

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 Region:

North Canterbury

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

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME REGION

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

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 Waiau 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

2.1 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.

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

Permitted Methods definition

F = Artificial Fly fishing only

FS = Artificial Fly or Spin fishing only

FSB = Artificial Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

LAKES	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Trout Limits	Salmon Limit
Blackwater, Lake	10 Dec – 30 Apr	FS	2	n/a
Christchurch Groynes Fishing Lakes- the four ponds at the western end of the Groynes reserve signposted as designated fishing lakes	All year	FSB	2	2

Coleridge, Lake	4 Nov – 30 Apr and 1 Jun – 31 Aug	FS	2	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
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
<i>EASTERN ZONE RIVERS</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
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
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
Rakaia 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
Waiiau River, downstream of Hope River confluence (Eastern Zone)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2
Waiiau 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

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

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

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

3. CLOSED WATERS

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

- a.) Avon River between the Armagh Street Bridge at Hagley Park and the Barbadoes Street Bridge.
- b.) Clearwater Lakes with the exception of Lake 3, Lake 4 and Lake 5.
- c.) St Annes Lagoon near Cheviot.
- d.) The tailrace of the Highbank Power Station.
- e.) 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. Ferrymead Park lakes.
Christchurch Groynes lakes. Westlake near Halswell.

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

- a.) All rivers from 1 May to 30 September
- b.) Cam River and its tributaries upstream of the Smith Street Bridge
- c.) Hacketts Creek from 1 March to 30 April.
- d.) The Kowhai River and its tributaries from 1 March to 30 April.
- e.) The Kaiapoi River and tributaries upstream of Williams Street Bridge to the confluence with the Cust Main Drain from 1 April – 30 September.
- f.) The Kaiapoi River and tributaries upstream of the confluence with the Cust Main Drain
- g.) Mandamus River.

- h.) Pahau River.
- i.) Waitoхи River.
- j.) Otukaikino/South Branch upstream of the confluence with the Waimakariri River.
- k.) 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 2018) or junior licence holder (under the age of 18 years as at 1st October 2018) shall fish in the Christchurch Groynes 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 Groynes 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 Forsyth (Te Wairewa).
Lake Lyndon.
Lake Sumner.
Lake Taylor.
Loch Katrine.

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 4 sports fish caught that day, of which no more than 2 may be salmon, *except* in Lake Coleridge.

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.

8.4 Anglers are **strongly** encouraged to limit their season catch to a maximum of 4 salmon. Angler harvest data indicates this may be one of the key freshwater components having an impact on the declining salmon fishery. Further restrictions may be imposed if harvest / spawning number ratios do not improve and the salmon fishery shows no signs of recovery. For further information you can download the report *Restoration of the Salmon Fishery - a strategic outline* here: <https://fishandgame.org.nz/dmsdocument/1194>

Note: The daily bag limit for salmon in the Kaiapoi River is 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;

- a.) 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, Waiau 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.
- b.) 450mm for Lake Sumner Chinook salmon.
- c.) 150mm for Tench in coarse fishing waters.
- d.) 250mm for Perch in the Kaiapoi Lakes

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