

ANGLERS' NOTICE FOR FISH AND GAME REGIONS

CONSERVATION ACT 1987 FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS 1983

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

Wellington

NOTICE

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

1. APPLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

- 1.1 This Anglers' Notice sets out the conditions under which a current licence holder may fish for sports fish in the area to which the notice relates, being conditions relating to—
- a.) the size and limit bag for any species of sports fish:
 - b.) any open or closed season in any specified waters in the area, and the sports fish in respect of which they are open or closed:
 - c.) any requirements, restrictions, or prohibitions on fishing tackle, methods, or the use of any gear, equipment, or device:
 - d.) the hours of fishing:
 - e.) the handling, treatment, or disposal of any sports fish.
- 1.2 This Anglers' Notice applies to sports fish which include species of trout, salmon and also perch and tench (and rudd in Auckland /Waikato Region only).
- 1.3 Perch and tench (and rudd in Auckland /Waikato Region only) are also classed as coarse fish in this Notice.
- 1.4 Within coarse fishing waters (as defined in this Notice) special provisions enable the use of coarse fishing methods that would otherwise be prohibited.
- 1.5 Outside of coarse fishing waters a current licence holder may fish for coarse fish wherever sports fishing is permitted, subject to the general provisions in this Notice that apply for that region.

First Schedule Fishing conditions generally common to all Fish and Game Regions.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

2. INTERPRETATION

Words and expressions in this Notice, which are defined in the Conservation Act 1987, the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 or the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018, shall be so defined.

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

“artificial fly” means any lure of feather, fur, wool or other material of any kind customarily used in the making of artificial flies.

“bait” means:

Natural insect.

Natural spider.

Natural worm or worms.

Natural crustacean.

Natural fish, excluding fish ova, or any portion of a fish, or shellfish (mollusc), except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.

Uncoloured bread dough.

Any scented lure, soft bait and other synthetic imitations with chemical attractant properties, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.

“bait assembly” means either a hook rigged with a number of baits or a single bait rigged with a number of hooks.

“bait fishing” means to fish for sports fish with bait.

“boat” means any manned flotation device.

“coarse fish” means perch, tench (all New Zealand) and rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region only).

“coarse fishing waters” means named locations where anglers can fish for coarse fish with:

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

“fly fishing” means to fish for sports fish with fly rod and fly reel and fly line and artificial fly.

“fishing” and “fish” in this Notice means:

the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish; and includes any:

- a.) other activity that may reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish.
- b.) attempt to catch, take or harvest sports fish.
- c.) operation in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in this definition.

“freshwater” means

- a.) all waters of rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, lagoons, wetlands, impoundments, canals, channels, watercourses, or other bodies of water whether naturally occurring or artificially made.
- b.) all waters of estuaries or coastal lagoons.
- c.) all other fresh or estuarine waters where freshwater fish indigenous to or introduced into New Zealand are found.
- d.) all waters in the mouth of every river or stream, and the mouth of every river and stream shall be deemed to include every outlet thereof and the seashore between those outlets and the waters of the sea or lying within a distance of 500 metres from any place where at low tide the waters of a river or stream meet the waters of the sea.

“foul hook” means to hook a sports fish other than from within the mouth.

“landmark” means a black, yellow and white ringed post or buoy.

“length” is the measurement from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

“legal lure” means any authorised artificial fly or spinner or bait.

“spinner” means any artificial lure other than an artificial fly.

“spin fishing” means to fish for sports fish with a spinner.

“sports fish” means those freshwater fish described in the First Schedule of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, namely:

Brown trout.

Rainbow trout.

American brook trout or char.

Lake trout or char.

Atlantic salmon.

Quinnat or chinook salmon.

Sockeye salmon.

Perch.

Tench.

Rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region only).

Any hybrid of the above species.

3. AUTHORISED TACKLE

3.1 No licence holder shall fish for trout or salmon except by using a rod and running line and authorised lure (as defined in clause 8 of this First Schedule).

3.2 Nets and gaffs:

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

- 3.2.2 For keeping coarse fish alive, a keep net may be used in the water from which the fish was caught.
- 3.2.3 No licence holder shall use a gaff to secure or land a sports fish except where provided for in the second schedule of this notice.
- 3.3 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall:
 - 3.3.1 Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.
 - 3.3.2 Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.
 - 3.3.3 Use more than 1 bait assembly.
 - 3.3.4 Be more than 15m from the rod being used.
 - 3.3.5 Use in waters other than those where bait fishing is permitted any lure treated with any chemical preparation other than that used solely to control the buoyancy of an artificial fly, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.
 - 3.3.6 Use any preparation not attached to a lure to attract fish except when fishing for coarse fish in coarse fishing waters.
- 3.4 No person shall fish for sports fish by using felt-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a sole of felted, matted or woven fibrous material when sports fishing.

4. FOUL HOOKING OF FISH

- 4.1 No licence holder shall attempt to foul hook any sports fish.
- 4.2 Any licence holder who foul hooks a sports fish shall return it immediately to the water with as little injury as possible.

5. FISH LENGTH

Every licence holder who catches a sports fish which does not exceed the specified minimum length, or exceeds the specified maximum length, shall immediately return it with as little injury as possible into the water from which it was taken.

6. OPEN SEASON

No licence holder shall fish for any sports fish except during an open season.

7. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

- 7.1 No licence holder shall continue to fish for a particular species of sports fish on any day in which he or she has already killed the limit bag for that species except where provided for in the Second Schedule.
- 7.2 It shall be permissible to make up the difference between a lesser limit bag prescribed in one place and a higher limit bag prescribed in another if the extra fish are taken in the area with the higher bag limit.

8. AUTHORISED LURES

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

Artificial fly.
Spinner.
Bait.

SECOND SCHEDULE

WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME REGION

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

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS, FISH LENGTH LIMITS

Permitted Methods definition:

F = Artificial Fly fishing only

FS = Artificial Fly, Spin fishing only

FSB = Artificial Fly, Spin or Bait fishing

*** = Bait fishing by child licence holder ONLY**

Maximum size limit means all trout longer than the specified length must be released. There is no minimum size limit in any water in the Wellington Fish and Game region.

<i>Lakes / Rivers</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limits</i>
All other waters not listed below	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
All coastal dune lakes	All year	FSB	4
Akatarawa River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Hautapu River upstream of the road bridge numbered 741/1096 on State Highway 1 by the Taihape Golf Club	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 550mm
Hautapu River downstream of the road bridge numbered 741/1096 on State Highway 1 by the Taihape Golf Club	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Henley, Lake	All year	FSB	4
Hokowhitu Lagoon (also known as Centennial Lagoon)	All year	FSB	Rainbow or Brown trout 1 All other sports fish No limit
Hutt River	All year	FS *	2 Max 450mm
Kahuterawa Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Kawhatau River	All year	FSB	4

Kiriwhakapapa Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Kopuaranga River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	4
Kourarau Dam (Upper) Reservoir, except all inflowing streams.	All year	FSB	Rainbow or Brown trout 1 All other sports fish 4
Lake Wairarapa	All year	FSB	4
Makakahi River, upstream of the road bridge at Eketahuna	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Makakahi River, downstream of the road bridge at Eketahuna	All year	FSB	4
Makiekie River (Coal Creek)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Makuri River upstream of the township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 450mm
Makuri River downstream of the township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Manawatu River upstream of Maunga Road Bridge (upstream of Dannevirke)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Manawatu River downstream of Maunga Road Bridge (upstream of Dannevirke)	All year	FSB	4
Managakokeke Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450
Mangaohane Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm
Mangahao River upstream of Marima Reserve Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Mangahao River downstream of Marima Reserve Bridge	All year	FSB	4
Mangaone River (a tributary of the Tiraumea River)	All year	FSB	4
Mangaroa River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Mangatainoka River upstream of Scarborough Konini Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2 Max 450mm
Mangatainoka River downstream of Scarborough Konini Road Bridge	All year	FS	2 Max 450mm
Mangatarere Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1
Mangatoro River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1
Mikimiki stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Moawhango River	All year	FSB	4
Ohau River	All year	FS	2 Max 450mm
Oroua River and its tributaries upstream of Ruahine Forest Park boundary	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1

Oroua River downstream of Ruahine Forest Park boundary and upstream of Oroua Valley Road Bridge	All year	FSB	1
Oroua River downstream of Oroua Valley Road Bridge	All year	FSB	4
Otaki River and its tributaries upstream of Tararua Forest Park boundary	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Otaki River downstream of Tararua Forest Park boundary	All year	FSB	1 Max 450mm
Pakuratahi Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River downstream of Totara Reserve Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Pohangina River upstream of Totara Reserve Bridge to Piripiri Bridge	All year	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River upstream of Piripiri Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Pourangaki River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Rangitikei River and its tributaries upstream of Ohinewaione Stream confluence (about 9 river kilometres upstream of the Springvale Bridge) (<i>refer to clause 4 for this region</i>)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm
Rangitikei River upstream of Matawhero Road Bridge (commonly called the Mangaohane Bridge) to the Ohinewaione Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2 Max 550mm
Rangitikei River downstream of Matawhero Road Bridge (commonly called the Mangaohane Bridge)	All year	FSB	4
Ruamahunga River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Ruamahunga River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Tauherenikau River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Tauherenikau River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Tauweru River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Tiraumea River	All year	FSB	4
Tokomaru River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Turitea Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Waikanae River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Waipoua River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Waingawa River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm

Waingawa River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Wainui Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Wainuiomata River downstream of the main township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 550mm
Waiohine River and its tributaries upstream of of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Waiohine River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Waitawa, Lake (Otaki) – [<i>Forest Lake</i>]	All year	FSB	Tench 0
Whakatikei River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Whakaurekou River upstream of Ranitikei River confluence including tributaries within the Ruahine Ranges (<i>refer to clause 4 for this region</i>)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Whitby Lakes	All year	FSB	Tench 0

3. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Lake Waitawa (Otaki) (catch & release).

Please contact Forest Lakes Camping and Conference Centre (06) 364 8218 for permission to access Lake Waitawa

Upper and Lower Whitby Lakes (catch & release).

Lake Wairarapa.

Ruamahanga Cut-off.

4. WELLINGTON BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

Backcountry fishery

4.1 Definition:

4.2 **Rangitikei River backcountry fishery** means the upper Rangitikei River and its tributaries upstream of the Ohinewaione Stream confluence.

4.3 **Whakaurekou River backcountry fishery** means the Whakaurekou River from the confluence of the Rangitikei River, including the tributaries within the Ruahine Ranges (namely Mangatera, Maropea and Waikamaka Rivers).

The Rangitikei River and Whakaurekou River backcountry fisheries are a backcountry fishery (as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018) and all anglers who fish in them must first obtain a backcountry licence (obtainable from Wellington Fish and Game Council) in addition to an adult whole season licence, as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018, and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice.