

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2019 3:19 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Submission to Regulation Meeting May 15

From: Garth <livestocknz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 12:26 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission to Regulation Meeting May 15

Dear Fish and Game,

I wish to make the following submissions to the meeting, and present them here for your prior consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

Garth Free

Submission #1

This submission regards the opening date of the general fishing season and aligning it with the the ' first Saturday of the Month' openings for the High Country season and the Game bird season. Every year multitudes of fishers look forward to the 'High Country opening' weekend. Myself as a kid, I could hardly sleep all week as the anticipation built. The same goes for the 'Gamebird Season' opening, a real social occasion. The Oct 1st opening is different, there is no build up and anticipation of the weekend, as most times it falls during the week. The Oct 1st opening is 'exclusive', it excludes those who cannot take leave from work or arrange childcare or take children out of school. October 1st favours the wealthy and fishing guides who get 'first crack' at the waters before the great unwashed. I asked Martin Taylor if there are any statutory reasons for an October 1st opening and he told me that he is not aware of any. I submit to the meeting that this exclusive opening should be changed to 'The first Saturday in the month'

Submission #2

This submission regards the definition of Fly Fishing and fly only waters:

It is my contention that the current definition of fly fishing as requiring a fly rod and fly reel is elitist. It is also my contention that preventing thread line fishers who are using exactly the same fly's, nymphs etc as someone using a fly-rod fly-reel and fly-line are in fact also 'fly fishing' What is the difference to the fish? The current rules exclude those who cannot afford a fly-rod

I submit to the meeting that the definition of fly-fishing should be changed and modernised to reflect the actual type of lure being used.

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 2:33 p.m.
To: Mike Radford
Cc: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: RE: Submission - Mike Radford - Salmon Fishing Weston Zone November to 28th February

Hi Mike

Thanks for your submission. Should you wish to speak to it, the meeting is to be held at 595 Johns Road Harewood commencing at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

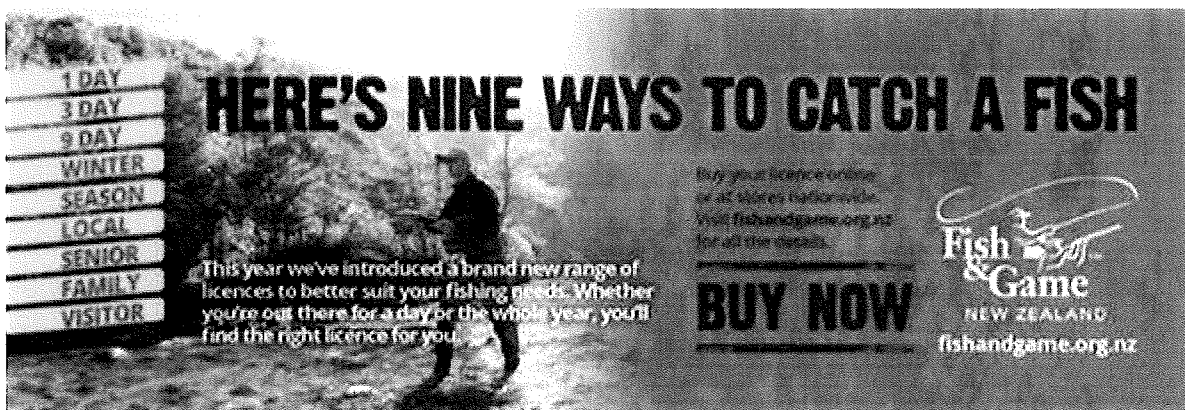
Cheers

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From: Mike Radford <mikeradford50@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 12:58 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission - Mike Radford - Salmon Fishing Weston Zone November to 28th February

Hi Debbie,

My submission is principally the same as I made 4 years ago.

i. e. **“Salmon Fishing be allowed in all Western Zone river catchments, between the first Saturday in November and February 28th each fishing season”.**

4 years ago it passed the anglers review meeting. The then council turned it down. However the council members that abstained from voting, out-numbered those that voted for the rejection of the submission.

It is very unusual for a submission that passes the anglers review meeting to be turned down flat. There is strong support from anglers for the submission and I will speak on their behalf at the meeting.

We consider its handling was entirely unsatisfactory and that the council should again review the submission and if the submission is not accepted in total, a vote be taken on each river catchment in turn (i. e. Waiau, Huranui, Waimakariri, Rakaia) separately.

If any catchment is rejected for Western Zone Salmon Fishing that the council give their full reasoning and explanation in writing.

I attach what I see as the necessary regulation changes.

Please confirm that you have receive the submission and that speaking time has been allocated for me during the meeting on May 15th.

Kind regards,
Mike Radford

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 2:32 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Submission Re Fish and Game 2019 Regulation Review

From: Walter Fielding-Cotterell <walterandcelia@outlook.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 1:37 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission Re Fish and Game 2019 Regulation Review

Submission Re. 2019 North Canterbury Fish and Game Fishing Regulations Review

With regard to the above review I wish to submit that the following amendments be made to the existing regulations for the reasons given:

That the following methods have no place in a freshwater recreational sports fishing environment (emphasis on the term “sport”) that should correctly be based on the physical and mental fish hunting skills of the individual angler.

- (1) The use of “down-riggers” to get baits/lures to deeper levels than would otherwise be difficult or unachievable by other permitted and authorized fishing tackle methods.
- (2) With an anticipatory eye to the future; the use of drones or any other aerial or aquatic mechanical device to deliver an angler’s line to the water.
- (3) The use of any electronic or mechanical means of detecting or locating the position of fish (fish-finders etc.) except for fishery management purposes.

Recommended change to “open season” for Lake Ellesmere.

With the population in the Ellesmere district increasing rapidly, this huge lake (which is currently rarely sports fished at any time year) could become a great local angling asset particularly if the water quality improves.

- (4) That Lake Ellesmere be open all year for sports fishing (as is the case for Lake Forsythe) except from a defined distance from the mouths of important seasonal spawning rivers and streams.

Submission from:

Walter Fielding-Cotterell
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Date: 10 May 2019

Leeston 7683.

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Northcanterbury

From: Ian <ianparkin_builder@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 30 April 2019 6:58 AM
To: Northcanterbury
Subject: Fishing regulations 2020

I see central fish & game have voted to reduce the salmon daily bag limit to one and I would like to share my views on this matter.

I go salmon fishing to catch salmon if my bag limit is reduced to one you effectively halved my enjoyment! Salmon were released in NZ for fishermen to catch not to be protected. If our only answer to this problem is further restrictions then we are destined to fail. Surely the focus is to enhance the salmon run enticing more fishermen to the sport not restricting it for protection. For me once the fish is on the bank the fun is over and I have no problem putting it back. Sent from my iPhone

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 9:17 a.m.
To: D M
Cc: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: RE: Fishing regulations review.

Hi Dougal

Thanks for your submission.

The meeting is on Wednesday 15 May at 595 Johns Road, Harewood commencing at 6.30pm if you want to speak to your submission.

Cheers

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From: D M <dougal@windowslive.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 6:18 AM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Cc: D M <dougal@windowslive.com>
Subject: Fishing regulations review.

Please confirm receipt.

Fishing regulations review.

Dear North canterbury fish & Game.

I could go on for a very long time as I have many points and from my own personal experience recommendations but ill keep it simple and shorter.

1. Please go with as many recommendations as possible from the expert DFO report as listed on the salmon committee page. Recommendations for Addressing Declines in Chinook Salmon Abundance in New Zealand
David Willis
Hatchery Section Head
Salmonid Enhancement Program
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
2. Season catch limit of wild sea run salmon. Please finally make a season limit with the limit been a maximum of 4 wild salmon retained. As per Steve Terrys report dated June 2018 this will save 24 or 26% of returning adult salmon on the rakaia and Waimakariri. The new limit amount only effects a minimum of 2% of salmon anglers who still take just as many as the other 98% combined total approx and this report shows the its the same % of anglers year after bloody year taking too many fish when we now need the escapement. I would also be happy if it was 5 or 6 salmon but at this stage we need those extra 24% of spawners at minimum. Should have really been made qty 20 then 10 salmon many years ago. As i have been present with an honary F&G ranger all my life up to 2014 and hearing my father ask the question off how many salmon have you caught this year i know what some people use to indicate. Forget the age old how is it going to be managed /compliance issues, your mate or friends makes it compliance when you tell him how many salmon you caught etc.
3. Even with a new total salmon season retain limit e g. Qty 4 salmon. Next new rule to be the following. can only kill or catch and release a qty of two wild salmon on any given day and then you must stop salmon fishing.
4. Single hook rule. I think single with barb is ok and this would also give people a chance to use all there treble hooks up as can cut off two of the three shanks from the treble. I have been and fished in Canada many times but not since 2010 and at this stage it was single hook and you could squash the barb down with pliers and was all good to use as long as when running the barb over the top of your finger nail the squashed barb didnt scratch it. If moved to no barb at all many anglers who are lucky to hook a salmon will loose there first salmon of the season i guarantee it maybe even the second one also and many will be very angry.
4. I totally object to closing any further salmon fishable areas of north canterbury rivers. I can speak for the rakaia and Waimakariri rivers as i fish them regularly and know the white post western areas but not on the other rivers. The western zone allready closes one quarter or more of these rivers to salmon fishing. People like to fish different parts of these rivers and as i fish by a jet boat or by car during the season if the new cut off area is any gorge bridge and up i see this causing big problems as jet boating fishing people will move down river and annoy shore anglers very much more you dont see them out when they are in any gorge. I also have other reasons but im keeping it short.
5. From experience if any part of the river needs to be closed to salmon fishing its the mouth and tidal. Hence also why canada also has a tidal fishing waters license which is different to the seperate fresh water license both cost different amounts.
6. Could introduce the purchase of a wild salmon retaining license which is extra in canada if you wish to keep and kill a salmon. \$25 or something. Then if people really kicked up a fuss about there been a total limit sure ok you can by a second one for \$50 for a further 4 salmon.
7. And or Could introduce a salmon habitat and enhancement stamp say like \$20 or \$25 like the hunting license which could go directly to and for salmon and not be taxed by national fish and game.
8. People like to fish for salmon during different parts of the season, maybe due to timing, work, family, sports, etc, so i really wouldnt reduce the season lenght of time.
9. Was known in 1990 any hatchery operations after glenariffe etc would need big money spent. we now need real big money for a recovery just cant relie on escapement make the price increase but please make sure in doing so national fish and game dont get to tax it or much of a cut. Unless they are wishing to contribute \$100,000 minimum towards ncfg hatchery releases every year from now.

10. Trout fishing in western zone salmon rivers. method of fishing should only be fly fishing. Or spin with weight/bubble & fly. During the months of 1st January to 28th February. I have photos of trout fishing people holding caught western zone salmon and i can confirm they do target salmon at times in closed waters.

11. No catch & release wild salmon is to leave the water for a photo taking and held up out of the water by hand for photos.

12. Please apply for fishery regulations prosecution time been extended as at a later date video evidence or photos can be found but is to late to charge for a fishery regulations conviction. Currently only must be charged within a one year period? I have found photos and videos of people doing so who are illegally fishing or targeting salmon and or killing salmon in closed western zone waters but they cant be currently charged and this also applies for people jet boating spawning waters.

13. Please note. If fishery angler catch regulations and fishery closure is your only course of action taken due to it been the easy option which it is and none of the other habitat / environmental / compliance and other important problems etc are taken seriously after these new regulations changes, please keep in mind you will have one pissed off Dougal Matravers kicking up a big stink in a few years as i have seen and had enough. I would also be very interested in the seeing the confidential agreement with trust power and seeing if trust power has fulfilled this agreement and what the agreement is exactly. Knowing the effects of the lake coleridge scheme and reading many old documents over the last 6 years i see many points of interest and not full disclosure of full facts by other than fish and game including untruth and not full correct facts been given in expert witness statements at ecan hearings and old documented studies not been used which could have which prove all we thought that was effecting and really hurting salmon in there river life stages is true etc.

Cheers.

Kind regards

Dougal Matravers

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 9:14 a.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Biennial Sports Fish Regulation Review

From: John Roche <roche.jp@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 11:30 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Biennial Sports Fish Regulation Review

I understand from a post on the Complete Angler Face Book page that this review is taking place with submissions due by 5pm Friday the 10th May,

Firstly, I would like to ask why all fishing licence holders have not been informed of this review and given the opportunity to make submissions?

Secondly, I would like to suggest the following changes to current regulations concerning the high-country lakes.

- Having visited Lake Self for the first time in about 40 years under perfect conditions I was very disappointed at the lack of visible trout that I feel can not have been helped by the now allowable use of spinning gear and a winter season. Can we surely not give the trout a rest between May to October and revert to fly fishing only which now only seems to apply to a minimal number of lakes? I have seen comments on You Tube from other anglers and have spoken to others who also state that fish numbers are low in this lake. The introduction of rainbow trout has given this fishery a new dimension and I would prefer to fish for rainbow trout any day.
- If spinning gear is to be allowed, then single hooks would allow more likelihood of catch & release.
- I cannot believe that trolling is also now allowed in Lake Taylor and this is surely not appropriate for a fishery that once was fly only with a large number of trout which also now appears to be a state of serious decline regarding fish numbers like Lake Selfe.
- Spinning gear is allowed on Lakes where it is inappropriate because of their small size and should be restricted to larger Lakes only

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

John Roche

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Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 9:04 a.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

From: Brendon Topp <farcanal007@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 6:37 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

Hi I'm concerned with lack of trout numbers in the mak this season
I did a small study on ca face book page and a few angler's were also concerned with drop of trout numbers this season and one guys saying he thought it's drop in last 3 yrs
So I would like to see the mak made catch and release for next 2 seasons 2 let numbers come back then here after a catch limit of 1 fish a day .
Would like to see catch an release stay in place for good about the koiwhai river
Also would like to see a better study down on what steams the mak trout go to spawn and see how many a season are spawning

Is there any way that fresh water crayfish could be introduced into lake coleridge to give more food supply for trout and salmon in there to help them grow
Cheers brendon topp

*Allan L. Pam Brown
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New Zealand*

The Secretary
North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
PO Box 50
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South Island,
New Zealand

18 March 2013

Subject: Salmon Run Deterioration

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am primarily interested in fly fishing for trout but I do intend to try Salmon fishing at some stage. I have however read with disappointment the accounts of the ever declining numbers of salmon and it tends to put me off this part of the fishing experience. What is of particular disappointment is the reported incredibly disproportionate distribution of catch rate across all people fishing for salmon.

I have a very simple solution that your Council might like to consider.

I was fortunate a number of years ago (1993) to experience a fishing trip in the Northern parts of Canada. On buying a license you also purchase tags, each one of which entitles you to one fish. I bought four. As you can see by the enclosed samples – I did not enjoy a high degree of success with catching Salmon. On catching the fish you must thread one of these through the gills and mouth and woe is you if you are caught with a Salmon without the tag! (I did by the way have an excellent time catching and releasing Arctic Grayling on my six weight fly rod and that to me was more fun by far than catching any Salmon)

It seems to me that this may be a simple system to introduce here. Perhaps up to four could be issued automatically with the purchase of the license but then I suggest a reasonably substantial fee should be charged for every additional tag to those people intent on "harvesting" the fishery. At around say \$20/KG for farmed salmon I would think it would not be unreasonable to charge \$50 per additional tag. A modest 5KG wild salmon would then still be half the supermarket rate for farmed salmon. Not that I think a beautiful wild salmon should be priced anyway but it seems that is a reality.

Perhaps some people will spend the money and harvest as they wish but at least the funds can be returned to assist with the good work you folks do in maintaining our fishing environment for those who are out there primarily for the sheer pleasure of the fishing experience.

The best outcome though would be the financial disincentive for the few who plunder the fishery, resulting then in a gradual recovery in the number of wild salmon in our rivers.

Yours sincerely



Allan Brown

Northcanterbury

From: Laurence Burke <the-burkes@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 2:16 PM
To: Northcanterbury
Subject: Re Proposed Change to sport Fishing Regulations North Canterbury
Attachments: NZSAA policy on searun salmon.doc

REGULATION CHANGE: A change needs to be made to stop all sports fishing in rivers of the eastern zone From May 1st to September 30th. Rather than having it catch and release above State Highway 1.

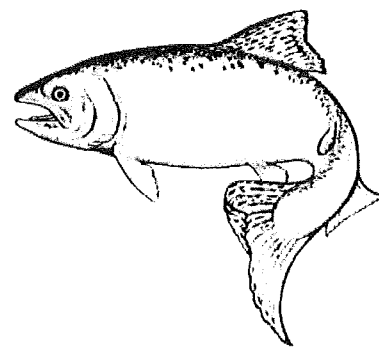
REASON; 2 seasons ago the regulations were changed so that there was no fishing below State Highway one then they were changed again to catch and release only for the eastern zone from May to September. Closing it all together will give the 3 species of sports fish a chance to spawn without angler interference. and will allow more fish to spawn thereby increasing numbers. Leave the lakes open for winter fishing. I am attaching NZSAA salmon fishing policy. to this.

Regards
Larry Burke



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New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association Incorporated



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NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS POLICY RE SEA RUN SALMON

Rationale: It is vital that a sea salmon fishery be maintained in New Zealand.

Points of view:

- Angler catch is not the cause of the drop in salmon numbers.
- Stream clearing would improve spawning areas.
- Ova planting can enhance fish numbers.
- The NZSAA “alevinator” has been a useful way in increasing hatch percentages
- Hatcheries are another aspect that can assist in maintaining the fishery.
- Impose a closed season from May 1 to September 30.
- A voluntary fish a day limit.
- Increase the amount of water in the rivers by curtailing irrigation.
- Climate change has altered the rainfall and river flows so irrigation/farming must adjust accordingly.
- Healthy rivers are a benefit to all.

Measures and actions:

- Increase efforts to improve spawning stream habitat.
- Prevent sediment and pollution runoff from urban and rural areas.
- Curtail any upstream and headwater intensive farming.
- Continue ova planting.
- Maintain hatchery programmes.
- Effective monitoring and compliance of fish screens on all water takes with abatement and prosecution for non compliance.

Conclusion:

The only way fish numbers can be increased is a co-operative effort by all parties concerned.

President

New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association Inc

Northcanterbury

From: PAUL STEWART <pstewart@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 9:13 AM
To: Northcanterbury
Subject: Regulation Suggestions

North Canterbury Fish and Game

Dear Sirs,

Wish to add the following suggestions regarding the regulations -

1/ Salmon season should be 1 Dec through to 29 March.

2/ Salmon should be left unmolested above Rakaia Gorge bridge throughout season.

3/ Limit the season Angler Salmon catch to 3 - 4 fish. This could be kept in check by peer review by fellow anglers. Believe once Salmon Anglers accept drastic measures are necessary in the medium term to build up stocks, acceptance will self fulfilling.

4/ Explore the possibility of enhancement to the Tentburn Outfall fishery. !8/19 season was extraordinary insofar the catch was enhanced by the Akaroa Salmon farm escapees at the end of 2017. This phenomena brought in anglers from near and far, not seen since the heady days of old.

5/ Single hooks could be considered.

6/ Salmon releases close to river mouths if science correct.

Tight Lines

Paul Stewart

Northcanterbury

From: Colin and Dia Eaton <colinanddiaeaton@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2019 10:08 AM
To: Northcanterbury
Cc: Eaton Colin
Subject: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

To whom it may concern,

As our neighbour the Central South Island is within the Canterbury region and our east coast rivers should have salmon in them, it makes good sense to have fishing season starting and finishing on the same dates.

Because during April anglers travel from the central south Island region to north Canterbury region so they can fish for salmon given our rivers little chance for salmon to make the spawning grounds.

Therefore my submission is for our season to be 1 October to 31 March for salmon fishing.

I wish not to speak on this submission but to pass on my view for season duration.

Kind Regards.
Colin Eaton.

Northcanterbury

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Friday, 26 April 2019 8:35 AM
To: Colin and Dia Eaton
Subject: RE: Submission, North Canterbury Fish and Game Regulation 2019 meeting Wednesday 15th May.

Thanks Colin for your submission.

The Regulations meeting will be held on 15 May at 6.30pm at 595 Johns Road, Harewood.

Cheers

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From: Colin and Dia Eaton <colinanddiaeaton@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 25 April 2019 11:32 AM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Cc: Eaton Colin <colinanddiaeaton@xtra.co.nz>
Subject: Submission, North Canterbury Fish and Game Regulation 2019 meeting Wednesday 15th May.

To Whom it may concern,

My submission for changes to the North Canterbury Fish And Game Sports Fishing 2018-2019 regulations is.

Confusion around 3.3 page 28 which states: 'No Licence holder shall fish for salmon in the following waters: All rivers from 1 May to 30 Sep'.

Page 25/26 States under 'Eastern Zone rivers', Open season, 1May to 30Sep the following areas as:

- *Ashley river downstream of Ashley gorge road bridge to state highway one.
- * Hurunui river, downstream of south branch confluence.
- *Rakaia river downstream of Coleridge Tailrace (Eastern Zone) to state Highway one.

* Waiau river downstream of Hope river confluence (Eastern Zone).

*Waimakariri river downstream of the staircase stream confluence(Eastern Zone) to state highway one.

My proposal would be to remove all of the above and leave rule 3.3 as it reads but remove 'No licence holder' as this refers to me that non licence holder could fish for salmon.

I trust this will make it to the table and I wish to talk about my submission at the forth coming meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

C W Eaton.

Northcanterbury

From: John Richardson <richardsonj162@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 5:15 PM
To: Northcanterbury
Subject: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

Dear Councillors

I would like the North Canterbury Council to give serious consideration to the possibility of providing additional protection - in terms particularly of catch limits - for some of our back country fisheries. In particular I would like you to give some thought to the possible introduction of catch and release on some of the most vulnerable fisheries. I have in mind fisheries such as Lake Marymere with its unique Loch Leven strain of trophy fish but relatively poor spawning conditions. It is a serious concern that unthinking anglers could conceivably kill two such trophy trout per day. Whilst I'm aware that one would have to be either a very skilful or a very lucky fisher to do that, I still believe that there is a serious case for making Marymere catch and release only.

In the past NC Fish and Game has stated that catch and release is problematic to regulate yet the 'nil' limit for the winter fishery on the Ashley is but catch and release by another name.

Some of the smaller back country streams that, at certain times of the season, also hold trophy fish might also benefit from such further protection.

Yours sincerely
John Richardson

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2019 3:18 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

From: John Richardson <richardsonj162@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 4:54 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

Amended (Simplified) Submission re Lake Marymere and other waters

Dear Councillors,

After further consideration of the current Regulations: I wish to amend my earlier submission and restrict it to a simple addition to "Regulation 9 Fish Length" specifically Regulation 9.1.

Please give serious consideration to adding Lake Marymere to the list of waters from which no angler shall be in possession of a sports fish which exceeds a length of 400 mm.

Thanks and regards,
John Richardson

Dennis Gooch <sparkytheplug47@gmail.com>

Sent Wednesday 1st May 2019

To : North Canterbury Fish & Game Council
595 Johns Rd
Harewood
Christchurch 8051

Subject :Submission, North Canterbury Fish and Game
Regulation 2019 meeting Wednesday 15th May.

To Whom it may concern,

500 Metre Distances at River/ Stream Mouths

Has North Canterbury Fish & Game Council & Central South Island Fish & Game considered **Erecting White Poles** either side of river/stream mouths to determine the **500 Metre Distances**. it would certainly stop any misconception about fishing areas for Licenced & unlicenced anglers.

Refer:- Sports Fishing Regulations (South Island)
2018 -19 Sports Fishing Regulations "Guide Booklet" **PAGE 8 (D)**
"Fresh Water" Means; **Point (D)**
Distance of 500 metres at river/stream mouths.

The 2018-2019 Fish & Game Signs Reads:

All Anglers fishing with gear suitable for catching sports fish Require a Sports Fishing Licence unless fishing in the sea more than 500 metres away from the river mouth.

A Possible /Suitable Solution (to make River / Stream mouths easier to control)
All Anglers Lure or spin fishing for sports fish **Must Be Licenced** fishing inside the white poled 500 metre areas.

Fisher People **UNLICENCED** fishing inside the white poled 500 metre areas **have to bait fish only.**

Any Sports Fish caught on a **"Bait Assembly" or "Foul Hooked"** must be returned to the water immediately inside the 500 metre distances or move outside the 500 metre pole distance down the beach To Lure / Spin or Bait Fish in the Sea.

From Dennis Gooch & Neil McLean

Northcanterbury

From: Weldtech <weldtech@optusnet.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 19 April 2019 4:53 PM
To: Northcanterbury
Subject: Salmon regulations

Hi,
Regarding the review.

It is important to show the public that we are doing our bit to manage the fishery.

The most telling factor is that we don't actually know how many fish are being caught.

The majority of the fish are being caught by experienced relentless fishers.

I know of groups that will exclusively occupy and fish a site and fish it around the clock every day for weeks. When the fish arrive their group descends on the location to extract as many fish as possible

These fishers take a disproportionate amount of the stock.

Daily bag limits are not enough to limit their effort.

A salmon tag- zip tie should have to be attached to any salmon taken then we would have better understanding of the numbers caught.

Unused tags could be returned at the end of the season

Simple barcodes could be used to track/allocate tags

Numbered Salmon tags could be issued on request to a licence with a limit of 4 tags for the season

Measures to make the fish harder to catch ie single hooks etc will only discourage the 90% of fishers (Including juniors)

that actually live in hope of catching a salmon one day.

Regards
Phil Brooks

Richard Cosgrove

From: Tony Hawker
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 11:52 a.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: Fwd: 100 m rule for boats from shore based fisherman fishing lakes etc. FISHING REGULATIONS 2019/20

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Date: 7/08/18 9:56 AM (GMT+12:00)
To: Tony Hawker <thawker@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: FW: 100 m rule for boats from shore based fisherman fishing lakes etc. FISHING REGULATIONS 2019/20

Hi Tony

Hope you had an awesome trip. The 7 weeks certainly went fast! Look forward to hearing some stories.

I have kept a copy on file at the office but this is for your information.

Debbie

From: davedockery@xtra.co.nz <davedockery@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2018 8:38 AM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: 100 m rule for boats from shore based fisherman fishing lakes etc.

Hi

I was wonder if we could have included again a reference to included boat fishing / trolling close to shore base fisherman and that the boats keep at least 100 m out (casting range) of fisherman fishing from the shore.

As over the last couple of years its not been included or mentioned and since that time there has been a number of issues regarding boat within 50 m of fishermen fishing from the shore around a number of our lakes. Lake Coleridge in august 2018 had an issue with a fishing competition being run where a number of boats were very close around the mouth of the Harper river. When ask to give us room we were told there is no regulation to do move out to the 100 m .

So we would appreciate if this 100 m rule as either a regulation or in the code of conduct to help land base fisherman and boats fisherman get along and reduce any further conflict that has happened in the past. There are also alot of new visitors now using our fisheries and do not know alot about the codes of conduct here in NZ

Hope you can consider this request and are able to include it in the next review of the fishing licences.

Many thanks

Regards

Dave Dockery

Public Submission for Regulation change to Kaiapoi River

I am writing on behalf of the majority of Kaiapoi Salmon Anglers.

The request is to have salmon fishing allowed for the month of April in the Kaiapoi River, upstream from the Main Road bridge.

It is highly respected by local fisherman that upstream of the Kaiapoi North School Bridge is not fished anyway. Even a change in the cut-off point would be acceptable as indicated on map below.

Two options would be the School Bridge (A) or the Smiths/Charles Street Corner (B).

Another option could be via a white post half way down the straight (C) between these areas?

Due to unusual conditions in the 2018 season, salmon fishing has to date been fairly non existent with only a few caught in December, virtually none in January and February, and just a mere few caught to date in March in the Kaiapoi River.

In addition to the extreme hot summer, we have also had to contend with many floods to date, tree trimming that have seen messy trimmings floating up and down the river for weeks and more recently, tons of weeds filling the river from recent cleanups.

A recent survey of one "hot-spot" last week showed it was still running at 19 degrees, 600mm of sediment on the bottom and no fish being present in the selected area (the Cam River point)

This has made the river fairly well un-fishable most of the time, in addition to an overall lack of fish being in the local rivers.

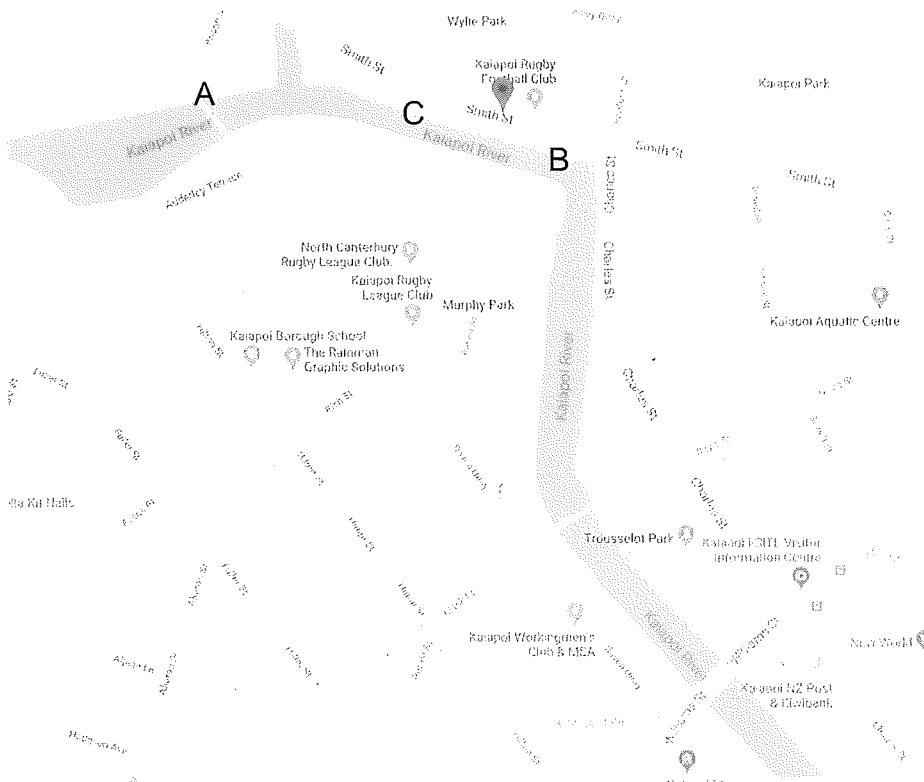
The Kaiapoi River is a convenient place to fish for local residents and is mainly fished by the elderly fishermen. Because of inaccessibility to most other spots in the area at the more productive low tides (knee deep mud downstream from the Main Road Bridge, plus it is full of "snags") it is really dangerous to fish there as the age range of fisherman is generally over 65 years of age with several in their 70's, 80's and one in their mid-nineties. Because of their age and physical disabilities, they are unable to make the walk to the other good fishing spots in the Waimakariri River, namely: Stewarts Gully, McIntosh Rocks and the River Mouth.

As they look forward to the salmon season every year, this year they are being unfairly penalised by not being able to fish at a time the salmon should be present as they have paid their licence fees for many years and this year most of them have not had a single bite. They really should be able to have the opportunity of catching at least one feed.

Kaipoi River fishing over the past few years has declined and during the last two seasons, only one fish has been caught on average every twelve days among the twenty odd fisherman than regularly fish there.

I trust you can give this submission careful consideration

Yours sincerely
Bruce Gibson



Richard Cosgrove

From: Tony Hawker
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 11:56 a.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: Fwd: Fishing regulation review

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Date: 1/03/18 2:45 PM (GMT+12:00)
To: John English <john.english@scorch.co.nz>
Cc: Tony Hawker <thawker@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: RE: Fishing regulation review

Hi John

Thank you for your email.

I have copied our Regulations Review Officer in on my reply for his attention.

We will hold onto your submission until the next round of fishing regulations review. You will be advised, as a submitter as to when and where the review process will take place.

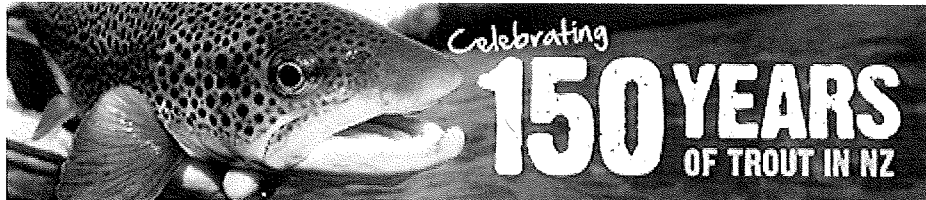
Cheers

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From: John English [mailto:john.english@scorch.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 1 March 2018 1:33 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Fishing regulation review

Hi

I would like to suggest that the regulations be changed to encourage fishing in the Avon river using any form of tackle, all year round, to encourage families to make greater use of the river.
People should be able to fish somewhere with a float and live bait, without fear of doing the wrong thing.
Also there should be some public rivers where you don't need a licence as such, just to encourage people to get out and do something when they do have the time, the Avon would be a good start.
Why not experiment for a year and see how it impacts the river environment.
The river is currently hardly ever used for fishing and most people appear to think it is not allowed.
This seems a waste considering the lack of outdoor activities for kids nowadays.
If there is concern over fish stock depletion, make it based on catch and return, surely this can do little harm.

Regards John English

Richard Cosgrove

From: Ian Berry <salmonmadnz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 April 2019 4:03 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: Re: North Canterbury regulations review

Re Fishing Regulations Review.

My Submission: I would like all Salmon fishing to cease at the Gorge bridges of North Canterbury's area all season .
Trout fishing to remain as current.

All pilchard fishing in the Cam or Kaiapoi rivers to cease .

Ian Berry
56 Sparks Road
Christchurch 8025

On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 7:24 PM Richard Cosgrove <rcosgrove@fishandgame.org.nz> wrote:

Hi Ian,

Not sure if you are a subscriber to the weekly fishing report, but I've cut and pasted the notice below from this weeks on.

Cheers

Richie

Biennial Fishing Regulations Review

North Canterbury Fish & Game is calling for angler submissions on the biennial fishing regulations review.

Every two years we seek angler feedback and suggestions about our regulations.

All submissions need to be written and anglers with a submission need to have them into Fish & Game by 5 pm May 10.

On Wednesday May 15 we will hold a public submission hearing at the North Canterbury Fish & Game Office from 6.30 pm for those who wish to talk to their submission.

You can email your submission to northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz or post it into:

North Canterbury Fish & Game

PO Box 50

Woodend

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Thursday, 21 March 2019 2:00 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: North Canterbury & Central South Island Fishing Report, 14 March 2019

Hi Ritchie

Not sure if you want to reply.

Debbie

From: Ron Logan <ronlogan@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 21 March 2019 1:04 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: RE: North Canterbury & Central South Island Fishing Report, 14 March 2019

Ron Logan here

I totally disagree with reducing bag limits in any form. Salmon that is. If you catch one salmon in a season these days you have done well. We go out for the fishing experience, enjoy the outing, and look forward to better times ahead.

The angler harvest is not the problem. We have degraded spawning streams, irrigation intake smolt diversion

Warming rivers coupled with uncontrolled shag and seal numbers.

Who knows what effect trawler fishing is having.

In the good days of yore, apart from the Japanese, there were no super trawlers hammering the fish shoaling areas

The angler numbers on the rivers would not be 10% of those on the years gone by so to blame them is nonsense

From: Fish & Game NZ [<mailto:northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 14 March 2019 12:08 PM
To: ronlogan@xtra.co.nz
Subject: North Canterbury & Central South Island Fishing Report, 14 March 2019



Weekly Fishing Report, Central South Island
14 March 2019

From the canals. Fish & Game Ranger Allan "Dizzy" Gillespie fished the canals this week with some luck.

Richard Cosgrove

From: Northcanterbury
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2019 3:17 p.m.
To: Richard Cosgrove
Subject: FW: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

From: Melva <mmgard@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 4:53 PM
To: Northcanterbury <northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Submission for the 2019 Fishing regulations review

My submissions for the regulation revue:

- 1 That all rivers including the Gorges remain open for the next season until survey results are finalised.
- 2 I want to see a limit bag of one salmon per day.
- 3 That the practise of catch and release of salmon be curtailed, as this is very good for angler ego, but not so good for the salmon.
- 4 I would like to see the salmon season close at the end of March until the survey results are finalised.
- 5 That the East Coast rivers close completely to all fishing at the end of March until the start of the new season.

I wish to table this submission, but unable to talk at the meeting.
It is very good to see the new online survey.
I look forward to seeing the results being published.

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