

# 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 and Game Regions:

Eastern

### NOTICE

This Notice shall come into force on the 1st day of October 2018.

#### 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—
- a.) the size and limit bag for any species of sports fish:
  - b.) 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:
  - c.) any requirements, restrictions, or prohibitions on fishing tackle, methods, or the use of any gear, equipment, or device:
  - d.) the hours of fishing:
  - e.) 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.

**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

#### 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 2018, shall be so defined.

“all methods” means any artificial fly, or spinner or bait.”

“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 with:

- a.) a rod which has either a fixed or running line.
- b.) no restriction on the type or number of baits in use.
- c.) 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 any:

- a.) other activity that may reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish.
- b.) attempt to catch, take or harvest sports fish.
- c.) 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.

“legal 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.

Quinnat 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 8 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**

### **EASTERN FISH AND GAME REGION**

**Reference to description:** *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 83, 24 May 1990, page 1861 (SO Plan 58495)

#### **1. DEFINITIONS**

“Fly line” means any floating or sinking line used to facilitate casting that is greater than 3m in length.

“Set rod” means any assembled rod that is not in physical contact with a licence holder when being used to fish for sports fish.

“Wild rainbow trout” means any rainbow trout not having a fin-clip mark or tag.

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

<i>Lakes / Rivers</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limits</i>
<b>All other waters not listed and excepting closed waters (refer to clause 3 for this region)</b>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Aniwaniwa Stream downstream of Aniwaniwa Falls	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Aniwhenua Lake and canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Aratiatia Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Atiamuri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Flaxy Lake and Canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Hamurana Stream downstream of Hamurana Road	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Hopuruahine Stream and tributaries upstream of the landmark pole	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Kaitawa Lake	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Kaituna River downstream of control gates	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Kaituna River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
McLaren Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2

Maraetai Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Matahina Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Mokau Stream upstream of the landmark pole	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Motu River upstream of State Highway 35	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Motu River downstream of State Highway 35	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Ngahewa Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Ngapouri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Ngongotaha Stream downstream of State Highway 5 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ngongotaha Stream and tributaries (excluding Waimataa) upstream of State Highway 5 Bridge	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Ohau Channel between landmark at Lake Rotorua Outlet weir and landmark approximately 200m downstream of the weir	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Ohau Channel from landmark approximately 200m downstream of Lake Rotorua Outlet weir to Lake Rotoiti confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ohakuri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Okareka Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Okaro Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Okataina Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Winter shoreline area from Te Koutu Point landmark to west of Okataina Lodge landmark extending 200m offshore	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Putere Lakes	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rangitaiki River downstream of Otamatea Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rangitaiki River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Rangitaiki Canal (Wheao)	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rerewhakaaitu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotoehu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotoiti Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Winter shoreline area from Tapuaekura Bay landmark to Hinehopu Landmark extending 200m offshore, excepting areas below in italics:	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• <i>Within 200m of Ruato Bay Stream mouth and the Pipe</i>	All year	<i>Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 September</i>	8
Rotoma Lake, excepting areas below	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter shoreline areas between landmarks at Anaputa Point and Matahi Bay, and between landmarks in Manawahe Bay both extending 200m offshore</li> </ul>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotomahana Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotorua Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ruahihi Canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Ruakituri River and tributaries (excluding Hangaroa) upstream of Te Reinga Falls	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	2
Tarawera Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 200m of Te Wairoa Stream mouth</li> </ul>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 June	8, female trout only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter shoreline area from Tarawera Outlet landmark to Te Tapahoro Bay landmark and 200m offshore</li> </ul>	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter shoreline area from Te Wairoa Landing landmark to Otumutu Lagoon landmark and 200m offshore, excepting area below in italics:</li> </ul>	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Within 200m of the Landing landmark</i></li> </ul>	<i>All year</i>	<i>Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 September</i>	8
Tarawera River from the outlet to the Tarawera falls, excluding the spawning sanctuary	1 Oct – 31 May	Fly fishing only	8
Tarawera River from the falls to State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Tarawera River downstream of State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Tikitapu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Tiniroto Lakes	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Utuhina Stream downstream of Devon Road Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Utuhina Stream upstream of Devon Road Bridge but downstream of Pukehangi Road Bridge	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Waikareiti Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Waikaremoana Lake excepting area below	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 200m downstream of Hopuruahine and Mokau landmark poles</li> </ul>	All year	Fly fishing only	8*
Waikaretaheke River downstream of Piripaua Powerhouse	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waiiau River downstream of the Waikaretaheke River confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waikato River from Huka Falls to Maraetai	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit

Waimana River downstream of Matahi Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waioeka River downstream of Tauranga Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waioeka River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wairoa River downstream of Te Reinga Falls to State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Wairoa River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wairoa River (Tauranga) downstream of Lake McLaren	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Wairoa River (Tauranga) downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Waiteti Stream downstream of Hamurana Road	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Waiteti Stream upstream of Hamurana Road	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Whakamarino Lake (Tuai Lake)	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Whakamaru Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Whakatane River downstream of Owaka Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Whakatane River downstream of the State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wheao River	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2

*Bag limits denoted by 8\* mean no licence holder shall kill more than 2 brown trout in a daily bag limit of 8 trout.*

### **3. CLOSED WATERS**

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish at any time from the following waters:

- 3.1 All streams flowing into Lake Tarawera and that portion of the Tarawera River enclosed by landmarks at the Lake Tarawera Outlet and extending approximately 150m downstream to Tarawawera River Foot Bridge otherwise known as the Tarawera Outlet Spawning Sanctuary.
- 3.2 The Utuhina Stream upstream of the Pukehangi Road Bridge and all tributaries of this stream.
- 3.3 The following streams and their tributaries which flow into Lake Rotorua:
  - a.) The Awahou, Waiowhiro, Waiohewa, Waingaehe, Waimataa and Waikuta Streams.
  - b.) The Hamurana Stream upstream of the Hamurana Road Bridge.
- 3.4 All springs, streams and their tributaries which flow into Lake Waikareiti, and into or from Lakes Rotoma, Rotoehu, Rotomahana, Rerewhakaaitu, Rotokakahi, Okareka, Okataina and Rotoiti except the Ohau Channel and the Kaituna River.



- 3.5 The section of the Ruahihi Canal between the landmarks at the southern end of the canal which enclose the artificial spawning bed.
- 3.6 Any waters in which sports fish are held in captivity for display, breeding, hatching, monitoring or other purposes (excepting 3.7 below)
- 3.7 Ngongotaha Hatchery educational Fishery (known as Children's Fishing Pond) except by special authorisation.

#### **4. AUTHORISED TACKLE**

- 4.1 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish with a set rod unless he or she is fishing from a boat.
- 4.2 Downriggers, paravanes and metal cored or wire lines are prohibited in Lakes Waikaremoana and Waikareiti.

#### **5. BAIT FISHING WATERS**

No licence holder when fishing in bait fishing waters shall use any whole fish sourced from any water other than that where the fishing is occurring.

#### **6. COARSE FISHING WATERS**

There are no defined coarse fishing waters in the Eastern Region.

#### **7. USE OF BOATS**

- 7.1 No licence holder shall fish for trout from a boat in the following waters:
- a.) The designated winter shoreline-fishing areas on Lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina (*refer to clause 2 for this region*) from 1 July to 30 September.

*Note 1) No boats are allowed to pass through the Tarawera Outlet Spawning Sanctuary at any time.*

*2) No boats are permitted under the Bay of Plenty Regional Navigation Safety Bylaws 2004 to anchor in the Ohau Channel.*

- 7.2 No licence holder shall fish for trout from any unanchored boat:
- a.) within 200m of a landmark.
- 7.3 Anchored boats should be securely anchored with no more than two anchors.
- 7.4 No licence holder shall fish from any motorised boat or use an anchor when fishing in Lake Kaitawa or Lake Whakamarino (Tuai).

#### **8. HOURS OF FISHING**

No licence holder shall fish for any sports fish between 12.00 midnight and 5.00am.

**9. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FISH LENGTH TO BE TAKEN**

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| 9.1 | Lakes Waikaremoana, Kaitawa, Whakamarino (Tuai) and Waikareiti, and the Rotorua Lakes and their inflowing tributary streams | 350mm minimum         |
| 9.2 | Ruakituri River and tributaries upstream of Waitangi Falls  | 600mm maximum         |
| 9.3 | All other waters  | No minimum size limit |
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