

Fish & Game New Zealand's Central South Island region (CSI) extends from the south bank of the Rakaia River in the north, to Moeraki in the south. The CSI sports fishery offers a lifetime of opportunity as it sustains six sports fish species in a myriad of waterways and landscapes that lie between the Southern alps, high-country basins, and the Canterbury Plains.

Smaller rivers including the Ōpihi and Ashburton / Hakatere together with many high-country lakes are habitat to prized brown and rainbow trout fisheries. Fontinalis (brook trout) are also present in some of these waters. In fact, CSI has some of the best fontinalis fishing in the country, with Lake Emily being renowned as the place in New Zealand to catch a trophy.

The Mackenzie Basin / Te Manahuna contains some of the most popular and picturesque fishing spots in New Zealand whilst still offering some secret spots for adventurous anglers. The Tekapo/ Takapō River and Lake Benmore contain 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 / Te Manahuna are world-famous for producing extremely large trout. Local and visiting anglers flock to the canals for their ease of access, scenic surroundings, year-round fishing and for the chance to catch wild trophy-size trout or salmon released from the commercial salmon farms that operate within the canals. Rainbow trout commonly reach 4-10kg and each season several brown and rainbow trout weighing 12-18kg are caught. Although yet to be proven, many anglers believe the canals can produce a trout weighing 50-pounds (22.7kg).

The Ōhau River between lakes Ruataniwha and Ōhau is a designated Controlled Area with a controlled period during September and October. The controlled period is colloquially known as the "Spring Season". Angler numbers are limited during the Spring Season to maintain the river's high-country fishery aesthetics. A ballot draw is held to randomly issue a limited number of controlled period licences for specified 2-day fishing allocations. For information about entering the ballot please visit our www.fishandgame.org.nz website or contact our office in Temuka directly.

With their headwaters in the Southern Alps, the Waitaki and the Rangitata/ Rakitata are the region's biggest rivers. These are noted sea-run Chinook salmon fisheries and usually produce their best fishing from December through March. Annual monitoring of these once productive salmon fisheries has established that populations are critically low and require restrictive regulations to ensure viable populations reach the headwaters to spawn. A sea-run salmon season bag limit was introduced in the 2021-22 sports fishing season across the CSI and North Canterbury Fish & Game regions as a tool to limit harvest while maintaining an open season for this treasured pastime.

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.

SEARUN SALMON LICENCING AND INFORMATION

For information about obtaining a Sea Run Salmon Licence and Season Bag Limit Card visit our website www.fishandgame.org.nz

FISHING AND ACCESS INFORMATION

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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 for Hunting and Fishing on the advice of the 12 regional Fish & Game Councils. The Fish & Game licence allows an angler to fish New Zealand wide (except Taupō).

Anglers Notice

Fish & Game Regions 2025

Conservation Act 1987

Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983

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

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

Notice

This notice revokes all previous Anglers Notices and shall come into force on 1 October 2025.

1. Application of this Notice

- 1.1** This Anglers Notice sets out the conditions under which a current sports fish licence holder or a person named on a family whole-season licence 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; and
 - (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, 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 an angler 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 & Game Regions.

Second Schedule:

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

First Schedule

1. 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 2025, shall be so defined.

“assembled rod” means a rod that is assembled from butt to tip, together with a line and lure attached.

“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.

"*closed*" means no fishing is permitted.

"*coarse fish*" means Perch, Tench (all New Zealand) and Rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish & 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.

"*controlled fishery*" means a controlled fishery described in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2025 and for which a controlled-period licence is required when fishing during a controlled period.

"*daily bag limit*" means the total number of sports fish that may be taken or killed by any one person during any one day.

"*designated waters*" means a designated waters fishery described in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2025 and for which a designated waters licence is required when fishing.

"*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.

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

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

"*junior fishery*" means a named location where only a child or junior angler may fish.

"*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.

"sea-run Salmon waters" means sea-run Salmon waters described in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2025 in the North Canterbury and Central South Island Fish & Game regions and for which a sea-run Salmon licence is required when fishing for Salmon and to which the Sea-run Salmon Season Bag Limit Notes apply.

"season bag limit" means the total number of sports fish that may be taken or killed by any one person between the 1 October and 30 September.

"season bag limit card" means a card upon which anglers taking or killing sports fish in Fish & Game regions that have a season bag limit must legibly record the date, name of water, sex (as can best be determined by the angler), weight in kilograms and length in centimetres of the fish, and whether it was fin clipped.

"spin fishing" means to fish for sports fish with a spinner.

"spinner" means any artificial lure other than an artificial fly.

"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 & Game Region only).
- Any hybrid of the above species.

"zero bag limit" means fishing is permitted but no fish may be kept.

2. Authorised Tackle

2.1 No angler shall fish for Trout or Salmon except by using a rod and running line and authorised method (as defined in clause 8 of this First Schedule).

2.2 Nets and gaffs:

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

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

2.2.3 No angler shall use a gaff to secure or land a sports fish except where provided for in the Second Schedule of this notice.

2.3 No angler when fishing for sports fish shall:

2.3.1 Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.

2.3.2 Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.

2.3.3 Use more than 1 bait assembly.

2.3.4 Be more than 15m from the rod being used, except where stated otherwise in the Second Schedule of this notice.

2.3.5 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.

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

2.4 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.

3. Foul Hooking of Fish

3.1 No angler shall attempt to foul hook any sports fish.

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

4. Fish Length

4.1 Every angler 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.

5. Open Season

5.1 No angler shall fish for any sports fish except during an open season.

6. Daily Bag Limit

6.1 No angler shall continue to fish for a particular species of sports fish on any day in which the angler has already killed the limit bag for that species except where provided for in the Second Schedule.

6.2 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.

7. Season Bag Limit

7.1 No angler shall continue to fish for sports fish in any season in which the angler has already killed the season bag limit for that species, except where provided for in the Second Schedule.

8. Authorised Methods

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

- Artificial fly (**F**).
- Bait (**B**).
- Spinner (**S**).

Second Schedule

Central South Island Fish & Game Region

The Central South Island region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, page 1861, as amended by *New Zealand Gazette*, 29 August 1991, No. 129, page 2786, and as further amended by the *New Zealand Gazette*, 3 September 1992, No. 141, at page 2958.

1. Definitions

For interpretation of terms, refer to the First Schedule of this notice.

2. Additional Requirements

- Note 1**
- 1.1** First Schedule conditions apply.
 - 1.2** No angler shall continue to fish for sports fish at any time after having already taken a bag limit for that species.
 - 1.3** No angler when fishing for sports fish shall use any unsporting device or method.
 - 1.4** No angler shall 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.
 - 1.5** Any angler who lands a sports fish that will not be kept shall immediately return it with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.
 - 1.6** There are no restrictions on the hours of fishing except that no angler may fish for, take or kill sea-run chinook Salmon in 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.
 - 1.7** There is no minimum length for Trout.
 - 1.8** The minimum length for Salmon killed in waters of the Region shall be 300mm except in lakes where the minimum length shall be 250mm and in Lake Heron / Ōtūroto where the minimum length shall be 300mm and the maximum length shall be 450mm.
 - 1.9** There is no daily bag limit and no minimum length for coarse fish except in designated coarse fishing waters (see Note 2).
 - 1.10** No angler shall fish for sockeye Salmon between 1 March and 30 April in - Deep Stream (Lake Aviemore), Otematata River / Ōtamatakou, Tekapo River / Takapō, Mary Burn / Te Kōhai, Grays River, Larch Stream, Ōhau River, Ahuriri River, Omarama Stream / Te Ao Mārama, Twizel River / Whakatipu, or any other stream or river where sockeye Salmon are present.
 - 1.11** A portion of fish may be used as bait where bait fishing is permitted, excluding any portion of salmon, trout or any fish eggs.
 - 1.12** Scented artificial lures may be used where spin fishing is permitted, when actively fished so as to imitate a bait fish.
- Note 2**
- 2.1** Coarse fishing waters - Centennial Park Lake (Timaru), Island Stream, Saltwater Creek, and Waiareka Creek. Daily limit 1 Tench. No daily limit for Perch. Minimum size 450mm for Tench and 250mm for Perch.
- Note 3**
- 3.1** No sports fishing from boats in lakes, Camp / Ōtautari, Denny, Donne, Emily and Spider.
- Note 4**
- 4.1** No sports fishing from any unmoored boat in lakes MacGregor / Whakarukumoana and Māori Lakes / Ōtūwharekai.
- Note 5**
- 5.1** An angler when fishing for sports fish in the Rangitata River / Rakitata or its tributaries may use, seaward of a line extending through two GPS points (-44.181807°, 171.499428° and -44.179319°, 171.504111°) and where part of the line is marked by two poles situated approximately 1km from the coast, an artificial fly only if the total weight of everything attached to the cast does not exceed 28g.

5.2 An angler when fishing for sports fish in the Rangitata River / Rakitata or its tributaries 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 extending through two GPS points (-44.181807°, 171.499428° and -44.179319°, 171.504111°) and where part of the line is marked by two poles situated approximately 1km from the coast.

Note 6 6.1 No angler shall fish in Lake Alexandrina / Takamana using down riggers, paravanes, metal cored or wire lines and weights to assist sinking of trolled lures.

Note 7 7.1 An angler may fish from any boat in Lake Middleton, Kellands Pond and Wairepo Arm except when being propelled by a motor.

Note 8 8.1 No angler shall use as bait any feed pellets used for the rearing of trout or salmon in the Tekapo / Takapō Canal, Pūkaki- Ōhau A Canal and - Ōhau canals.

Note 9 9.1 **Controlled Fishery:** No angler may fish in a controlled fishery during a controlled period unless they are the holder of an appropriate controlled-period licence or are named on such a licence.

Note 10 Sea-run Salmon Season Bag Limit

- 10.1** No angler may fish for Salmon in a sea-run Salmon water unless they are the holder of a sea-run Salmon licence or are named on such a licence.
- 10.2** All holders of a sea-run Salmon licence are eligible to receive a Season Bag Limit Card. Family whole-season anglers that have a Sea-run Salmon Licence are eligible for one Season Bag Limit Card per family licence.
- 10.3** No angler shall fish for, take, kill or be in possession of a Salmon from sea-run Salmon waters within the Central South Island Fish & Game Region without holding a Season Bag Limit Card.
- 10.4** No angler or family fishing under a family whole-season licence shall over the length of the season take, kill or be in possession of more than one Salmon from sea-run Salmon waters in both the Central South Island and North Canterbury Fish & Game regions combined.
- 10.5** Immediately upon taking or killing a Salmon from sea-run Salmon waters, the angler must complete an entry in their Season Bag Limit Card for that fish.
- 10.6** All anglers that fished for Salmon from sea-run Salmon waters in either the Central South Island or North Canterbury Fish & Game regions must return their Season Bag Limit Card data to either the Central South Island or North Canterbury Fish & Game Council by 7 May 2026, regardless of how many such Salmon were taken or killed.
- 10.7** All holders of a Season Bag Limit Card must produce it to a Fish & Game Ranger on demand.

3. Open season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits

Water	Section of water	Open Season	Authorised Fishing Methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 For Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
All waters except where otherwise specified below		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	2	no limit	Note 1
Ahuriri River	and tributaries upstream of and including Longslip Creek	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2		Note 1
	and tributaries downstream of Longslip Creek except Omarama Stream	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	4	2		Note 1
Ahuriri River Lagoons		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2			Note 1

Ashburton River / Hakatere	North and South Branches and tributaries upstream of Taylors Stream confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
	South Branch and tributaries downstream of Taylors Stream confluence and Ashburton River downstream of North and South branch junction	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed	Note 1
Aviemore spawning race		Closed				
Awakino River / Te Awakinouui		Trout: 1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Notes 1, 10
		Salmon: 1st Saturday Nov - 31 Mar	FS		Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Bells Pond	Waitaki River irrigation pond at Ross Road	1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Bortons Pond	Waitaki River irrigation Pond at Black Point, State Highway 83	1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Deep Creek	a tributary to the upper Rangitata River / Rakitata	Trout: 1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Note 1
		Salmon: 1 Oct - last day of Feb	FS		Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Deep Stream	a tributary to Lake Aviemore, and its tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Deep Stream	a tributary to the upper Rangitata River / Rakitata	Trout: 1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Note 1
		Salmon: 1 Oct - last day of Feb	FS		Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Fork Stream / Hakatere		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Grays River		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Hakataramea River		Trout: 1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
		Salmon: 1st Saturday Nov - 31 Mar	FS		Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
High-country tarns or lagoons		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Hinds River / Hekeao - child anglers		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Hinds River / Hekeao - other than child anglers		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Irishman Creek / Te Wai-a-Kohe		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Note 1

Island Stream / Kauru		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Kakanui River / Kakaunui	and tributaries upstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
	and tributaries downstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Kellands Pond		All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Notes 1, 7
Lake Alexandrina / Takamana	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	4 Trout max 1 brown	2	Notes 1, 6
	Winter season	1 Jun - 31 July	FS	2 sports fish max 1 brown Trout		Notes 1, 6
Lake Aviemore / Mahi Tikumu		All year	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
	tributaries except Deep Stream and Otematata River	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Benmore / Te Ao Mārama		All year	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
	tributaries except Tekapo / Takapō, Ahuriri and Otematapaio rivers	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Camp / Ōtautari		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	2		Note 1, 3
Centennial Park Lake (Timaru)		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Lake Clearwater / Te Puna-a-Taka	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Denny	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Donne	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Emily	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Emma / Kirihonuhonu	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Heron / Ōtūroto	and tributaries west of a line drawn between two GPS points (-43.469985°, 171.198733° and -43.467572°, 171.199181°) positioned at the entrance to Harrisons Bight.	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
	and tributaries east of a line drawn between two GPS points (-43.469985°, 171.198733° and -43.467572°, 171.199181°) positioned at the entrance to Harrisons Bight.	1st Saturday Nov - 31 Mar	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
Lake Hood		All year	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake McGregor / Whakarukumoana		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Notes 1, 4
Lake Merino		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Middleton		All year	FSB	4	2	Notes 1, 7

Lake Mystery		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1
Lake Ōhau		All year	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
Lake Ōhau tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Opuha / Ōpūaha		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4		Note 1
		1 June - 30 Aug	FSB			
Lake Opuha / Ōpūaha tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Note 1
Lake Poaka		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1
Lake Pūkaki		All year	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
Lake Pūkaki tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Roundabout	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1
Lake Ruataniwha		All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1
Lake Spider	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Tekapo / Takapō		All year	FSB	6 sports fish total and no more than 4 to be Trout or 4 to be Salmon		Note 1
Lake Tekapo/ Takapō tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Waitaki		-All year	FSB	4 sports fish		Note 1
Lake Waitaki tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Lake Wardell		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4		Note 1
Lake Stream		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	2	Closed	Note 1
Larch Stream		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	2	2	Note 1
Loch Cameron - child anglers		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	2	2	Note 1
Loch Cameron - other than child anglers		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Maerewhenua River		Trout: 1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
		Salmon: 1st Saturday Nov - 31 Mar	FS		Refer Note 10	Note 1, 9
Māori Lakes / Ōtūwharekai and their tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1, 4
Mary Burn / Te Kōhai		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Ōhapi Creek		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
Ōhau Canal	from the Lake Ōhau outlet to the junction with Pūkaki - Ōhau A Canal	All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1, Note 8
Ōhau B and Ōhau C Canals	From Lake Ruataniwha to the Ōhau C power station	All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1, Note 8

Ōhau River	downstream of Lake Ruataniwha	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Ōhau River	Ōhau River from Lake Ruataniwha to the Lake Ōhau weir	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2 sports fish		Notes 1,9
	Controlled Fishery Ōhau River from Lake Ruataniwha to the Lake Ōhau weir	1 Oct - 31 Oct 2025, and 1st Saturday Sep - 30 Sep 2026	FS	2 sports fish		Notes 1,9
Omarama Stream / Te Ao Mārama		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Ōpihi River	upstream of Opuha River / Ōpūaha junction	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
	downstream of Opuha River / Ōpūaha junction	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed	Note 1
Opuha River / Ōpūaha	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Note 1,10
Ōrāri River	and tributaries upstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
Ōrāri River	and tributaries downstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Note 1,10
Otamatapaio River / Te Makatipua		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Otematata River / Ōtamatakou	and tributaries upstream of Clear Stream	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
	and tributaries downstream of Clear Steam	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	4	2	Note 1
Pareora River / Pureora	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
Pūkaki - Ōhau A Canal	From the Lake Pūkaki outlet to Ōhau A power station	All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1,8
Rangitata Diversion Race RDR Canal / Rakitata	from intake downstream to Rakaia River Road	All year	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
Rangitata River / Rakitata	and tributaries upstream of Turn Again Point about 12km above the gorge	Trout: 1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Note 1
		Salmon: 1 Oct - last day of Feb	FS		Refer Note 10	Notes 1,10
	and tributaries downstream of Turn Again Point	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1,5,10
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed	Notes 1,5
Saltwater Creek / Ōtipua		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1,2

Tengawai River / Te Ana-a-wai	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Tekapo Canal / Takapō	upstream from the State Highway 8 Bridge	1 Oct - 31 May and 1 - 30 Sep	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1, 8
	downstream from the State Highway 8 Bridge	All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Note 1, 8
Tekapo River / Takapō	upstream of lower powerlines across river about 1km upstream of Lake Benmore	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2	Note 1
	downstream of lower powerlines across river about 1km upstream of Lake Benmore	All year	FSB	4	2	Note 1
Temuka River / Te Umu Kaha	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Tinwald Domain pond, child anglers only		All year	FSB	2		Note 1
Tinwald Domain pond, other than child anglers		Closed				
Twizel River / Whakatipu	and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Waihao River	upstream of Forks Bridges	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
	downstream of Forks Bridges	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Waihi River	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
Wairepo Arm		All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Notes 1, 7
Wairepo Arm tributaries		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2	Note 1
Waiareka Creek		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Waitaki River	downstream of a line running beneath the power lines across the river at the Stonewall or in any tributary of that part of the river	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 10	Notes 1, 10
	from the Waitaki Dam downstream to a line running beneath the power lines across the river at the Stonewall or in any tributary of that part of the river	Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4		Note 1
	excluding the Hakataramea and Maerewhenua rivers	Salmon: 1 Oct 31 Mar	FSB		Refer Note 10	Note 1, 10
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed	Note 1