- Spider, Lake and its tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout. Fishing from boats prohibited.
- Tekapo, Lake: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 6 sports fish, no more than 4 to be trout and no more than 4 to be salmon.
- Tekapo, Lake tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and Bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Tekapo – Pukaki Canal: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 sports fish of which no more than 2 to be trout. No person shall in any one day take or be in possession of more than two salmon greater than 500mm taken from the Tekapo – Pukaki and Pukaki – Ohau A hydro canals, and the Ohau Canal from Lake Ruataniwha to Ohau C power station.
- Tekapo River: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April upstream of lower powerlines across the river about 1km upstream from Lake Benmore and 1 October to 30 September downstream of lower powerlines across the river about 1km upstream from Lake Benmore; **Methods-** Fly, spin, bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Temuka River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Tengawai River: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.



- Tinwald Domain Pond: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September for child licence holders only; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Twizel River and tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout and 2 salmon.
- Waihao River upstream of Waihao Forks bridges: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 trout.
- Waihao River downstream of Waihao Forks bridges: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Waihi River and its tributaries: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Waiareka Stream: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 2 trout. Designated Coarse Fishing Water.
- Waitaki, Lake: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 September; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Waitaki Lake tributaries: **Open season-** First Saturday in November to 30 April; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon.
- Waitaki River and its tributaries except for Hakataramea and Maerewhenua rivers: **Open season-** 1 October to 30 April for trout and 1 October to 31 March for salmon; **Methods-** Fly, spin and bait; **Limit-** 4 trout and 2 salmon. **Winter season-** open downstream of State Highway 1, 1 June to 31 August; **Methods-** fly and spin; **Limit-** 2 sports fish.



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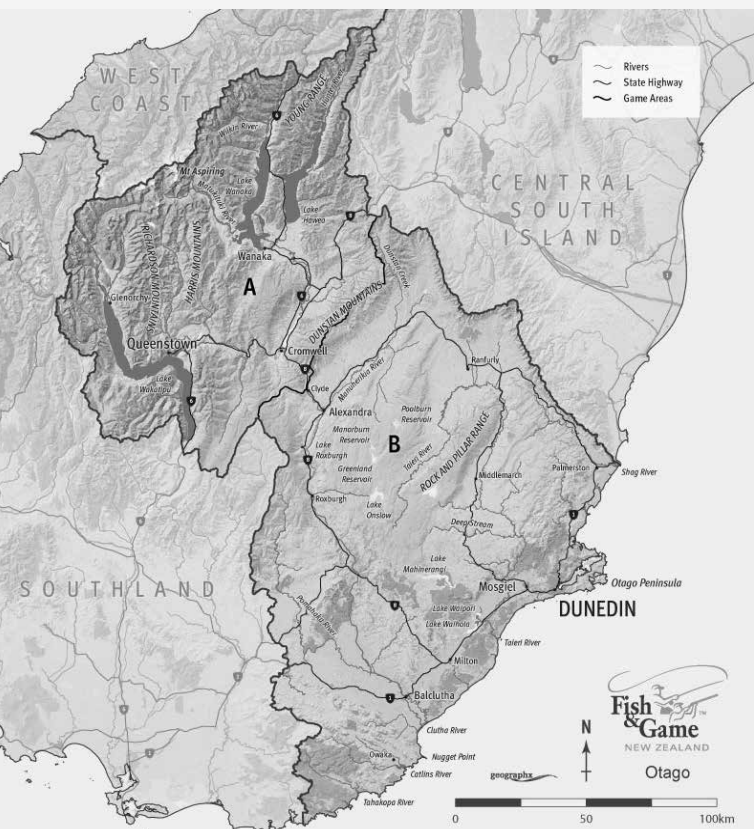
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Otago Fish and Game Region extends from Shag Point on the South Island's East Coast south to The Brothers Point in the Catlins area. The region runs inland to include the whole of both the Clutha and Taieri River catchments as well as a number of smaller coastal river catchments such as the Catlins, Tahakopa, Tokomairiro, Waikouaiti and Shag. Otago Region has a range of fishing opportunities set in diverse landscapes from pristine high country and barren Central Otago to the lush lowland pastures of coastal Otago. All anglers and all methods are catered for. The large southern lakes-Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea hold good stocks of salmon, rainbow and brown trout and are popular with boat anglers, but if smaller fly fishing water is your preference, then the productive coastal streams and the Taieri or Pomahaka Rivers are worth a visit. Please respect our angling waters by obeying the angling restrictions applying to them, not leaving rubbish and obtaining the landowner's permission where required.

### **ANGLING GUIDES AND ACCESS BOOKS**

Otago region has an excellent guidebook to angling within the region - The "Guide to Trout Fishing in Otago" is a 127 page book covering 140 waters throughout Otago (and includes the Waitaki Valley and Eastern Southland). It gives good information on access, the best angling methods to use, and the most productive times to fish. The guide retails for \$25.00 plus \$2 for postage and packing within NZ. Access pamphlets including maps are available for many of the popular waters. Pamphlets are available to download on the Otago pages of the website [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) or from selected outlets. You may also visit the office or email us to have them posted to you.

### **ANGLING CONDITIONS**

There are weekly reports on current river and lake conditions in Otago from mid-September through to the end of April. These reports are available in the Otago section of the website. Another source of information on river conditions is the Otago Regional Council's 'Water Flow' website listed on [www.orc.govt.nz](http://www.orc.govt.nz)

### **POLLUTION COMPLAINTS**

For complaints about pollution or damage to rivers contact the Otago Regional Council's 24 hour Pollution Hotline on 0800 800 033 in the first instance.

### **BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES**

For more information on Otago backcountry fisheries or to obtain a backcountry licence go to [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz)

## **Regulations**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

See First Schedule.

## 2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS (subject to clauses 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 for this region)

Permitted Methods definition

F = Fly fishing only

FS = Fly or Spin fishing only

FSB = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

### 2.1

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
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All lakes, rivers and streams upstream of Clyde Dam not mentioned in clause 2.3 for this region

1 Nov – 30 Apr

FSB

1

### 2.2

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
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All lakes, rivers and streams downstream of Clyde Dam and any other catchments flowing to the sea not mentioned in clause 2.3 for this region

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

3

### 2.3 Fishing Regulations for the Otago Rivers and Lakes:

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
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Akatore Estuary

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

2

Akatore River

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

2

Albert Burn

1 Nov – 31 May

FS

1

Arrow River

1 Nov – 31 May

FSB

1

Blakelys Dam

1 Nov – 15 Apr

FSB

1

Butchers Dam

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

3

Caples River and tributaries (*refer to clause 11 for this region*)

1 Nov – 31 May

F

1

Cardrona River

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

1

Careys Creek

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

3

Careys Creek downstream of the rail line Bridge

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

3

Catlins Estuary downstream of State Highway 92 Bridge

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

6

Catlins River

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

6

Clutha River upstream from Luggate Bridge (except Deans Bank Section)

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FS

6

Clutha River Deans Bank Section (defined by landmark posts 1km downstream of Lake Wanaka and 600m upstream of Albert Town Bridge)

1 Oct – 31 May

F

6

Clutha River downstream of Luggate Bridge

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

6

Coalpit Dam

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

1

Conroys Dam

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FSB

1

Contour Channel

1 Oct – 30 Apr

FSB

3

Dart River

1 Oct – 30 Sep

FS

1

Dart River tributaries not mentioned in clause 2.3 for this region

1 Nov – 31 May

FS

1

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Deep Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Diamond Creek	1 Oct – 31 May	FS	1
Diamond Lake	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	3
Dingle Burn ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Falls Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Fraser Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Fraser River downstream of dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Fraser River Upper	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Glenorchy Lagoons	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1
Greenstone River and tributaries ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1
Greenstone River downstream of the Greenstone Station Road car park swing bridge	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Greenstone River upstream of Sly Burn confluence ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Feb – 31 Mar Controlled fishery period	F	1
Hamiltons Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Hawea River	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	6
Hoffmans Dam	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	1
Hores Control Pond	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Hunter River and tributaries ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Ida Burn Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Kaihiku Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Kaikorai Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Kaikorai Estuary downstream of Abbotts Creek confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Kawarau River	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Knights Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Kuriwao Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Kye Burn	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Lake Dispute	1 Oct – 31 May	FS	3
Lake Dunstan	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Hawea	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Hayes	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Lake Johnson	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	1
Lake Kirkpatrick	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	3
Lake Mahinerangi	1 Oct – 30 Sept	FSB	6
Lake Onslow	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	10
Lake Roxburgh, Highway Bridge at Alexandra downstream to the Roxburgh Dam	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Sylvan	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Tewa	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Lake Tuakitoto including the outlet channel and inlet channel	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Waihola including the outlet and waterways interconnected with Lake Waipori	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Lake Waipori	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Wakatipu	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lake Wanaka	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Lee Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Lindis River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Lochy River and tributaries downstream of Disputed Creek confluence	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1
Lochy River and tributaries upstream of Disputed Creek confluence ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	F	0
Loganburn Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
MacIennan River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Makarora River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Makarora River downstream of Wilkin River confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Manorburn Dam Lower	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Manorburn Dam Upper	1 Nov – 31 May	FSB	6
Manuherikia and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Mathias Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Matukituki River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Matukituki River downstream of Motatapu confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
McAtamney's Head Pond	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Meggat Burn	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Mill Creek junior fishery above Waterfall Park ( <i>refer to clause 12 for this region</i> )	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Mill Creek downstream of Speargrass Flat Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	1
Moke Lake	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Molyneux Pond	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	1
Motatapu River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Nenthorn Pond	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Nenthorn Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Nevis River and tributaries ( <i>refer to clauses 10 and 11 for this region</i> )	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1
Owaka River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Owaka River downstream of State Highway 92	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Perkins Pond	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Pinders Pond	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Pleasant River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Pomahaka River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Pomahaka River downstream of Swans Bridge (Clydevale Road)	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Pomahaka River upstream of Park Hill Bridge (Switzers Road)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Poolburn Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Puerua Estuary downstream of State Highway 92 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Puerua Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Rees River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Rees River downstream of Muddy Creek	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Reid Lake	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Routeburn River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	0
Rutherfords Dam	1 Nov – 15 Apr	FSB	1
Shag River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Shag River downstream of State Highway 1 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Shotover River	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Silverstream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Southern Reservoir ( <i>refer to clause 3 for this region</i> )	1 Oct – 31 Aug	FS	1
Styx Weir Pond	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Sullivans Dam	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Sutton Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Tahakopa River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Tahakopa River downstream of Maclennan River confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Taieri River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Taieri River downstream of Silverstream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Teviot River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Three O'Clock Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Timaru River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Timaru River downstream of Timaru Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FS	1
Tokomairiro River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Tokomairiro River downstream of Coal Gully Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Tomahawk Lagoon	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	1
Tuapeka River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Victoria Dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Von Lake	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1
Von River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1
Waipahi River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Waipori River upstream of Lake Waipori	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Waipori River downstream of Lake Waipori	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	6
Waitahuna River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Waitati River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3
Waitati River downstream of Orokonui Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Waiwera River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	6
Waikouaiti River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikouaiti River downstream of State Highway 1 Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	2
Waters of Leith downstream of the Lindsay Creek confluence to the Leith Street Foot Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	3

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Waters of Leith downstream of Leith Street Foot Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB	3
Wilkin River and tributaries ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Young River and tributaries ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1

### 3. CLOSED SEASON

Fishing for sports fish is not permitted at any time in the following specified waters:

- Bullock Creek, from Lake Wanaka to source.
- Horne Creek, from Lake Wakatipu to source.
- Lake Wakatipu, within the waters of Queenstown Bay bounded by a straight line drawn from the outermost point of Queenstown Gardens to the point where the south bank of One Mile Creek meets Lake Wakatipu.
- Lake Wanaka, within 150m of any part of the launch wharf at the township of Wanaka, within 150m of any part of the public jetty at the Wanaka Marina, and anywhere within 150m of the shoreline between the wharf and the jetty.
- Lake Wakatipu, within 100m of any part of the wharf in Black Bay (commonly known as the Walter Peak Jetty).
- Mill Creek (which flows into Lake Hayes), from the Speargrass Flat Road Bridge to Waterfall Park.
- Southern Reservoir in September except for Otago Fish and Game Council controlled fishing events.
- All waters in which sports fish are held in captivity for display, hatching or other purposes, or within a distance of 100m from any part of the outer boundaries of such waters.
- Waters of Leith upstream of the Lindsay Creek confluence and including Lindsay Creek.

### 4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

4.1 When playing a salmon in the Clutha River downstream of Roxburgh Dam, a gaff may be used to secure or land that salmon if it is greater than 450mm. Refer to 2.3 of this part of the Notice.

### 5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

Refer to 2.3 of this part of the Notice.

### 6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

6.1 Refer to 2.3 of this part of the Notice.

No person shall fish with a float or floating device on the line in that section of the Clutha River downstream of Roxburgh Dam to the Roxburgh Township Bridge.



## 7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no designated coarse fishing waters in Otago.

## 8. USE OF BOATS

8.1 No anglers shall fish from, or tow any lure from, any boat which is being mechanically propelled on Lake Dispute, Lake Hayes, Lake Johnson, Moke Lake or Reid Lake.

8.2 No anglers shall fish from a boat on Lake Kirkpatrick.

8.3 Subject to clause 8.4 for this region, anglers fishing from boats, which are being mechanically propelled, must stay at least 100m from any anglers fishing from the shore.

8.4 No anglers fishing for sports fish shall troll from any boat, which is being mechanically propelled on any river or stream except the Taieri River downstream of the Otokia Bridge on State Highway 1, the Waipori River downstream from the Contour Channel and the Clutha River downstream from Balclutha.

No anglers shall fish for trout from any boat, canoe, pontoon or any flotation device on any river or stream except the:

- Taieri River downstream of the Otokia Bridge on State Highway 1,
- Waipori River downstream from the Contour Channel and
- Clutha River downstream from Balclutha.

8.5 No anglers shall fish for trout from any boat, canoe, pontoon or any flotation device on any river or stream except:

- Clutha River from the Albertown Bridge to the sea.
- Matukituki River from Glenfinnan Stream confluence to Lake Wanaka.
- Kawarau River from its source at Lake Wakatipu to Lake Dunstan.
- The Taieri River from Outram to the sea.
- Waipori River from Contour Channel confluence to the Taieri River confluence.
- All tidal reaches of rivers.

## 9. DAILY BAG LIMITS

9.1 Except in the case of perch for which there is no daily limit, no person shall on any one day take and kill or be in possession of more than the prescribed daily limit from the waters specified in 2.3.

9.2 No more than 2 salmon:

All waters except the Clutha River catchment upstream of Roxburgh Dam.

9.3 No more than 6 sports fish per day:

Subject to the restrictions set out in 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 9.1 and 9.2 above, no person shall on any 1 day take or kill or be in possession of more than 6 sports fish per day from any waters except Lake Onslow (refer to 2.3).

9.4 A licence holder may continue to fish for a particular species of sports fish on any day on which he or she has already killed the limit bag for that species as long as any fish taken are immediately returned with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.

## 10. FISH LENGTH

10.1 No person shall take or be in possession of any salmon less than 450mm taken from the Clutha River or its tributaries downstream of Roxburgh Dam and all other waters running into the sea.

10.2 No person shall take or be in possession of any fish greater than 400mm taken from the Nevis River.

10.3 In all other waters there shall be no minimum length.

## 11. OTAGO BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

### *Backcountry fishery*

#### 11.1 Definition:

*backcountry fishery* in this Region is defined as—

- (a) **the Greenstone River backcountry fishery** which means the Greenstone River catchment, namely—
  - (i) the Greenstone River upstream of the swing bridge at the car park end of Greenstone Station Road; and
  - (ii) all tributary streams flowing into the Greenstone River, including the Caples River.
- (b) **the Dingle Burn backcountry fishery** which means the Dingle Burn upstream of the bridge on the Dingle Burn Station access road.
- (c) **the Lochy River backcountry fishery** which means the Lochy River catchment upstream of the confluence with Disputed Creek.
- (d) **the Nevis River backcountry fishery** which means the Nevis River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Kawarau River.
- (e) **the Hunter River backcountry fishery** which means the Hunter River catchment upstream of the river's mouth where the river enters Lake Hawea.
- (f) **the Young River backcountry fishery** which means the Young River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Makarora River.

- (g) **the Wilkin River backcountry fishery** which means the Wilkin River catchment upstream of the confluence with the Makarora River.

11.2 All anglers who fish in the backcountry fishery (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) must first obtain a backcountry licence (as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice:

*Controlled area*

11.3 Definitions:

- **controlled area** means the **Greenstone River (and its tributary streams)** between the river's source and its confluence with the Sly Burn.
- **controlled period** means the period beginning on 1 February 2018 and ending on 31 March 2018.
- **controlled-period licence** means a licence that entitles the following persons to fish for sports fish in the controlled area during the controlled period, but only during the day, and on the reach, specified in the licence:
  - (a) the holder of the controlled-period licence; and
  - (b) if the holder also holds a backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence, the holder's spouse or partner and, if accompanied by the holder or the holder's spouse or partner, any member of the holder's family; and
  - (c) any 1 or more companion anglers named in the controlled-period licence who hold backcountry licences.

11.4 In the controlled area, a controlled period applies. All anglers who fish in the controlled area must first obtain a controlled-period licence (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017).

## 12 WATERS RESTRICTED TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

12.1 No person shall fish in waters designated as a "junior fishery" in clause 2.3 for this region unless they are a child or junior licence holder under the age of 18 years on 1 October 2017.

12.2 The Waters this clause applies to is:

Mill Creek upstream of Waterfall Park.

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The Southland region is one of the strongholds of brown trout in New Zealand. Regular summer rain means that the rivers and streams of the region usually flow strongly all through the fishing season. However this also means that rainfall can at times limit angling activities and anglers should have a good knowledge of the region so that lakes and spring creeks, which are not affected by flooding, can be fished. The Southland plains and hills offer a large number of easily accessible rivers and streams which cater for all types of angling. Most waters have easy access points, many of which are marked with Fish & Game signage. The Mataura is the best known Southland River. It flows through the town of Gore, "The Brown Trout Capital of the World". This reputation brings an ever increasing number of anglers into our province to fish this and other rivers like the Aparima and Oreti. While the headwaters of these rivers have reputations for producing big fish they are often very hard to catch and are less numerous. The lowland rivers are much more productive and accessible and, while their trout are smaller on average they can provide excellent angling, especially for family groups and those starting out on a fishing career.

Rainbow trout are restricted to the western lakes and their tributaries, and the Mararoa and Waiiau River system. Didymo, the invasive alga that smothers river beds, occurs in several Southland rivers, affecting the Mararoa and the Waiiau the worst. Anglers need to carefully clean their gear between rivers because there are rivers where it hasn't got to yet. The rivers of Fiordland are pristine and it is important that didymo does not get introduced to these. Anglers fishing in these rivers must get a Clean Gear Certificate before fishing there. Details are on the Web site [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) and at the F&G office.

The large lakes, Te Anau and Manapouri, and the smaller lakes Monowai and North Mavora are ideal for trolling from a boat. While they don't have large populations of trout compared to lakes farther north they are beautiful scenic gems where competent anglers can expect to catch several fish in a day's fishing. We have trolling brochures and a video on the F&G website to help anglers maximise their chances of catching a fish or two.

In midsummer Southland's mid reach and easily accessible headwater rivers can get quite crowded so it's important that anglers are considerate of others and give them space to enjoy trout fishing as it should be - "a contemplative person's recreation". We have voluntary beat systems on the Upper Oreti and we encourage anglers to ensure they don't walk down onto others who may be fishing upstream, to maintain peace and harmony on all of our river banks.

Salmon (chinook) angling in Southland is worth a try too. Each year a few dozen sea run salmon are caught in the main rivers in February and March. Lake Manapouri has a developing chinook population. Special regulations apply to river salmon fishing and these are detailed in the following pages.

## Regulations

### 1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

### 2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Permitted Methods definition

**F** = Fly fishing only

**FS** = Fly or Spin fishing only

**FSB** = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Acton Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
All rivers and lakes draining to the Tasman Sea and Foveaux Strait west of the Waiau River	All year	FS	4
All tributaries of the Aparima, Oreti and Mataura Rivers, not covered below	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Aparima River and tributaries upstream of Hamilton Burn confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2
Aparima River, Hamilton Burn confluence to Wreys Bush Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Aparima River, Wreys Bush Bridge to Thornbury Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Aparima River, the Thornbury Bridge to sea	All year	FSB	4
Borland Burn	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2
Cromel Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Eglinton River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1
Ettrick Burn ( <i>refer to clause 11 for this region</i> )	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Hamilton Burn and tributaries upstream of Mossburn Otautau Road	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2
Hamilton Burn downstream of Mossburn Otautau Road	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Irthing Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Tributaries of Te Anau, Manapouri, Monowai, Hauroko, Hankinson (except Ettrick Burn and Eglinton, Upukerora, Upper Waiau and Mararoa Rivers)	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	2
Lake Fergus	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	2
Lake Gunn	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	2
Lake Hankinson	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	2
Lake Hauroko	All year	FS	2
Lake Henry “junior fishery” ( <i>refer to clause 12 for this region</i> )	All year	FSB	2
Lake Manapouri (including Waiau Arm)	All year	FS	2
Lake Manapouri, Frasers Beach to Supply Bay, Junior & Child anglers from the shore only	All year	FSB	2
Lake Mavora (North and South)	All year	FS	2

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Lake Mavora (North and South), Junior & Child anglers from the shore only	All year	FSB	2
Lake Monowai	All year	FS	2
Lake Poteriteri	All year	FS	2
Lake Te Anau	All year	FS	2
Lake Te Anau Control Gates to Upukerora River mouth, Junior & Child anglers from the shore only	All year	FSB	2
Lake Thomas	All year	FSB	2
Lake Waituna and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Lilburn	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
McGregor Pond (Whitestone River Berm) "junior fishery" (refer to clause 12 for this region)	20 Oct – 30-Sep	FSB	2
Makarewa River upstream of Riverton – Invercargill Highway and all tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Makarewa River downstream of Riverton – Invercargill Highway	All year	FSB	4
Mararoa River upstream of The Key Bridge including upper Mararoa and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1
Mararoa River downstream of The Key Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Mataura River and tributaries upstream of Hume's Road Bridge, Garston	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1
Mataura River – Garston Bridge to the Gore Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Mataura River – the Gore Bridge to the Gorge Road Bridge	1 Oct – 31 May, excluding 5 and 6 May 2018	FSB	4
Mataura River – the Gorge Road Bridge to sea	All year	FSB	4
Mimihau River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Mokoreta River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Monowai River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2
Orauea Stream and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Ourawera Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Oreti River and tributaries upstream of Rocky Point – Backcountry Fishery (refer to Clause 11 for this region)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1
Oreti River – Rocky Point to Riverton – Invercargill Highway	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Oreti River Riverton – Invercargill Highway to sea	All year	FSB	4
Otamita Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Pourakino River and tributaries upstream of Waipango Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Pourakino River downstream of Waipango Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Taunamau Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Titiroa Stream and tributaries upstream of The Locks	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2

Rivers / Lakes	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Titiroa Stream downstream of The Locks	All year	FSB	2
Tokanui Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Upukerora River	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Waiiau River between Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau	1 Oct – 31 May	FS	2
Waiiau River – Mararoa Weir (refer to clause 3.1 for this region) to Tuatapere	1 Oct – 31 May	FSB	4
Waiiau River from Tuatapere to the sea, including the Waiiau Lagoon	All year	FSB	4
Waiiau River tributaries from the Mararoa Weir to the sea (except Monowai, Borland and Wairaki Rivers)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waihopai River upstream of Queens Drive	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waihopai River downstream of Queens Drive	All year	FSB	2
Waikaia River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Waikaia River tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikaka River and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikawa River and tributaries, Niagara Bridge upstream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikawa River, Niagara Bridge downstream	All year	FSB	2
Waikiwi Stream upstream of North Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikiwi Stream downstream of North Road Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Waimatuku Stream and tributaries upstream of the bridge on Rance Road	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Waimatuku Stream and tributaries downstream of the bridge on Rance Road	All year	FSB	2
Waimea Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Wairaki River and tributaries upstream of the transmission lines	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1
Wairaki River downstream of the transmission lines	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Whitestone River upstream of Prospect Bridge	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1
Whitestone River between the Prospect Bridge and the Mararoa confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1

### 3. CLOSED WATERS

3.1 A person must not take (or attempt to take) sports fish from the following waters:

- That portion of Lake Manapouri which lies within 100 metres of any part of the Real Journeys Company's Tourist Centre, Pearl Harbour, Manapouri.
- That portion of Lake Te Anau that lies within 100 metres of any part of the wharf of the Real Journeys Company's office in the township of Te Anau.



- ✦ Those portions of the Waiau River, Mararoa River and the Waiau Arm of Lake Manapouri that are within 100 metres of the control gates on the Manapouri Lake Control structure, also known as the Mararoa Weir.

3.2 A person must not take (or attempt to take) salmon from any river during the months of April and May.

#### 4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

Refer First Schedule.

4.1 Scented artificial lures may be used in all waters other than fly fishing only waters, when actively fished so as to imitate a bait fish.

4.2 Molluscs or parts of molluscs may be used in bait fishing waters.

#### 5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

Refer to clause 2 for this region.

#### 6. BAIT FISHING NOT PERMITTED

Refer to clause 2 for this region.

#### 7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Fishing for coarse fish in all waters in Southland region is prohibited.

#### 8. USE OF BOATS

8.1 A person must not fish from any motorised boat (including electric motors) in Lake Thomas and South Lake Mavora.

8.2 A person must not fish from any boat or any form of flotation device in the:

- ✦ Eglinton River.
- ✦ Mataura River upstream from the Mataura Island Bridge.
- ✦ Oreti River upstream of the State Highway 94 Bridge just north of Lumsden.
- ✦ Waikaia River.

#### 9. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

9.1 Subject to clause 3.2 for this region, no person shall in any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 1 salmon from any waters of the region.

9.2 With the exception of perch for which there is no limit, no person shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 4 sports fish.

#### 10. FISH LENGTH

There are no minimum or maximum lengths for sports fish in Southland region.

## 11. SOUTHLAND BACKCOUNTRY FISHERY

### 11.1 Definition:

Backcountry fishery in this region means:

- The Ettrick Burn backcountry fishery.
- The Oreti River and tributaries upstream of Rocky Point backcountry fishery.

11.2 All anglers who fish in the backcountry fishery (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) must obtain a backcountry licence (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017) and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice.

### *Controlled area*

### 11.3 Definitions:

- controlled area means the Ettrick Burn from its confluence with Lake Te Anau to the upstream limit of Log Cabin Slip at NZTOPO 50-CC07 796753.
- controlled period means the period beginning on 1 November 2017 and ending on 31 May 2018.
- controlled period licence means a licence that entitles the following persons to fish for sports fish in the controlled area during the controlled period, but only during the day specified in the licence:
  - (a) the holder of the controlled period licence; and
  - (b) if the holder also holds a backcountry licence that is endorsed on a family licence, the spouse or partner, and if accompanied by the holder or the holder's spouse or partner and any member of the holder's family; and
  - (c) up to 3 companion anglers named in the controlled period licence who hold backcountry licences, provided that the maximum size of any group for any one permit is 4.

11.4 In the controlled area, a controlled period applies. All anglers who fish in the controlled area must first obtain a controlled period licence (as defined by the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2017).

## 12. WATERS RESTRICTED TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

12.1 A person must not fish in Lake Henry or McGregor pond, being waters designated as a "junior fishery" in clause 2 for this region unless the person is a child or junior licence holder under the age of 18 years on 1 October 2017.

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