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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 angler's 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 and Game Councils. The Fish & Game licence allows an angler to fish New Zealand wide (except Taupō) and every attempt has been made to make the regulations as consistent nationwide as possible.

ANGLERS NOTICE FOR FISH AND GAME REGIONS 2023

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:

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 2023.

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-

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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 2023, 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 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.

"*controlled fishery*" means a Controlled Fishery described in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2023 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 2023 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 2023 in the North Canterbury and Central South Island Fish and 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 and 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.
- Quinnat or chinook salmon.
- Sockeye salmon.
- Perch.
- Tench.
- Rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and 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

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

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

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

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

The Designated Waters Licence

This season, Fish & Game has established a new fishing licence category—the Designated Waters Licence. The Designated Waters Licence will replace the Backcountry Licence Endorsement.

The Designated Waters Licence has been developed to help reduce overcrowding on a small number of sensitive fisheries and improve Fish & Game's ability to monitor angler use of these sensitive fisheries.

It's important to note that those rivers which are classified as Designated Waters are less than two percent of the waterways available to anglers.

Anglers who want to fish in a river that is classified as a Designated Water, will need to obtain a Designated Waters Licence.

Resident anglers can purchase whole-season regional Designated Waters licences. Non-resident anglers can purchase regional Designated Waters day licences for the days they want to go fishing on rivers which are classified as Designated Waters.

For more information scan this QR code.

The Designated Waters are:

Wellington:

- Rangitikei River

Nelson/Marlborough:

- Mātakitaki River
- Upper Wairau
- Travers River

West Coast:

- Karamea River
- Mokihinui River

North Canterbury:

- Hope River
- Hurunui River North Branch
- Hurunui River South Branch
- Waiau Uwha River

Otago:

- Dingle Burn
- Greenstone River
- Hunter River
- Lochy River
- Nevis River
- Pomahaka River
- Wilkin River
- Young River

Southland:

- Upper Ōreti River



SECOND SCHEDULE

(APPLIES ONLY IN THE SPECIFIED REGION)



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⁸ The Nelson/Marlborough region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, 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, kiwifruit 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 with access points and fishing information for Golden Bay and the Buller, Motueka, Pelorus and Wairau catchments are available from most licence agents, or online at www.fishandgame.org.nz

PUT AND TAKE FISHERIES

The region has 2 put and take fisheries, Argyle Pond (Lake Argyle) and the Waimea River Park Fishing Ponds, more information can be found by visiting our website www.fishandgame.org.nz or www.youthfishing.org.nz for the Waimea River Junior Fishing Ponds.

TAGGED & FIN-CLIPPED FISH

Anglers are asked to report any tagged trout, and adipose fin-clipped trout and salmon to Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game.

DESIGNATED WATERS

For more information on Nelson Marlborough Designated Waters or to obtain a Designated Waters licence go to www.fishandgame.org.nz

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1. DEFINITIONS

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

- 1.1 Fishing for coarse fish is prohibited in all waters of the Nelson/Marlborough Region
- 1.2 There is no minimum size limit for trout or salmon
- 1.3 **All lakes, rivers and streams not mentioned in the table below (and those where Note 1 applies) are fly/spin only and the daily bag limit permits the taking of two sports fish, although only one fish may exceed 500mm from the nose tip to middle fork of tail. Season 1 October – 30 April**

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Note 1 The daily bag limit permits the taking of two fish, although only one fish may exceed 500mm from nose tip to the middle for of tail.

Note 2 Down riggers are permitted when lake fishing.

Note 3 No angler shall fish for sports fish from any boat under motorised power in those parts of Lake Rotoiti within 100 metres from the centre of the meeting line with the lake and the Travers River, Coldwater Stream, Black Valley Stream and Buller River.

Note 4 No angler shall fish for sports fish from any boat under motorised power in those parts of Lake Rotoroa within 100 metres from the centre of the meeting line with the lake and the Sabine, D'Urville and Gowan rivers.

Note 5 Only Child anglers may bait fish.

Note 6 6.1 No angler shall fish for sports fish in a designated Junior Fishery unless they are a Child or Junior.

6.2 No angler shall fish for sports fish in the designated Taylor River Family Fishery unless they are a Child or a Junior angler or an adult licence holder (or spouse or partner of a family whole-season licence holder) accompanying and supervising the Child or Junior angler(s).

Note 7 Waimea River Park Fishing ponds may on occasions be temporarily closed to facilitate the running of organised events or for maintenance. Closures will be made public in advance and advertised on the Nelson/Marlborough Fish & Game website and sign posted at the ponds.

Note 8 Designated Waters. No angler may fish in a designated water unless they are the holder of an appropriate designated waters licence or are named on such a licence.

Note 9 No angler shall be in possession of a sports fish which exceeds a maximum length of 400mm from the Goulter River.

3. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

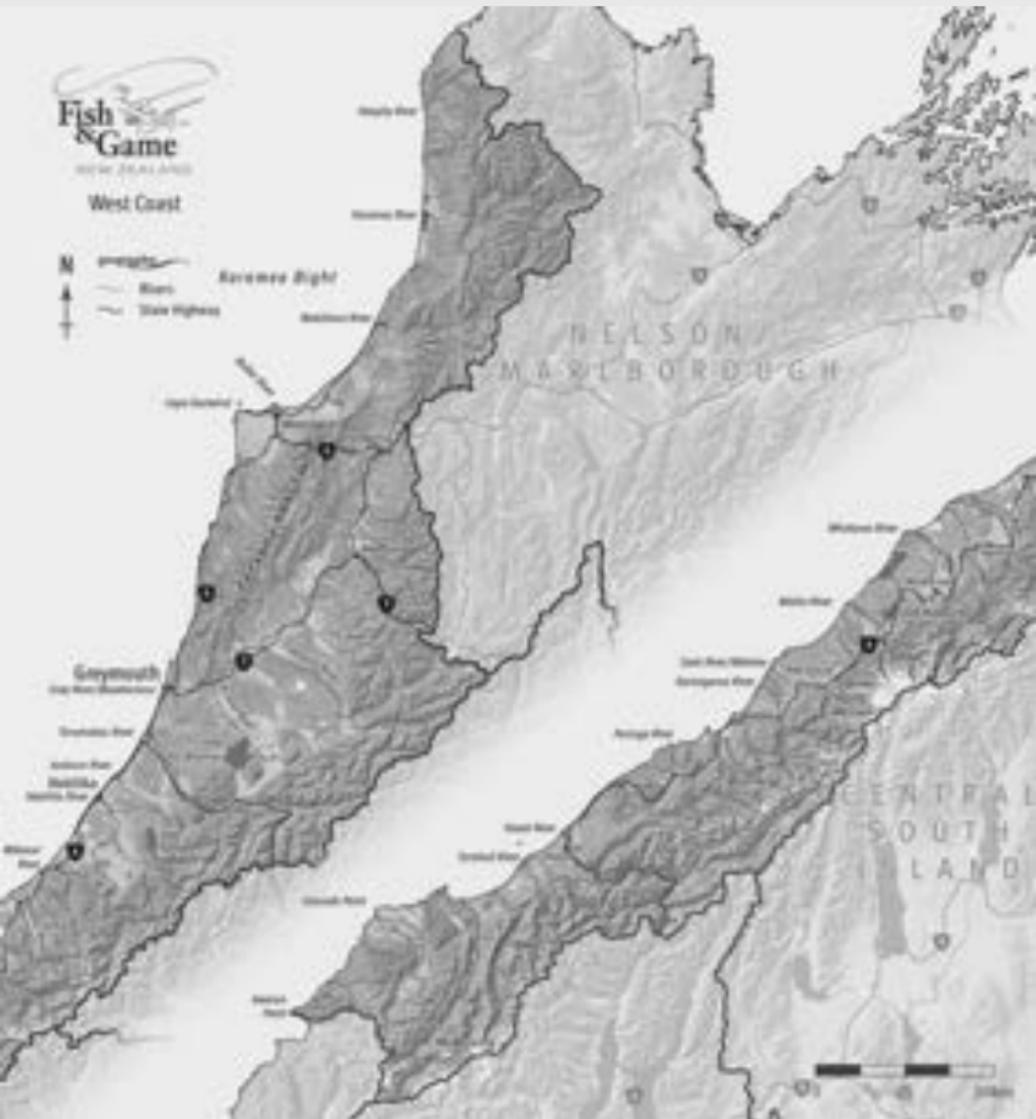
Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
All lakes, rivers and streams not specified below		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Aorere River	downstream of Salisbury Road Bridge	All year	FSB	2		
Anatoki River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 5

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Argyle Pond and lower hydro canals	from where powerlines cross at head of lake and downstream to Wairau River confluence	All year	FSB	2		
Argyle Pond Headrace	From Branch River hydro intake to powerlines at head of Lake Argyle	1 Oct - 31 May	FSB	2		
Awatere River		All year	FSB	2		
Branch River		1 Oct - 31 May	FS	2		
Buller River	downstream of Gowan Bridge	All year	FSB	2		
Clarence River	downstream of Acheron confluence	All year	FSB	2	1	
Cobb Reservoir		All year	FSB	4		Note 2
Conway River	Downstream of SH1 Bridge	All year	FSB	2		
Goulter River	upstream of its confluence with the Wairau River	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Note 9
Lake Daniell		1 Oct - 31 May	FS	2		Note 2
Lake Rotoiti (Nelson Lakes)		All year	FSB	2		Notes 2, 3
Lake Rotoroa		All year	FSB	2		Notes 2, 4
Lake Tennyson		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4		
Leatham River		1 Oct - 31 May	FS	2		
Lyell Creek (Kaikoura)	downstream of State Highway 1	All year	FSB	2	1	
Maitai River	downstream of Lower Nile Street Bridge	All year	FS	2		Note 5
Maruia River	downstream of Maruia Falls	All year	FSB	2		
Matakitaki River	downstream of State Highway 6 Bridge	All year	FSB	2		
	between State Highway 6 Bridge and the Horse Terrace Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
	Designated Water The Matakitaki River and its tributaries upstream from the Horse Terrace bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 8
Middle Creek (Kaikoura)	downstream of State Highway 1	All year	FSB	2		
Motueka River	downstream of Peninsula Road Bridge at Ngatimoti	All year	FSB	2		
Oaro River		All year	FSB	2		
Ōpaoa River	downstream of State Highway 1 Bridge (including Roses Overflow) but excluding the section covered by the Taylor River Family Fishery	All year	FSB	2		

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Pelorus River	downstream of Rai River confluence	All year	FSB	2		
Rai River	downstream of Carluke Bridge	All year	FSB	2		
Takaka River	downstream of confluence with the Waingaro River	All year	FSB	2		
Taylor Dam		All year	FS	2		Note 5
Taylor River	downstream of New Renwick Road Bridge (excluding Hutchinson St Bridge – Ōpaoa Loop confluence)	All year	FSB	2		
Taylor River Family Fishery	from Hutchinson St Bridge to Ōpaoa Loop confluence (including Ōpaoa River upstream to Snowden Crescent footbridge)	All year	FSB	1		Note 6.2
Travers River	Designated Water Travers River and its tributaries upstream of Lake Rotoiti	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 8
Waikoropupu River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Waimea River Park Junior Fishing Ponds	Junior Fishery Waimea River Park designated fishing ponds	All year (except when closed for organised events or maintenance)	FSB	1 Sports fish		Note 6.1, 7
Waimea River Park Family/Adult Fishing Pond	Waimea River Park fishing ponds	All year (except when closed for organised events or maintenance)	FSB	1 Sports fish		Note 7
Wairau River	downstream of Wash Bridge including the Diversion and Southern Valleys Irrigation Intake Pond	All year	FSB	2	1	
	Designated Water The upper Wairau River and its tributaries (but excluding Fish Lake) upstream from Six Mile Creek (upstream of Rainbow Ski field bottom carpark)	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 8
Wairoa/Waimea River (Nelson)	downstream of Lee River confluence	All year	FSB	2		

WEST COAST - Fish & Game Region⁹

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⁹ The West Coast region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, 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 ownership 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.

ANGLING ETHICS

The West Coast region encourage all anglers to restrict their season take to no more than six salmon. This will ensure this limited fishery will remain sustainable and provide opportunities for all anglers into the future. The

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

DESIGNATED WATERS

For more information on West Coast designated waters or to obtain a Designated Waters licence go to www.fishandgame.org.nz

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1. DEFINITIONS

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

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Note 1 1.1 Daily Limit Bag.

Except for perch for which there is no daily limit, no angler shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 2 brown trout, 2 rainbow trout, 1 salmon.

Note 2 2.1 Fish Length.

There is no minimum length for trout and salmon in all waters of the region, except in lakes Ianthe, Mapourika, Paringa, Moeraki, and Ellery, where the minimum length for salmon shall be 450mm.

Note 3 3.1 Coarse Fish.

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

Note 4 4.1 Closed waters.

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

Note 5 Designated Waters

5.1 No angler may fish in a designated water unless they are the holder of an appropriate designated waters licence or are named on such a licence.

5.2 The following waters in this region are Designated Waters:

5.2.1 The *Karamea Designated Water* which is the Karamea catchment upstream of the Kakapo River confluence.

5.2.2 The *Mokihinui Designated Water* which is the Mokihinui catchment upstream of the Rough and Tumble Creek confluence.



3. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Perch	
All waters (including Designated Waters) except where otherwise specified below		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	2	No limit	Note 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Ahaura River	downstream of Granite Creek	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Arahura River	downstream of Milltown (Landsburgh) Bridge	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Arawhata River	downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Arnold River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Big Ditch Creek	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Big Totara River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Buller River	downstream of Lyall confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Cascade River	downstream of Martyr confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Cook River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Deadmans Creek	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Grey River	downstream of Clarke confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Haast River	downstream of Pleasant Flat Bridge	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Hapuka River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Hindleys Creek		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Hokitika River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Inangahua River (lower)	From Perseverance Bridge to Buller confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Jacobs (Makawhio) River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Kaniere River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Karamea River	downstream of cableway at mouth of Lower Gorge	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Karangarua River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Kohaihai River	downstream of Heaphy Track Bridge	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Perch	
Kokatahi River	downstream of Styx Confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Kumara/Kapitea Reservoir system	downstream of Old Christchurch Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Brunner		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Ellery		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Ianthe		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Kaniere		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Mahinapua		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Mapourika		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3, 4
Lake Moeraki		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Paringa		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Wahapo		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Little Totara River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Little Wanganui River	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
MacDonalds Creek		Closed					Note 4
Mahinapua outlet creek		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Mahitahi River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Martins Creek	downstream of Martins Creek Bridge	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Mikonui River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Moeraki River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Mokihinui River	downstream of cableway at Welcome Creek	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
New River	downstream of State Highway 6 including estuary	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Ngakawau River	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Nile River	downstream of Awakere confluence	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Ohinetamatea River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Okari River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Perch	
Ōkārito Lagoon		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Ōkārito River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Okuru River	downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Omoeroa River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Oparara River	downstream of Karamea-Kohaihai Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Orowaiti River	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Paringa River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Poerua River (South Westland)	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Pororari River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Punakaiki River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Taramakau River	downstream of bridge at Jacksons	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Totara River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Turnbull River	downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Waiatoto River	downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Waikukupa River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Waimangaroa River	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Waita River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Waitaha River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Wanganui River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Whakapohi River	downstream of State Highway 6	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Whareatea River	downstream of State Highway 67	All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Whataroa River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3
Whitcombe River		All year	FSB	2	2	No limit	Notes 1, 2, 3

3.2 Open season for salmon, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species	Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Zero bag limit unless number shown Salmon	
Lake Ianthe		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Mapourika		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Note 1, 2, 3, 4
Lake Paringa		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3
Lake Moeraki		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3
Ōkārito River (excluding Lagoon)		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3
Windbag Stream		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3
All other waters		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1	Notes 1, 2, 3, 4



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¹⁰ The North Canterbury region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, at page 1861, as amended by the *New Zealand Gazette*, 3 September 1992, No. 141, at page 2958.

The North Canterbury region offers much to the angler. The Rakaia, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Waiau rivers offer sea-run salmon fishing in the summer months. The best time to plan a trip is during February when river flows tend to be stable after the period of 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. A season bag limit applies for sea run salmon, see the notes below for more details.

In addition to the salmon fishery, North Canterbury also offers great fishing for other species. Over 30 high country lakes offer brown and rainbow trout with a few also offering landlocked Chinook salmon. The upper reaches of the braided rivers also offer high quality brown and rainbow trout fishing with very big fish in places. The lower reaches of the same rivers provide excellent sea-run trout fishing as well.

For more information on sports fishing in North Canterbury, consult the fishing locations and access pages of the Fish & Game website, there are downloadable pdf guides for the Rakaia River, Waimakariri River, Hurunui and Waiau Uwha Rivers, the High-Country Lakes, Junior Fisheries and Close to Christchurch.

North Canterbury has four Designated Waters fisheries requiring anglers to be holders of a full season licence and a Designated Waters licence. For more information or to obtain a Designated Waters licence go to www.fishandgame.org.nz

Boat Fishing: To clarify for anglers, the use of boats and/or flotation devices in the North Canterbury waterbodies is set by the Regional or District councils not by Fish & Game. It is important to note that those regulations can change without any notice. Please follow the direction of the relevant council.

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.

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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| Note 1 | 1.1 | Except for perch for which there is no daily limit (see note 7), no angler shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 4 sports fish. |
| | 1.2 | No angler shall be in possession of a trout or salmon less than 300mm anywhere in the region. |
| | 1.3 | No angler shall fish for salmon in any river from 1 May to 30 September. |
| | 1.4 | 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. |

- 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 No person may take salmon from any river between the hours of 11pm to 4am in December and January, and between 10pm and 5am for any other month.
- 1.7 No angler shall fish for sports fish 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.

Note 2 2.1 Boat Fishing:
Fishing from boats is permitted.

Note 3 3.1 Fishing from boats which are not simultaneously being propelled by a motor, is permitted, including float tubes, kayaks and pack rafts.

Note 4 4.1 The use of motorised craft is prohibited.

Note 5 5.1 The daily limit bag for Lake Coleridge shall be 4 sports fish.

Note 6 6.1 No angler other than a Child or Junior angler shall fish in the Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes.

Note 7 7.1 Coarse Fishing:
Fishing for coarse fish is permitted only in listed Coarse Fishing Waters which are: the Avon River downstream of Barbadoes Street, Lake Forsyth, Halswell River and Canal downstream of Neills Road, Kaiapoi Lakes, Gravel and Sands ponds, Okana River downstream of State Highway 75, and Lake Rotokohatu. See First Schedule for permitted methods.

7.2 The daily limit bag for tench is 1 fish and no angler shall be in possession of a tench that exceeds 150mm.

7.3 There is no daily limit or size restriction for perch.

Note 8 8.1 No angler other than a Child or Junior angler shall bait fish for trout.

Note 9 9.1 No angler shall be in possession of a sports fish which exceeds a maximum length of 400mm from that water

Note 10 10.1 No angler shall be in possession of a Chinook salmon taken from Lake Sumner or Loch Katrine.

Note 11 11.1 Designated Waters.
No angler may fish in a designated water unless they are the holder of an appropriate designated waters licence or are named on such a licence.

Note 12 Sea Run Salmon Season Bag Limit:

12.1 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.

12.2 All holders of a sea-run salmon licence are eligible to receive a Season Bag Limit Card. Family whole-season licence holders that have a sea-run salmon licence are eligible for one Season Bag Limit Card per family licence.

12.3 No angler shall fish for, take, kill or be in possession of a salmon from sea-run salmon waters within the North Canterbury Fish and Game Region without holding a Season Bag Limit Card.

12.4 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 two salmon from sea-run salmon waters in both the North Canterbury and Central South Island Fish and Game regions combined.

12.5 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.

12.6 All anglers that fished for salmon from sea-run salmon waters in either the North Canterbury or Central South Island Fish and Game regions must return their Season Bag Limit Card data to either the North Canterbury or Central South Island Fish and Game Council by 7 May 2024, regardless of how many such salmon were taken or killed.

12.7 All holders of a season bag card must produce it to a Fish and Game Ranger on demand.

3.1 Open Season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits - Region Defaults

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
All freshwaters not mentioned in clause 3.2 for this region		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1	Sports fish	Note 1

3.2 Open Season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits – Fishery Specific

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Ada River	Part of Waiau Uwha Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
Ashley River	upstream of Ashley Gorge Road Bridge including tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
	downstream of Ashley Gorge Road	Trout: All year Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB FS	2	Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2 Notes 1, 2, 12
Avoca River		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Avon River and tributaries	upstream of the Armagh Street Bridge at Hagley Park	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
	between the Armagh Street Bridge at Hagley Park and the Barbadoes Street Bridge downstream of the Barbadoes Street Bridge	closed Trout: All year Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB FS	2	Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 7 Notes 1, 2, 12
Boyle River	Part of Hope River Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
Broken River		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Cam River		Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB FS	2	Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2 Notes 1, 2, 12
	from Kaiapoi River confluence to Smith Street Bridge					
Cass Hill Stream (Bullock Creek)		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Christchurch Groynes Fishing Lakes	four ponds at the western end of the Groynes reserve signposted as designated fishing lakes	All year	FSB	1 sports fish		Notes 1, 3, 6
Clearwater Resort Lakes	except for Lake 3, Lake 4 and Lake 5	closed				
	Lake 3, Lake 4 and Lake 5	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 3
Coleridge Tailrace		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Cora Lynn Stream		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Notes 1, 2, 9
Cust River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Double Hill Stream & Double Hill Flat Stream		1 Oct - 28 Feb	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Doubtful River	Part of Hope River Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
Esk River and all tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Glenariffe Stream		1 Oct - 28 Feb	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Goat Hill Stream		1 Oct - 28 Feb	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Hacketts Creek		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Halswell River and Canal	upstream of Neills Road bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
	downstream of Neills Road bridge	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2, 7
Harper River	including diversion and tributaries	1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Harts Creek		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Hawkins River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Heathcote River	upstream of Colombo Street bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
	downstream of Colombo Street bridge	Trout: All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS			Refer Note 12
Henry River	Part of Waiiau Uwaha Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 11
Highbank Power Station	Tail race	Closed				

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Hope River and all its tributaries	Designated Water Hope River and its tributaries upstream of State Highway 7 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
	downstream of State Highway 7 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Hororata River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Huronui River	Designated Water Huronui River and its tributaries upstream of grid reference NZTopo50/BU22 3088 7229 (500m upstream of Lake Sumner, marked with sign)	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
	upstream of Lake Sumner	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
	between Lake Sumner and South Branch confluence	All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
	Designated Water South Branch upstream of North Esk River confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
	South Branch downstream of North Esk River confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Huronui River tributaries	above the South Branch confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2
Huronui River	below the South Branch confluence	Trout: All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Hydra Waters	including Titan Stream	1 Oct - 28 Feb	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Irwell River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Kaipoi River		Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Kaipoi River	downstream of the confluence of the Cust Main Drain	Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Kaituna River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Kowhai River and tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
L II River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Lake Blackwater		10 Dec - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Coleridge		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Sep	FSB	4 sports fish		Notes 1, 2, 5

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Lake Courtenay		All year	FSB	2 sports fish		Notes 1, 3,
Lake Ellesmere		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Lake Evelyn		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Forsyth		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2, 7
Lake Georgina		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Grasmere		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Guyon		All year	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Hawdon		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Henrietta		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Ida & Little Lake Ida		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lakes Kaiapoi		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 3, 7
Loch Katrine		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 2, 3, 10
Lake Letitia		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Lilian		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Lyndon		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2, 8
Lake Mason		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Marymere		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	1		Note 1, 3, 4, 9
Lake Minchin		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Monck (Catherine)		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1, 3, 4
Lake Pearson		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Rotokohatu		1 October - 31 October, 1 April - 30 September	FSB	2 sports fish		Notes 1, 3, 7
Lake Rubicon		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2		Note 1, 3, 4
Lake Sarah		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Notes 1, 3, 4
Lake Selfe		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 3, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Lake Sheppard		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	F	2		Notes 1, 2, 4
Lake Stream		1 Oct - 31 Mar	FS	2		Note 1
Lake Sumner		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 2, 10
Lake Taylor		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Leader River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Lee River		Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS			Notes 1, 2, 12
Lewis River	Part of Hope River Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
Monopolies Pond		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2,
Mandamus River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Manuka Point Stream		1 Oct - 28 Feb	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Nina River	Part of Hope River Designated Water	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
Okana River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Note 1, 2, 7
Otukaikino Creek, South Branch of Waimakariri River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Okuku River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Okuti River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Pahau River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Porter River		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Poulter River and all tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Rakaia River	upstream of Coleridge Tailrace confluence	1 Oct - 31 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
	downstream of Coleridge Tailrace confluence	Trout: All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Ryton River		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	2		Notes 1, 2

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Saltwater Creek		Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Selwyn River	upstream of State Highway 77 Bridge (at Glentunnel)	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2
	downstream of State Highway 77 Bridge	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Slovens Stream		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
St Annes Lagoon		closed				
Styx River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Takiritawai (Wairewa) River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Tentburn Outfall		Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Waiau Uwaha River and all tributaries (except Lake Guyon)	Designated Water Waiau Uwaha River and its tributaries upstream of Hope River confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9, 11
	downstream of Hope River confluence	Trout: All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12



Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Waikari River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Waimakariri River	Upstream of the Staircase Gully confluence	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Waimakariri River tributaries	upstream of the Staircase Gully confluence, except for Cass Hill Stream, Cora Lynn Stream, Esk River, Poulter River, Winding Creek, Broken River and Porter River	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9
Waimakariri River	downstream of Staircase Gully confluence	Trout: All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS		Refer Note 12	Notes 1, 2, 12
Waipara River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Waitohi River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Wilberforce Diversion		1st Saturday Nov - 31 May	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Wilberforce River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Winding Creek		10 Dec - 31 Mar	FS	1		Notes 1, 2, 9



CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND - Fish & Game Region¹¹

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¹¹ 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.

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.

SEA RUN 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

Fishing and access information can be found by visiting our website www.fishandgame.org.nz



Regulations

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), Otomatata River, Tekapo River / Takapō, Mary Burn / Te Kōhai, Grays River, Larch Stream, Ōhau River, Ahuriri River, Omarama Stream, Otomatapaio River, Twizel River / Whakatipu, or any other stream or river where sockeye salmon are present.
- 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** **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 9 Sea-run Salmon Season Bag Limit

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 All holders of a sea-run salmon licence are eligible to receive a Season Bag Limit Card. Family whole-season licence holders that have a Sea-run Salmon Licence are eligible for one Season Bag Limit Card per family licence.
- 9.3 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 and Game Region without holding a Season Bag Limit Card.
- 9.4 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 two salmon from sea-run salmon waters in both the Central South Island and North Canterbury Fish and Game regions combined.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 All anglers that fished for salmon from sea-run salmon waters in either the Central South Island or North Canterbury Fish and Game regions must return their Season Bag Limit Card to either the Central South Island or North Canterbury Fish and Game Council by 7 May 2024, regardless of how many such salmon were taken or killed.
- 9.7 All holders of a Season Bag Limit Card must produce it to a Fish and 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 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 Dec - 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 Dec - 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 9		Note 1, 9
	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 9		Note 1, 9
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed		Note 1
Aviemore spawning race		Closed					
Awakino River		Closed					

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Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Bells Pond	Waitaki River irrigation pond at Ross Road	1 Oct – 30 April	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
Bortons Pond	Waitaki River irrigation Pond at Black Point, State Highway 83	1 Oct – 30 April	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
Hinds River / Hekeao - other than child anglers		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
Irishman Creek / Te Wai-a-Kohe		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Note 1
Island Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2
Kakanui River	and tributaries upstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
	and tributaries downstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Kellands Pond		All year	FSB	2	2		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 zero brown trout			Notes 1, 6
Lake Avimore	tributaries except Deep Stream and Otematata River	All year	FSB	4 sports fish			Note 1
		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FSB	4	2		Note 1
Lake Benmore	tributaries except Tekapo, Ahuriri and Otematapaio rivers	All year	FSB	4 sports fish			Note 1
		1st Sat 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

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Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
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	2		Note 1
Lake Opuha / Ōpūaha tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	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 <i>no more than 4 to be trout or 4 to be salmon</i>			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

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
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 9		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 9		Note 1, 9
Ōhau Canal	from the Lake Ōhau outlet to the junction with Pūkaki - Ōhau A Canal	All year	FSB	2 sports fish			Note 1
Ōhau B and Ōhau C Canals	From Lake Ruataniwha to the Ōhau C power station	All year	FSB	2 sports fish			Note 1
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 Controlled Fishery Ōhau River from Lake Ruataniwha to the Lake Ōhau weir	1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2		Note 1, 8
		1 Oct - 3 Nov 2023, and 1st Saturday Sep - 30 Sep 2024	FS	2	2		Note 1, 8

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Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Omarama Stream		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 9		Notes 1, 9
	downstream of Opuha River / Ōpūaha junction	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Notes 1, 9
	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 9		Note 1, 9
Ōrāri River	and tributaries upstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 9		Notes 1, 9
Ōrāri River	and tributaries downstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
Otamatapaio River		1st Saturday Nov - 30 Apr	FS	2	2		Note 1
Otematata River	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 9		Notes 1, 9
Pūkaki - Ōhau A Canal	From the Lake Pūkaki outlet to Ōhau A power station	All year	FSB	2 sports fish			Note 1
Rangitata Diversion Race RDR Canal / Rakitata	from intake downstream to Rakaia River Road	All year	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Notes 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
	and tributaries downstream of Turn Again Point	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 5, 9
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed		Note 1, 5
Saltwater Creek / Ōtipua		All year	FSB	2			Note 1, 2
Tengawai River / Te Ana-a-wai	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species Zero bag limit unless number shown			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Tekapo Canal / Takapō	upstream from the State Highway 8 Bridge	1 Oct - 31 May and 1 - 30 Sep	FSB	2 sports fish			Note 1
	downstream from the State Highway 8 Bridge	All year	FSB	2 sports fish			Note 1
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 9		Note 1, 9
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 9		Note 1, 9
	downstream of Forks Bridges	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
Waihi River	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4	Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
Wairepo Arm		All year	FSB	2	2		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 9		Note 1, 9
	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 excluding the Hakataramea and Maerewhenua rivers	Trout: 1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	4			Note 1
		Salmon: 1 Oct - 31 Mar	FSB		Refer Note 9		Note 1, 9
	Winter season downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun - 31 Aug	FS	2	Closed		Note 1

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¹² The Otago region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, page 1861.

Otago Fish and Game Region extends from Shag Point/Matakaea 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/Mata-au and Taieri River catchments as well as several smaller coastal river catchments such as the Catlins, Tahakopa, Tokomairiro, Waikouaiti and Shag. The 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 - Wānaka, Wakatipu, Dunstan and Hāwea - hold salmon, rainbow and brown trout and are popular with boat anglers. If smaller fishing water is your preference, then the productive coastal streams and the Taieri or Pomahaka rivers are worth a visit. Perch can be found in coastal reaches, including the Taieri and Clutha rivers, and lowland lakes such as Waihola, Waipori and Tuakitoto. In the Maniototo, there are some excellent irrigation dams. Fish & Game stocks put-and-take trout fisheries near many large urban centres.

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 INFORMATION

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 or from selected outlets. You may also visit the office or email us to have them posted to you. For regular updates, you can find Otago Fish and Game Council on Facebook.

DESIGNATED WATERS FISHERIES

Otago has nine Designated Waters fisheries requiring anglers to be holders of a full season licence and a Designated Waters licence. For more information or to obtain a Designated Waters licence go to www.fishandgame.org.nz. To manage pressure and provide the best angling experience, the Greenstone River has a controlled fishery period from 1 February to 31 March. A voluntary beat system operates in the Nevis River.

LAKE, RIVER AND ROAD CONDITIONS

For up-to-date weather information visit www.metservice.com or www.yr.no/en. Another source of information on river conditions is the Otago Regional Council's Environmental Data Portal: <https://envdata.orc.govt.nz/AQWebPortal/Data>

Check your local district council for road conditions before heading to remote areas, especially winter road closures.

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.

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

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

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Note 1**
- 1.1** No fishing for sports fish is permitted at any time in 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.
 - 1.2** Except in the case of perch for which there is no daily limit, no angler shall on any one day take and kill or be in possession of more than the prescribed daily limit from the waters specified in clauses 2 and 3.
 - 1.3** In addition to the daily limits specified in clauses 2 and 3 and note 1.2, no angler shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 6 sports fish from any waters except Lake Onslow.
 - 1.4** An angler may continue to fish for a particular species of sports fish on any day on which the angler has already killed a limit bag for that species as long as fish taken are immediately returned with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.
 - 1.5** In all waters of the region there shall be no minimum length except in the -
 - 1.5.1** Nevis River where no angler shall take or be in possession of any sports fish greater than 400mm in length.
 - 1.5.2** Clutha River and its tributaries downstream of Roxburgh Dam and all other waters running into the sea, where no angler shall take or be in possession of any salmon less than 450mm in length.

- Note 2**
- 2.1** Anglers may fish from any boat, canoe, pontoon or flotation device.
 - 2.2** Anglers fishing from boats that are being propelled by a motor must stay at least 100 metres from any anglers fishing from the shore.

- Note 3**
- 3.1** Anglers may fish from any boat, canoe, pontoon or flotation device provided it is not being propelled by a motor.

- Note 4**
- 4.1** No angler may fish from any boat, canoe, pontoon or flotation device except in the tidal reaches of this waterway if applicable.

- Note 5**
- 5.1** 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 in length.

- Note 6**
- 6.1** No angler 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.

- Note 7**
- 7.1** Closed to all sports fishing in September except for Otago Fish and Game controlled fishing events.

- Note 8**
- 8.1** **Designated Waters.** No angler may fish in a designated water unless they are the holder of an appropriate designated waters licence or are named on such a licence.
 - 8.2** The use of any legal lure with more than one hook with one point in a Designated Waters fishery is prohibited.

- 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.

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 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
All lakes, rivers and streams within the Clutha River catchment lying upstream of Clyde Dam except where otherwise specified below		1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
All lakes, rivers and streams within the Clutha River catchment lying downstream of Clyde Dam , or within any other catchment flowing to the sea, except where otherwise specified below		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4, 5, 6

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Akatore Estuary		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Akatore River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Albert Burn		1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Arrow River		1 Nov – 31 May	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Blakelys Dam		1 Nov – 15 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Bullock Creek	from Lake Wānaka to source	closed				
Butchers Dam		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Caples River	Part of Greenstone Designated Water Caples River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
Cardrona River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Careys Creek	upstream of the rail line bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of the rail line bridge	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Catlins Estuary	downstream of the Southern Scenic Route bridge	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Catlins River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Clutha River/ Mata-au	Lake Wānaka Outlet to Roxburgh Dam (excluding Deans Bank section)	All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 3
	Deans Bank section (defined by landmark posts 1km downstream of Lake Wānaka and 600m upstream of Albert Town Bridge)	1 Oct – 31 May	F	2	4	Notes 1, 4
	below Roxburgh Dam	All year	FSB	4	1	Notes 1, 2, 5, 6
Coal Pit Dam		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Conroys Dam		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Contour Channel		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Dart River /Te Awa Whakatipu		All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Dart River tributaries	not mentioned elsewhere	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Deep Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Diamond Creek		1 Oct – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Diamond Lake (Glenorchy Area)		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 2
Dingle Burn	Designated Water Dingle Burn upstream of the bridge on the Dingle Burn Station access road	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
	downstream of the bridge on the Dingle Burn Station access road	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Falls Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Fraser Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Fraser River	downstream of dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Fraser River Upper	upstream of dam	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Glenorchy Lagoons		All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 2
Greenstone River	Designated Water Greenstone River and tributaries upstream of Sly Burn	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
	Controlled Fishery Greenstone River and tributaries upstream of Sly Burn	1 Feb – 31 Mar	F	1		Notes 1, 4, 8, 9
	Designated Water Greenstone River and tributaries, including the Caples River, between the Sly Burn confluence and the swing bridge at the Greenstone Station Road car park	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
	downstream of the swing bridge at the Greenstone Station Road car park	All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Hamiltons Dam		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Hāwea River		All year	FS	2	4	Notes 1, 4
Hoffmans Dam		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Hore's Control Pond		1 Nov – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Horne Creek	from Lake Wakatipu to source	closed				
Hunter River	Designated Water Hunter River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
Ida Burn Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Kaihiku Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Kaikorai Estuary	downstream of Abbotts Creek confluence	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Kaikorai Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Kawarau River	from its source at Lake Wakatipu to Lake Dunstan	All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 3
Knights Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Kuriwao Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Kye Burn		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Lake Dispute		1 Oct – 31 May	FS	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Dunstan		All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 2
Lake Hāwea		All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 2
Lake Hayes		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 3
Lake Johnson		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 3
Lake Kirkpatrick		All year	FS	2		Notes 1, 4
Lake Mahinerangi		All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Lake Onslow		All year	FSB	10		Notes 1, 2
Lake Roxburgh	from the State Highway 8 bridge at Alexandra downstream to the Roxburgh Dam	All year	FSB	4	2	Notes 1, 2
Lake Sylvan		All year	FSB	6		Notes 1, 2
Lake Tewa		All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Lake Tuakitoto	including outlet channel and inlet channel	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Lake Waihola	including outlet and waterways connected with Lake Waipori	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Lake Waipori		All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
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	closed				
	within 100m of any part of the wharf in Black Bay (commonly known as the Walter Peak Jetty)	closed				
		All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 2
Lake Wānaka	within 150m of any part of the launch wharf at the township of Wānaka, within 150m of any part of the public jetty at the Wānaka Marina, and anywhere within 150m of the shoreline between the wharf and the jetty	closed				
		All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 2
Lee Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Lindis River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Lochy River	and tributaries downstream of Disputed Creek confluence	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 4
	Designated Water Lochy River and tributaries upstream of Disputed Creek confluence	1 Nov – 31 May	F	0		Notes 1, 4, 8
Logan Burn Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
MacLennan River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Makarora River	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Wilkin River confluence	All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Manorburn Dam Lower		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Manorburn Dam Upper		1 Nov – 31 May	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Manuherekia River	and tributaries above Shaky Bridge (Kerry Road)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
	and tributaries above Shaky Bridge (Kerry Road)	All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Mathias Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Matukituki River	and tributaries above Glenfinnan Stream confluence	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
	between Glenfinnan Stream confluence and Motatapu River confluence	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 3
	downstream of Motatapu River confluence	All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 3
McAtamney's Head Pond		All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Meggat Burn		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Mill Creek (a tributary to Lake Hayes)	from the Speargrass Flat Road Bridge to Waterfall Park	closed				
Mill Creek	above Waterfall Park	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Mill Creek	downstream of Speargrass Flat Road Bridge	All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 4
Moke Lake		All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 3
Molyneux Pond		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Motatapu River	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Nenthorn Pond		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Nenthorn Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Nevis River	Designated Water Nevis River and tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
Owaka River	upstream of the Southern Scenic Route bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of the Southern Scenic Route bridge	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Perkins Pond		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Pinders Pond		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Pleasant River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Pomahaka River	Designated Water Pomahaka River upstream of the Hukarere Station Bridge on Hukarere Station Road	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1	1	Notes 1, 4, 8
	downstream of the Hukarere Station Bridge on Hukarere Station Road to Swans Bridge on Clydevale Road	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4	1	Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Swans Bridge (Clydevale Road)	All year	FSB	4	1	Notes 1, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Poolburn Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Puerua Estuary	downstream of the Southern Scenic Route bridge	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Puerua Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Rees River	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Muddy Creek	All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Reid Lake		All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 3
Route Burn	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	0		Notes 1, 4
Rutherfords Dam		1 Nov – 15 Apr	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Shag River/ Waihemo	upstream of State Highway 1 bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of State Highway 1 bridge	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Shotover River		All year	FSB	2	4	Notes 1, 4
Silver Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Southern Reservoir		1 Oct – 31 Aug	FS	1		Notes 1, 4, 7
Styx Weir Pond		All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Sullivans Dam		All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
Sutton Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Tahakopa River	upstream of Maclennan River confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Maclennan River confluence	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Taieri River	upstream of State Highway 87 bridge at Outram	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4	1	Notes 1, 4
	downstream of State Highway 87 bridge at Outram	All year	FSB	4	1	Notes 1, 2
Teviot River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Three O'Clock Stream		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	1	Notes 1, 4
Timaru River	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Timaru Creek Road bridge	All year	FS	1		Notes 1, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
Tokomairiro River	above Coal Gully Road bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Coal Gully Road bridge	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Tomahawk Lagoon		All year	FSB	1		Notes 1, 2
Tuapeka River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Victoria Dam		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 2
Von Lake		1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 2
Von River	and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	F	1		Notes 1, 4
Waikouaiti River	upstream of State Highway 1 road bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of State Highway 1 road bridge	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Waipahi River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4		Notes 1, 4
Waipori River	upstream of the Contour Channel confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of the Contour Channel confluence to the Taieri River confluence	All year	FSB	4		Notes 1, 2
Waitahuna River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Waitati River	upstream of Orokonui Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Orokonui Stream confluence	All year	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Waiwera River		1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2		Notes 1, 4
Waters of Leith	upstream of Lindsay Creek confluence and including Lindsay Creek	closed				
	downstream of Lindsay Creek confluence to the Leith Street Foot Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2	1	Notes 1, 4
	downstream of Leith Street Foot Bridge	All year	FSB	2	1	Notes 1, 4
Wilkin River	Designated Water Wilkin River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4, 8
Young River	Designated Water Young River and tributaries	1 Nov – 31 May	FS	1		Notes 1, 4, 8

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¹³ The Southland region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, page 1861.

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 Waiau River system. Didymo, the invasive alga that smothers river beds, occurs in several Southland rivers, affecting the Mararoa and the Waiau 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 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 fish.

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

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

2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Note 1**
- 1.1** Fishing for coarse fish in all waters of Southland region is prohibited.
- 1.2** With the exception of perch for which there is no limit, no angler shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of -
- 1.2.1** more than 1 salmon from any waters of the region.
- 1.2.2** more than 4 sports fish.
- 1.3** There are no minimum or maximum lengths for sports fish in Southland region.
- Note 2**
- 2.1** No angler may take, or attempt to take, salmon from any river during the months of April and May.
- Note 3**
- 3.1** Scented artificial lures may be used in Fly and Spin waters, when actively fished so as to imitate a bait fish.
- Note 4**
- 4.1** Molluscs or parts of molluscs may be used in bait fishing waters.
- Note 5**
- 5.1** No angler shall fish from any motorised boat (including electric motors) in Lake Thomas and South Lake Mavora.
- Note 6**
- 6.1** No angler shall fish from any boat or any form of flotation device.
- Note 7**
- 7.1** No angler shall fish for sports fish in a designated Junior Fishery unless they are a child or junior.
- Note 8**
- 8.1** **Designated Water.** No angler may fish in a designated water unless they are the holder of an appropriate designated waters licence or are named on such a licence.
- 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.



3. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
All waters except where otherwise specified below		1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
All rivers and lakes draining to the Tasman Sea and Foveaux Strait west of Waiau River except where otherwise specified below		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Acton Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Aparima River	Upstream of the Thornbury Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	Upstream of the Thornbury Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Borland Burn		1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Brightwater Spring		1 Nov - 30 April	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Clinton River	Controlled Fishery Clinton River Catchment from Lake Te Anau to "The Prairie" Flat (NZTOPO50-CB08 9045 2047) and entire North Branch and tributaries.	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 9
	Clinton River Catchment upstream of "The Prairie" Flat (NZTOPO50-CB08 9045 2047).	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Cromel Stream		1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Eglinton River	and tributaries	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 6
Ettrick Burn	Controlled Fishery Ettrick Burn from Lake Te Anau to the upstream limit of Log Cabin Slip at NZTOPO 50-CC07 796753	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 9
Hamilton Burn	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Irthing Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Lake Fergus		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Gunn		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Hankinson		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Hauroko		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Hauroko tributaries		1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Henry	Junior Fishery	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4, 7
Lake Manapouri	including Waiau Arm	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
	tributaries excluding Mararoa and upper Waiau rivers	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
	Within 100 metres of any part of the Real Journeys Tourist Centre, Pearl Harbour, Manapouri	Closed					
Lake Mavora	North	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
	South	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4, 5
Lake Monowai		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
	tributaries	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Poteriteri		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Te Anau		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
	tributaries	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lake Thomas		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4, 5
Lake Waituna	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4
Lill Burn		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Makarewa River	upstream of Riverton - Invercargill Highway and all tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of Riverton - Invercargill Highway	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Mararoa River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Mataura River	upstream of the Gore Bridge and all tributaries except Brightwater Spring	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 6
	downstream of the Gore Bridge	1 Oct - 31 May excluding 4 and 5 May 2024	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 6
	the Mataura Island Bridge to the sea	All year excluding 4 and 5 May 2024	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4



Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
McGregor Pond (Whitestone River Berm)	Junior Fishery	All year, excluding 16 Oct – 27 Oct	FSB	2			Notes 1, 4, 7
Mimihau Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Mokoreta River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Monowai River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Orauea Stream	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Ourawera Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Oreti River	Designated Water Oreti River and tributaries upstream of State Highway 97 Bridge near Mossburn	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1			Notes 1, 2, 3, 6, 8
	State Highway 97 Bridge to State Highway 94 Bridge just north of Lumsden	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 6
	State Highway 94 Bridge just north of Lumsden to Riverton-Invercargill Highway	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	Riverton-Invercargill Highway to sea	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Otamita Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Pourakino River	and tributaries upstream of Waipango Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of Waipango Bridge	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Rakatu/Redcliff wetland complex		All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Taunamau Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Titiroa Stream	and tributaries upstream of The Locks	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of The Locks	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Tokenui River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Upukerora River		1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waiau River	between Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau	1 Oct - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	From the downstream extent of the Manapouri Lake Control structure, also known as the Mararoa Weir, to Tuatapere	1 Oct - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	Tuatapere to the sea, including the Waiau Lagoon	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	The area enclosed by the side-walls of the Manapouri Lake Control structure/ Mararoa Weir downstream of the main control gates	Closed					
Waiau River tributaries	Mararoa Weir to the sea	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waihopai River	upstream of Queens Drive	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of Queens Drive	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waikaia River		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 6
Waikaia River tributaries		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waikaka Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waikawa River	and tributaries, upstream of Niagara Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of Niagara Bridge	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waikiwi Stream	upstream of North Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of North Road Bridge	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4

Water	Section of water	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit see Note 1.2 for salmon and other bag limits			Refer clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Other	
Waimatuku Stream	and tributaries upstream of the bridge on Rance Road	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	downstream of the bridge on Rance Road	All year	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Waimea Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Wairaki River	and tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2
Whitestone River	upstream of Prospect Bridge	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
	between the Prospect Bridge and the Mararoa confluence	1 Oct - 30 April	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4
Worsley River	Controlled Fishery The Worsley River and tributaries upstream from Lake Te Anau	1 Nov - 31 May	FSB	2			Notes 1, 2, 4, 9

If it's wet it's a threat.

Freshwater weeds, pest fish and didymo can ruin our favourite fishing spots.

All it takes is a tiny fragment of weed, a droplet of water or a single fish egg to spread them, and they can survive in moist conditions for a long time.

So, **Check Clean Dry** your gear when moving between waterways.



Check and remove anything you can see from your gear

Clean your gear thoroughly with detergent solution – 5% dishwash detergent is fine

Dry and leave for 48 hours

We are lucky to have great places to fish in New Zealand, and it takes all of us anglers to do our bit to look after them.

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