

SOUTH ISLAND

Sports Fishing Regulations 2009-2010



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REGULATION GUIDE

The regulations printed in this guide booklet are subject to the Minister of Conservation's approval. A copy of the published Anglers' Notice in the New Zealand Gazette is available on www.fishandgame.org.nz

THE SPORTS FISHING REGULATIONS

These regulations are set to ensure:

- That fish populations are maintained and that the number of fish caught do not threaten the sustainability of the fisheries
- That the quality of the fishing experience is maintained
- That spawning areas are protected
- To ensure incompatible methods of fishing are kept separate
- That 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. If you are in any doubt about sports fishing regulations, please contact your local Fish and Game office.

These regulations are approved by the Minister of Conservation on the advice of the 12 regional Fish and Game Councils. In the past different methods and gear have been legal in one region but not the region next door, and as the licence is a New Zealand wide one this has been confusing to many anglers. To overcome this problem, the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, in consultation with the regional councils, has attempted to make the regulations more consistent nationwide.

**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 Regions:

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

NOTICE

This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of October 2009.

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.

PLEASE KEEP DIDYMO OUT OF THE NORTH ISLAND

It is crucial that you do your bit to keep didymo out of the North Island. CHECK, CLEAN and DRY your fishing gear, clothing, waders and other equipment before moving from one waterway to another. Thoroughly spray your gear (lines, reels, rods, flies, nets, waders, boots etc) and any clothing that has been in contact water with a 5% solution of household detergent.

FELT SOLED BOOTS have been identified as a high risk carrier of didymo and other unwanted aquatic organisms. The felt is very absorbent and cannot be cleaned effectively using the normal methods. Fish & Game New Zealand is continuing the restriction placed on the use of felt soles prior to the start of the 2008 season.

Anglers must still CHECK, CLEAN, DRY all equipment that gets wet while fishing before going to a new fishing spot.



NATIONAL REGULATIONS

FIRST SCHEDULE

(applies to all regions except Taupo)

FIRST SCHEDULE

1. INTERPRETATION

Words and expressions in this notice, which are defined in the Conservation Act 1987 or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, shall be so defined.

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 fly.

Natural insect.

Natural spider.

Natural worm or worms.

Natural crustacean.

Natural fish (excluding fish ova, or any portion of a fish, or shellfish (mollusc)).

Uncoloured bread dough.

Any scented lure constructed of, or treated with, elements that have chemical attractant properties.

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:

- (a) with a rod which has either a fixed or running line.
- (b) with no restriction on the type or number of baits in use.
- (c) with 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:

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

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.

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.

2. AUTHORISED TACKLE

2.1 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish except by using a rod and running line and authorised lure (as defined in clause 7 of this 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 When playing a salmon, a gaff may be used to secure or land that salmon in the Otago region only.
- 2.3 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall:
Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.
Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.
Use more than 1 bait assembly.
Be more than 15m from the rod being used.
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.
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 licence holder shall attempt to foul hook any sports fish.
- 3.2 Any licence holder who foul hooks a sports fish shall return it immediately to the water with as little injury as possible.

4. FISH LENGTH

Every licence holder who catches a sports fish which does not exceed the specified minimum length, or does exceed 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 licence holder shall fish for any sports fish except during an open season.

6. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

- 6.1 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.
- 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.

7. AUTHORISED LURES

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

- Artificial fly.
- Spinner.
- Bait.

SECOND SCHEDULE

applies only in the region

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

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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, kiwi fruit 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 form the upper Buller River until it is joined by the Matakaitaki, 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 Kaikoura's. 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 and instructions of access points and fishing information are available for Golden Bay and the

Buller, Motueka, Pelorus and Wairau catchments. Pamphlets are available at no cost from most licence agents and information centres or the Nelson Fish & Game office. Access pamphlets are also available on www.fishandgame.org.nz.

COARSE FISH

Recently perch and tench, along with koi carp and gambusia, have been illegally released into the Nelson Marlborough region. It is Fish and Game policy that no anglers should benefit from illegal releases of sports fish. Therefore fishing for coarse fish in the region is still illegal and any angler found targeting coarse fish will be prosecuted.

DIDYMO

Didymo is now present in several Nelson/Marlborough Rivers and anglers are reminded that they need to clean, dry or disinfect their gear when moving between all rivers to minimise the risks of spreading didymo.

REGULATIONS

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

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, METHOD RESTRICTIONS AND BAG LIMITS

NOTE: Any water not mentioned in the chart, season length will be 1 October-30 April, Artificial Fly or Spinner, Bag Limit 2

Open Season for Salmon: 1 October–30 April in all waters, except Closed Salmon Waters indicated by #

B - Brown Trout **R** - Rainbow Trout **S**–Salmon

1+ means 2 Sports fish where only one may exceed 500mm in length

* Child Licence Holder May Bait Fish

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WATER	FISHING SEASONS		FISHING METHODS		SPECIES OPEN FOR FISHING	BAG LIMIT
	All year except salmon.	1 Oct- 30 April	All legal methods	Artificial fly or spinner		
Acheron River downstream of its confluence with the Severn River		✓		✓	B #	2
Acheron River upstream of its confluence with the Severn River		✓		✓	B #	1+
Alma River		✓		✓	B #	1+
Anatoki River		✓		✓	B S	2
Aorere River downstream from the Salisbury Road Bridge	✓		✓		B S	2
Aorere River upstream from the Salisbury Road Bridge		✓		✓	B S	2
Argyle Pond and lower hydro canals downstream to its confluence with the Wairau River	✓		✓		B R	2
Awatere River	✓		✓		B	2
Bartletts Creek		✓		✓	B	2
Baton River		✓		✓	B	1+
Bowscale Tarn		✓		✓	B	2
Branch River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Buller River downstream of the Gowan Bridge	✓		✓		B	2

Refer notes

WATER	FISHING SEASONS		FISHING METHODS		SPECIES OPEN FOR FISHING	BAG LIMIT
	<i>All year except salmon.</i>	<i>1 Oct- 30 April</i>	<i>All legal methods</i>	<i>Artificial fly or spinner</i>		
Buller River upstream of the Gowan Bridge		✓		✓	B	2
Clarence River downstream from the Acheron confluence	✓		✓		B S	2
Clarence River upstream from the Acheron confluence		✓		✓	B #	2
Cobb Reservoir	✓		✓		B R	4
Cobb River		✓		✓	B R	2
Conway River	✓		✓		B	2
D'Urville River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Daniells Lake		✓		✓	B R	1+
Deepdale River		✓		✓	B	1+
Dove River		✓		✓	B	2
Fish Lake		✓		✓	B	2
Fyfe River		✓		✓	B	1+
Gibsons Creek		✓		✓	B	2
Glenroy River		✓		✓	B	1+
Goulter River		✓		✓	B	1+
Gowan River		✓		✓	B R	2
Graham River		✓		✓	B	2
Grovetown Lagoon		✓		✓	B	2

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	All year except salmon.	1 Oct- 30 April	All legal methods	Artificial fly or spinner		
	<i>Refer notes</i>					
Hope River		✓		✓	B	2
Howard River		✓		✓	B	2
Island Lake		✓		✓	B	2
Kahutara River		✓		✓	B	2
Kaituna River (Marlborough)		✓		✓	B	2
Leatham River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Lee River		✓		✓	B	2
Lyell Creek (Kaikoura) down- stream from State Highway 1	✓		✓		B	2
Lyell Creek (Kaikoura) upstream from State Highway 1		✓		✓	B	2
Maitai River above Lower Nile Street Bridge		✓		✓	B	2
Maitai River below Lower Nile Street Bridge*	✓			✓	B	2
Mangles River		✓		✓	B	1+
Marahau River		✓		✓	B	2
Maruia River upstream of Maruia Falls		✓		✓	B R	2
Maruia River downstream of Maruia Falls	✓		✓		B R	2

WATER	FISHING SEASONS		FISHING METHODS		SPECIES OPEN FOR FISHING	BAG LIMIT
	<i>All year except salmon. Refer notes</i>	<i>1 Oct- 30 April</i>	<i>All legal methods</i>	<i>Artificial fly or spinner</i>		
Matakitaki River downstream from State Highway 6 Bridge	✓		✓		B	2
Matakitaki River downstream from the Glenroy River to the State Highway 6 Bridge		✓		✓	B	2
Matakitaki River upstream of its confluence with the Glenroy River		✓		✓	B	1+
Matiri River		✓		✓	B	2
Middle Creek Kaikoura down- stream from State Highway 1	✓		✓		B	2
Middle Creek Kaikoura upstream from SH1		✓		✓	B	2
Motueka River downstream from the Peninsula Road Bridge at Ngatimoti	✓		✓		B	2
Motueka River downstream of its confluence with the Wangapeka River to the Peninsula Road Bridge		✓		✓	B	2

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	All year except salmon.	1 Oct- 30 April	All legal methods	Artificial fly or spinner		
Motueka River upstream of its confluence with the Wangapeka River		✓		✓	B	1+
Motupiko River		✓		✓	B	1+
Moutere River		✓		✓	B	2
Oaro River	✓		✓		B	2
Omaka River		✓		✓	B	2
Opawa River upstream from State Highway 1 Bridge		✓		✓	B	2
Opawa River downstream from State Highway 1 Bridge (including Roses Overflow)	✓		✓		B	2
Opouri River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Orinoco River		✓		✓	B	2
Owen River		✓		✓	B	1+
Paturau River		✓		✓	B	2
Pearse River		✓		✓	B	1+
Pelorus River downstream from its confluence with the Rai River	✓		✓		B R S	2

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	<i>All year except salmon. Refer notes</i>	<i>1 Oct 30 April</i>	<i>All legal methods</i>	<i>Artificial fly or spinner</i>		
Pelorus River upstream of its confluence with the Rai River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Rahu River		✓		✓	B	1+
Rai River		✓		✓	B R S	2
Rainbow River		✓		✓	B #	1+
Rainy River		✓		✓	B	1+
Riwaka River including North and South Branches		✓		✓	B	1+
Roding River		✓		✓	B	2
Rolling River		✓		✓	B	1+
Ronga River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Rotoiti Lake except for closed areas – see below	✓		✓		B	4
Rotoroa Lake except for closed areas – see below	✓		✓		B R	4
Sabine River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Sedgemere		✓		✓	B	2
Severn River		✓			B #	1+
Speargrass Creek		✓		✓	B	2
Spey Stream		✓		✓	B	2
Spring Creek		✓		✓	B R	1+

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WATER	FISHING SEASONS		FISHING METHODS		SPECIES OPEN FOR FISHING	BAG LIMIT
	<i>All year except salmon.</i>	<i>1 Oct- 30 April</i>	<i>All legal methods</i>	<i>Artificial fly or spinner</i>		
Station Creek		✓		✓	B	2
Tadmor River		✓		✓	B	2
Takaka River downstream from its confluence with the Waingaro River	✓		✓		B S	2
Takaka River upstream with its confluence with the Waingaro River		✓		✓	B	2
Taylor River downstream from the New Renwick Road Bridge	✓		✓		B	2
Taylor River upstream from the New Renwick Road Bridge		✓		✓	B	2
Tennyson Lake		✓	✓		B	4
The Brook Stream		✓		✓	B	2
Timms Stream		✓		✓	B	2
Tinline River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Top Valley Stream		✓		✓	B	2
Travers River		✓		✓	B	1+
Tuamarina River		✓		✓	B	2
Tunakino River		✓		✓	B R	1+
Tutaki River		✓		✓	B	2

WATER	FISHING SEASONS		FISHING METHODS		SPECIES OPEN FOR FISHING	BAG LIMIT
	<i>All year except salmon. Refer notes</i>	<i>1 Oct- 30 April</i>	<i>All legal methods</i>	<i>Artificial fly or spinner</i>		
Waihopai River		✓		✓	B	2
Wai-iti River		✓		✓	B	2
Waikakaho River		✓		✓	B	2
Waikoropupu River		✓		✓	B S	1+
Waingaro River		✓		✓	B	2
Wairau River downstream from the Wash Bridge including the Diversion and the Southern Valley Irrigation Intake Pond	✓		✓		B R S	2
Wairau River upstream of the Wash Bridge		✓		✓	B #	2
Wairoa River upstream of the confluence with the Lee River		✓		✓	B	2
Wairoa River/ Waimea River downstream of the confluence with the Lee River	✓		✓		B	2
Wakamarina River		✓		✓	B R	2
Wakapuaka River		✓		✓	B	1+
Wangapeka River		✓		✓	B	1+
Warwick River		✓		✓	B	1+
Woolley River		✓		✓	B	1+

3. CLOSED WATERS

No licence holder shall take:

- 3.1 Sports fish from Lake Rotoiti or Lake Rotoroa, between 1 May and 30 September, within 100m from the centre of the meeting line with the lakes, of the following rivers and streams:

Lake Rotoiti:

- (a) Travers River
- (b) Coldwater Stream
- (c) Black Valley Stream
- (d) Buller River

Lake Rotoroa:

- (a) Sabine River
- (b) D'Urville River
- (c) Gowan River

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

- 4.1 Refer to Section 2
- 4.2 Down riggers are permitted when lake fishing.

5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

There are no *fly fishing only* waters in the Nelson/Marlborough Region.

6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

Refer to Section 2.

7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Fishing for coarse fish in all waters in the Nelson/Marlborough Region is prohibited.

8. USE OF BOATS

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish from any boat in those parts of Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotoroa within a radius of 100m from the centre of the meeting lines of those rivers and streams listed below:

Lake Rotoiti:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) Travers River | (b) Coldwater Stream |
| (c) Black Valley Stream | (d) Buller River |

Lake Rotoroa:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Sabine River | (b) D'Urville River |
| (c) Gowan River | |

9. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

- 9.1 No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than the bag limits specified in Sections 2 and 9.2.
- 9.2 No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than two salmon.

10. FISH LENGTH

There is no minimum size limit for trout or salmon taken in the Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Region.

NORTH CANTERBURY

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Fish & Game New Zealand's North Canterbury region offers much to the angler. Without a doubt the star attraction of the region is the sea-run salmon fishery. The Rakaia, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Waiau rivers offer excellent sea-run salmon fishing between November and March. The best time to plan a trip is during February when river flows tend to be stable, after the period of major snow melt in the Southern Alps. Most salmon are caught on heavy spinning tackle upriver or on specialised long distance casting tackle in the surf next to the river mouth. The salmon with an average size of around 8kg is one of the most highly sought-after sports fish in the country. In addition to the high profile salmon fishery, North Canterbury also offers great fishing for other species. More than thirty high country lakes offer landlocked salmon, brown trout, rainbow

trout, mackinaw and splake. The upper reaches of the braided rivers offer high quality brown and rainbow trout with very big fish in places. The lower reaches of the same rivers provide excellent sea-run trout fishing as well. Very large runs of fresh silver sea run brown trout converge on the tidal areas of the salmon rivers during the months of December and January in particular.

For more information on sports fishing in North Canterbury consult the fishing access guides/maps: Rakaia River, Waimakariri River, Hurunui and Waiau Rivers, The High Country lakes and Close to Christchurch. These are available from the North Canterbury office, from the North Canterbury Region page at the Fish & Game web site (www.fishandgame.org.nz) or from major sports shops in the region.

Didymo is now present in a number of our rivers. Please help us stop the spread of Didymo, whenever possible restrict use of fishing gear, boat, clothing, and other items for exclusive use in a single waterway. Please observe and respect our “Closed Waters” areas, to prevent Didymo infestation of critically important salmon spawning habitats. If you move gear between waterways you must CHECK, CLEAN, DRY. For more information on Didymo visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz.

REGULATIONS

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

1. DEFINITIONS

The North Canterbury Fish and Game Region is divided into two zones:

Eastern Zone: The area to the east of a line extending from a white post (on Double Hill Road visible from the river) on the south bank of the Rakaia River, to a white post on the north bank (near the Coleridge Power Station tailrace), to the confluence of the Staircase Stream and the Waimakariri River (above Woodstock), to the Oxford–Glentui Road Bridge on the Ashley River, to the junction of the Hurunui River with the South Branch, to the junction of the Waiau and Hope Rivers; and excluding Lake Rubicon.

Western Zone: The area to the west of the eastern zone plus Lake Rubicon.

2. OPEN SEASON

Except as closed under 3 or restricted elsewhere in the notice.

<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Ada River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Ashley River, above Oxford– Glentui Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Ashley River, below Oxford– Glentui Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Avon River	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Boyle River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Broken River	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Cam River, above the State Highway 1 Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Cam River, below the State Highway 1 Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Cass Hill Stream (Bullock Creek)	Closed	None	0	0
Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Coleridge Tailrace	1 Oct–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	0
Coleridge, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr and 1 June–31 Aug	Spinner/fly	2**	4**
Cora Lynn Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Courtenay, Lake	All year	All legal methods	2	2
Cust River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	0

NORTH CANTERBURY

<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Double Hill Stream and Double Hill Flat Stream	Closed	None	0	0
Doubtful River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Ellesmere, Lake	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Esk River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Evelyn, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Forsyth, Lake	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Georgina, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Glenariffe Stream	Closed	None	0	0
Goat Hill Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	0
Grasmere, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Guyon, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Halswell Canal, above the Duck Pond Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Halswell Canal, below the Duck Pond Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Halswell River, above the Seabridge Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Halswell River, below the Seabridge Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Harper River	1 Dec–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Harts Creek	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Hawdon, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Hawkins River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Heathcote River	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a

<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Henrietta, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Henry River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Hope River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Hororata River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Hurunui River, above Lake Sumner	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Hurunui River, between Lake Sumner and South Branch confluence	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Hurunui River, below the South Branch confluence (Eastern Zone)	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Hurunui River, South Branch	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Hydra Waters	Closed	None	0	0
Ida, Lake and Little Ida Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Irwell River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Kaiapoi Lakes	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Kaiapoi River, above the Cust Main Drain confluence	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods*	2	2
Kaiapoi River, below the Cust Main Drain confluence	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Kaituna River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Katrine, Loch	7 Nov–30 Apr and 1 Jun–30 Sep	Spinner/fly	2	2
Lake, Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	0
Leader River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2

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<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Lee Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Letitia, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Lewis River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
LII (L2) River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Lilian, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Lyndon, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Mandamus River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Manuka Point Stream	Closed	None	0	0
Marymere, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Mason, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Minchin, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Monck (Catherine), Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Monopolies Pond	All year	All legal methods	2	n/a
Nina River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Okuku River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Okuti River, above the Te Oka Bay Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Okuti River, below the Te Oka Bay Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Pahau River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Otukaikino Creek (South Branch of Waimakariri) above Dickies Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Otukaikino Creek (South Branch of Waimakariri) below Dickies Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	2

<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Pahau River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Pearson, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr and 1 Jun–30 Sep	Spinner/fly	2	2
Porter River	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Poulter River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Rakaia River, above the Coleridge Tailrace confluence (in Western Zone)	1 Oct–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	0
Rakaia River, below the Coleridge Tailrace confluence (in Eastern Zone)	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Rotokohatu, Lake	All year	All legal methods	2	n/a
Rubicon, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Ryton River	1 Dec–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Saltwater Creek	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Sarah, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Selfe, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr and 1 Jun–30 Sep	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Selwyn River, above the State Highway 77 bridge (Glentunnel)	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	n/a
Selwyn River between the Upper Huts and State Highway 77 bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Selwyn River, below the Upper Huts	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a

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<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Sheppard, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Slovens Creek	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
St. Annes Lagoon, Cheviot	Closed	none	0	0
Styx River, above the Marshlands Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Styx River, below the Marshlands Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Summer, Lake	All year	Spinner/fly	2	2
Taylor, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr and 1 Jun–30 Sep	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Tentburn Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	2
Waiau River, above the Hope River confluence (Western Zone)	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	1	0
Waiau River, below the Hope River confluence (Eastern Zone)	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Waikari River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Waimakariri River, above Staircase Stream confluence (Western Zone)	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Waimakariri River, below the Staircase Stream confluence (Eastern Zone)	All year	All legal methods*	2	2
Waipara River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Wairewa River, above the Te Oka Bay Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods*	2	n/a

<i>Rivers/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Waikarewa River, below the Te Oka Bay Road Bridge	All year	All legal methods*	2	n/a
Wilberforce Diversion	1 Dec–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Wilberforce River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	0
Winding Creek	Closed	None	0	0

Notes to above table:

*See section 6 for further restrictions on bait fishing for sports fish.

**See section 8 for further restrictions of daily bag limits.

2.2 All lakes, rivers and streams in the Eastern zone not mentioned in Section 2:

1 October to 30 April All legal methods 2 trout, 2 salmon

2.3 All lakes in the Western zone not mentioned in Section 2:

3 November to 30 April Spinner, fly 2 trout

2.4 All tributaries of Western zone lakes not mentioned in Section 2:

1 December to 30 April Spinner, fly 2 trout

3. CLOSED WATERS

3.1 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish in the following waters:

Avon River between Armagh and Barbadoes Streets bridges
Manuka Point Stream

Cass Hill Stream

St Annes Lagoon near Cheviot

Double Hill Stream

The tailrace of the Highbank Power Station

Double Hill Flat Stream

Winding Creek

Glenariffe Stream

Within 100m of the outfall of any licensed fish farm

Hydra Waters

- 3.2 No licence holder shall fish for coarse fish in the following waters:

Clearwater Resort fishing lakes

Ferrymead Park lakes

Christchurch Groynes lakes

Westlake near Halswell

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

Hacketts Creek from 1 March to 30 April

The Kowai River and its tributaries from 1 March to 30 April

Western Zone rivers

- 3.4 No licence holder aged over 17 years as of 1 October 2009 shall fish in the Christchurch Groynes Fishing Lakes or Courtenay Lake at Kaiapoi.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

See First Schedule.

5. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Avon River downstream of the Barbadoes Street Bridge

Monopolies Pond

Forsyth Lake

Okana River downstream of State Highway 75

Halswell Canal downstream of Duck Pond Road

Old Halswell River downstream of Seabridge Road

Rotokohatu Lake

Kaiapoi Lakes

6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

- 6.1 A person may bait fish for trout in the Eastern Zone between 1 October and 30 April only, except at:
- 6.1.1 Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes and Courtenay Lake where bait fishing is permitted all year.
 - 6.1.2 Selwyn River upstream of State Highway 77 bridge where bait fishing is prohibited all year.
- 6.2 Bait fishing for trout is prohibited in the Western Zone.
- 6.3 Bait fishing for salmon is prohibited except in the:
- 6.3.1 Kaiapoi River between 1 October and 30 April.
 - 6.3.2 The Christchurch Groyne Fishing Lakes all year.
 - 6.3.3 Courtenay Lake all year.

7. USE OF BOATS

- 7.1 Fishing from boats which are being mechanically propelled (trolling) is permitted in:

All rivers Lake Forsyth

Lake Coleridge Lake Sumner

Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora)

- 7.2 Fishing from boats which are not being mechanically propelled is permitted in:

All rivers Lake Lyndon

All eastern zone lakes Lake Pearson

Lake Coleridge Lake Selfe

Lake Evelyn Lake Sumner

Lake Georgina Lake Taylor

Lake Henrietta Loch Katrine

8. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

- 8.1 No licence holder shall take, kill or be in possession of more than 1 tench from the Coarse Fishing Waters named in Section 5.
- 8.2 In addition to the daily limit bags described in Sections 2 and 8.1, no licence holder shall take, kill or be in possession of more than four sports fish.

9. FISH LENGTH

- 9.1 No licence holder shall be in possession of a sports fish which exceeds the stated maximum length, from the following waters:
- (a) Ashley River above the Oxford–Glentui Bridge 400mm
 - (b) Broken River and its tributaries (including Porter River and Slovens Creek) 400mm
 - (c) The Hurunui River above Lake Sumner 400mm
 - (d) The South Branch of the Hurunui River 400mm
 - (e) The Waiau River and all of its tributaries upstream of the Hope River Confluence 400mm
 - (f) The Hope River and all of its tributaries including the Boyle, Doubtful, Lewis and Nina Rivers 400mm
 - (g) Tench in Coarse Fishing Waters 150mm
 - (h) Other waters No restriction
- 9.2 Minimum length No restriction

10. HOURS OF FISHING

- 10.1 Western zone lakes which are open to fishing between 1 June–31 August: 5.00am to 12.00 midnight only.
- 10.2 All other waters No restriction

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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 2m 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.

REGULATIONS

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

1. DEFINITIONS

For interpretation of terms, refer to the First Schedule of this notice or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

2. OPEN SEASON

2.1 Open season for trout and perch

The season duration for trout and perch in the following waters and their estuaries (excluding tributaries) shall be all year:

Ahaura River	Downstream of Haupiri Confluence
Arahura River	Downstream of Milltown (Landsburgh) Bridge
Arawhata River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Arnold River	
Big Ditch Creek	Downstream of State Highway 67
Big Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Big Wanganui River	

Brunner Lake	
Buller River	Downstream of Lyell confluence
Cascade River	Downstream of Martyr confluence
Cook River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Deadmans Creek	Downstream of State Highway 67
Ellery, Lake	
Grey River	Downstream of Clarke Confluence
Haast River	Downstream of Pleasant Flat Bridge
Hapuka River	
Hauptiri, Lake	
Hindleys Creek	
Hokitika River	Downstream of swing bridge at Lower Gorge
Ianthe, Lake	Excluding outlet
Inangahua River (Lower)	From Perseverance Bridge to Buller Confluence
Jacobs River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Kaniere, Lake	
Kaniere River	
Karamea River	Downstream of cableway at mouth of Lower Gorge
Karangarua River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Kohaihai River	Downstream of Heaphy Track Bridge
Kokatahi River	Downstream of Styx Confluence
Kumara/Kapitea Reservoir system	Downstream of Old Christchurch Road
Little Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Little Wanganui River	Downstream of the cableway
Mahinapua, Lake and outlet creek	

Mahitahi River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Mapourika, Lake	
Martins Creek	Downstream of Martins Creek Bridge
Mikonui River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Moeraki, Lake	
Moeraki River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Mokihinui River	Downstream of cableway at Welcome Creek
New River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Ngakawau River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Nile River	Downstream of Awakere confluence
Ohinetamatea River	
Okari River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Okarito River and lagoon	
Okuru River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Omoeroa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Oparara River	Downstream of Karamea Kohaihai Road
Orowaiti River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Paringa, Lake	
Paringa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Poerua River (South Westland)	Downstream of State Highway 6
Porarari River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Punakaiki River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Taramakau River	Downstream of bridge at Jacksons
Totara River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Turnbull River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Wahapo, Lake	

Waiatoto River	Downstream of Haast-Jackson Bay Road
Waikukupa River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Waimangaroa River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Waita River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Waitaha River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Whakapohi River	Downstream of State Highway 6
Whareatea River	Downstream of State Highway 67
Whataroa River	
Whitcombe River	

The season duration for trout and perch in all other waters shall be 1 October–30 April (incl.)

2.2 OPEN SEASON FOR SALMON:

The open season for salmon in Lakes Mapourika, Paringa (including Windbag Stream) and Lake Moeraki shall be	1 October–31 March (incl.)
All other waters	1 October–30 April (incl.)

3. CLOSED WATERS

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

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

All legal methods as described in the First Schedule to this notice are permitted in all waters.

5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

There are no fly fishing only waters in the West Coast Region.

6. BAIT FISHING

Permitted in all waters.

7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

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

8. USE OF BOATS

There are no special conditions relating to the use of boats for angling.

9. DAILY BAG LIMITS

9.1 No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than 2 sports fish from the following waters:

Big River

Bruce Stream

Crooked River

Deep Creek

Duck Creek

Harris Creek

Hauptiri River

Karamea River and tributaries (above cableway at mouth of lower gorge)

Larrys Creek

Mokihinui River and tributaries (upstream of Welcome Creek)

Molloy Creek

Moonlight River

Murray Creek

Ohikanui River

Orangipuku River

Rough River

Stony Creek

Waitahu River and tributaries.

- 9.2 In all other waters, except in the case of perch for which there is no daily limit, no licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than:

4 brown trout

2 rainbow trout

2 salmon

10. FISH LENGTH

10.1 The minimum length for trout and salmon in the following waters shall be 250mm:

Lake Ellery

Lake Mapourika

Lake Moeraki

Lake Paringa

In all other waters there shall be no minimum length.

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

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Fish & Game New Zealand's Central South Island region extends from the south bank of the Rakaia River in the north, to Moeraki in the south. With their headwaters in the Southern Alps, the Waitaki and the Rangitata are the region's biggest rivers. These are noted Chinook salmon fisheries with best fishing success from January through April. The Rangitata Mouth is one of the more famous fishing locations in the South Island as large numbers of salmon can be caught here. Salmon fishing in the Waitaki tends to be split amongst mouth and upriver anglers, with fishing from anchored jet boats being a popular option. Smaller rivers including the Opihi-Temuka, Ashburton and Kakanui together with many high country lakes are habitat to substantial brown

and rainbow trout fisheries. Fontinalis (brook trout) are also present in some of these waters. In fact the Central South Island Region probably offers the best Fontinalis populations in the country, with Lake Emily being renowned as the place in New Zealand to catch a trophy. For sheer numbers of trout, the waters of the McKenzie country are hard to beat. The Tekapo River in particular contains very good numbers of trout which are not overly difficult to catch.

The invasive algae Didymo is present in the Waitaki catchment. Please help us stop the spread of Didymo by restricting use of fishing gear to exclusive use in a single waterway. If you move gear between waterways you must CHECK, CLEAN, DRY. For more information on Didymo visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz.

REGULATIONS

Reference to Description: *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 83, 24 May 1990, page 1861, as amended by *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 129, 29 August 1991, page 2786

1. INTERPRETATION

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS AND BAG LIMITS

- 2.1 The open season in all waters of the Region is from 1 October to 30 April except where otherwise specified in Section 2.4 or closed under Section 3 of this notice.
- 2.2 All legal methods as described in the First Schedule are permitted in all waters of the Region except where otherwise specified in Sections 2.4, 4 or 6 of this notice.
- 2.3 The daily limit bag in all waters of the Region is 2 trout and 2 salmon except where otherwise specified in Section 2.4 of this notice.
- 2.4 Open season, permitted methods and daily bag limits for Central South Island Rivers and Lakes:

<i>Rivers /Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Ahuriri River and its tributaries upstream of and including Longslip Creek	5 Dec–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Ahuriri River and its tributaries downstream of Longslip Creek except Omarama Stream	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	4	2
Ahuriri River Lagoons	5 Dec–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a

<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Alexandrina, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	4 max 1 brown	2
Alexandrina, Lake Winter Season	1 Jun–31 July	Spinner/fly	2 trout or salmon nil brown trout	
Ashburton River North Branch	1 Oct–31 Mar 1 Apr–30 Apr	Spinner/fly Spinner/fly	2 2	2 Closed
Ashburton River South Branch and tributaries upstream of Taylors Stream junction	1 Oct–31 Mar 1 Apr–30 Apr	Spinner/fly Spinner/fly	2 2	2 Closed
Ashburton River South Branch and tributaries downstream of Taylors Stream junction and Ashburton River downstream of North and South branch junction	1 Oct–31 Mar 1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods All legal methods	4 4	2 Closed
Ashburton River downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun–31 Aug	Spinner/fly	2 trout or salmon	
Aviemore, Lake	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Aviemore, Lake tributaries except Deep Stream and Otematata River	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2

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<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Benmore, Lake other than when fished from a boat or flotation device	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Benmore, Lake when fished from a boat or flotation device	All year	Spinner/fly	4	2
Benmore, Lake tributaries except Tekapo, Ahuriri and Otematapaio rivers	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Cameron, Loch	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Camp, Lake	7 Nov–31 May	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Centennial Park Lake (Timaru)	All year	All legal methods	2	n/a
Clearwater, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Deep Stream and tributaries East of the bridge where it enters Lake Aviemore	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Deep Creek, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River	Closed	None	0	0
Deep Stream, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River	Closed	None	0	0
Denny, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a

<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Donn, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Emily, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Emma, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Grays River	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Hakataramea River upstream from State Highway 82	7 Nov–31 Mar	Fly fishing only	2	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	Closed
Hakataramea River downstream from State Highway 82	7 Nov–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	Closed
Heron, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	6 trout or salmon total and no more than 4 to be trout or 6 to be salmon	
High country tarns or lagoons	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Hinds River child or junior licence holders	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	2	2
Hinds River other than child or junior licence holders	1 Oct–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	2
Hood, Lake	1 Jun–31 Aug	Fly & spin only	2 trout or salmon	
	1 Oct–30 Apr	Fly & spin only	2 trout or salmon	
Irishmans Stream	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a

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<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Kakanui River and tributaries upstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Kakanui River and tributaries downstream of Five Forks Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Lake Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	2	Closed
Larch Stream	7 Nov–31 Jan	All legal methods	2	2
Macgregor, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Maerewhenua River upstream of State Highway 83	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	2
Maerewhenua River downstream of State Highway 83	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Maori Lakes and their tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Mary Burn	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Merino, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Middleton, Lake	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Middleton, Lake tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Mystery, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Ohapi Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	Spinner/fly	2	2
Ohapi Stream	1 Apr–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	Closed

<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Ohau B and C hydro canals	All year	All legal methods	2	2
Ohau, Lake other than when fished from a boat or flotation device	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Ohau, Lake when fished from a boat or flotation device	All year	Spinner/fly	4	2
Ohau, Lake tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Omarama Stream upstream of State Highway 8	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	2
Omarama Stream downstream of State Highway 8	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Opihi River upstream of Opuha River junction	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	2	2
Opihi River upstream of Opuha River junction	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	2	Closed
Opihi River downstream of Opuha River junction	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	4	2
Opihi River downstream of Opuha River junction	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	Closed
Opihi River downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun–31 Aug	Spinner/fly	2 trout or salmon	

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<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Opuha, Lake and its tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6 trout or salmon total and no more than 4 to be trout or 6 to be salmon	
Opuha River	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	4	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	Closed
Orari River and tributaries upstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	2	2
Orari River and tributaries upstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	2	Closed
Orari River and tributaries downstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	4	2
Orari River and tributaries downstream of Slip Panel Stream	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	Closed
Otematapaio River	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	
Otematata River and its tributaries upstream of Clear Stream	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2

<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Otematata River and its tributaries downstream of Clear Stream	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	4	2
Poaka, Lake	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Pukaki, Lake	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Pukaki, Lake tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Rangitata Diversion Race from the intake downstream to Rakaia River Road	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Rangitata River and tributaries upstream of Turn Again Point about 12km above the gorge except Deep Stream and Deep Creek	1 Oct–29 Feb 1 Mar–31 Mar	Spinner/fly Spinner/fly	2 2	2 Closed
Rangitata River and tributaries downstream of Turn Again Point	1 Oct–31 Mar 1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods All legal methods	4 4	2 0
Rangitata River downstream of State Highway 1 Roundabout, Lake and its tributaries	1 Jun–31 Aug	Spinner/fly	2 trout or salmon	
	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a

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<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Ruataniwha, Lake including Wairepo Arm and Kellands Pond	All year	All legal methods	2	2
Ruataniwha, Lake, Wairepo Arm and Kellands Pond tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Saltwater Creek	All year	All legal methods	2	n/a
Spider, Lake and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	n/a
Tekapo, Lake	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Tekapo, Lake tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Tekapo–Pukaki hydro canal	All year	All legal methods	2	2
Tekapo River upstream of lower powerlines across the river about 1km upstream from Lake Benmore	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Tekapo River downstream of lower powerlines across the river about 1km upstream from Lake Benmore	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Temuka River and tributaries	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	4	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	Closed
Tengawai River	1 Oct–31 Mar	Fly fishing only	2	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	2	Closed

<i>River/Lake</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Trout Limit</i>	<i>Salmon Limit</i>
Tinwald Domain pond, child licence holders only	All year	All legal methods	2	n/a
Twizel River and its tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	2
Waihao River upstream of Forks Bridges	1 Oct–30 Apr	Spinner/fly	2	n/a
Waihao River downstream of Forks Bridges	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Waihi River and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Waitaki, Lake	All year	All legal methods	4	2
Waitaki Lake tributaries	7 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	2
Waitaki River and tributaries	1 Oct–31 Mar	All legal methods	4	2
	1 Apr–30 Apr	All legal methods	4	Closed
Waitaki River downstream of State Highway 1	1 Jun–31 Aug	Spinner/fly	2 trout or salmon	

3. CLOSED SEASON

3.1 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish in the following waters:

Aviemore spawning race

Awakino River

Deep Creek, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River on Mt Potts Station

Deep Stream, a tributary to the upper Rangitata River on Forest Creek, Tui and Mesopotamia stations

Kauru River

Tinwald Domain Pond if the holder of other than a child's licence

- 3.2 No licence holder shall fish for sea run salmon in the following waters:

Lake Stream

Ashburton River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

Opihi River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

Opuha River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

Orari River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

Rangitata River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

Rangitata River and tributaries upstream of Turn Again Point and shown by the white posts on the riverbank between 1 March and 31 March

Waitaki River and its tributaries between 1 April and 30 April

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

Rangitata River and tributaries upstream of Turn Again Point and shown by the white posts on the riverbank between 1 April and 30 April

Lake Stream between 1 April and 30 April

3.4 No licence holder shall fish for sockeye salmon in any river or stream between 1 March and 30 April.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

4.1 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall use any unsportsmanlike device or method.

4.2 No licence holder 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.

4.3 A licence holder when fishing for sports fish in the Rangitata River or its tributaries:

4.3.1 may use, seaward of a line drawn between the 2 poles situated near the upstream limit of the estuarine area, an artificial fly only if the total weight of everything attached to the cast does not exceed 28g.

4.3.2 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 drawn between the 2 poles situated near the upstream limit of the estuarine area.

4.4 Down riggers, paravanes, metal cored or wire lines and weights to assist sinking of trolled lures are prohibited in Lake Alexandrina.

5. COARSE FISHING WATERS

Centennial Park Lake (Timaru)

Island Stream

Saltwater Creek

Waiareka Stream

6. USE OF BOATS

6.1 Fishing from boats is prohibited in:

Lake Camp

Lake Denny

Lake Donn

Lake Emily

Kellands Pond

Lake Roundabout

Lake Spider

Wairepo Arm of Lake Ruataniwha

That part of the region seaward of the Rangitata River mouth, except from an anchored boat between the hours of 7.00am and 9.00pm on any day at a seaward distance greater than 200m from the nearest shore at low tide. The seaward boundary of the Central South Island Region around the Rangitata River mouth is a line drawn at a distance of 500m from any place where at low tide the waters of the river meet the waters of the sea

6.2 Fishing from any unmoored boat is prohibited in:

Lake Emma

Lake MacGregor

Lake Middleton

Maori Lakes

7. **FISH LENGTH**

The minimum length for salmon killed in waters of the region shall be 300mm except in Lake Heron where the minimum length shall be 250mm and for the period 1 March to 30 April the maximum length shall be 450mm.

OTAGO

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Fish & Game New Zealand's Otago region extends from Shag Point 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 and Taieri River catchments as well as a number of smaller coastal river catchments such as the Catlins, Tahakopa, Tokomairiro, Waikouaiti and Shag. 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-Wanaka, Wakatipu and Hawea hold good stocks of salmon, rainbow and brown trout and are popular with boat anglers, but if smaller fly fishing water is your preference, then the productive smaller coastal streams and the Taieri or Pomahaka Rivers are worth a visit. Please respect our angling waters by obeying the angling

restrictions applying to them, by not leaving rubbish and by obtaining the landowners permission when crossing private property.

ANGLING GUIDES AND ACCESS BOOKS

Otago region has an excellent guidebook to angling within the region - "The Guide to Trout Fishing in Otago". This 127 page book covers 140 waters throughout Otago (including the Waitaki Valley and Eastern Southland). It gives good information on access, the best angling methods to use, and the best times of the year to go fishing. The guide retails for \$25.00 plus \$2 for postage and packing within NZ. Access pamphlets including maps are available for many of the popular waters. Books and pamphlets are available at selected outlets or from the Dunedin Fish & Game office. Please feel free to contact us at the above addresses or visit the Otago pages of the Fish & Game website.

ANGLING CONDITIONS

There are weekly reports on current river and lake conditions in Otago from mid-September through to the end of April. These reports are broadcast on regional radio stations and published in the Otago Daily Times on Fridays. Another source of information on angling conditions is the Otago Regional Council's 24 hour 'Flowphone' (03) 479 6493 or their website www.orc.govt.nz

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

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

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, METHODS AND BAG LIMITS (subject to sections 3, 6, 8 & 9)

2.1	<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
	All lakes, rivers and streams above the Clyde Dam not mentioned in 2.3	1 Nov–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
2.2	<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
	All lakes, rivers and streams below the Clyde Dam and any other catchments flowing to the sea not mentioned in 2.3	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3

2.3 Fishing Regulations for the Otago Rivers and Lakes:

<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Akatore Estuary	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Akatore River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Albert Burn	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Arrow River	1 Nov–31 May	All legal methods	1
Blakelys Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Butchers Dam	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3
Caples River (refer to clause 11 of this part of the notice)	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1
Cardrona River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Careys Creek	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Careys Creek downstream of rail line Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3
Catlins Estuary downstream of State Highway 92 Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Catlins River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Clutha River upstream from Luggate Bridge (except Deans Bank Section)	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	6
Clutha River Deans Bank Section (defined by landmark posts 1km below Lake Wanaka and 600m above Albert Town Bridge)	1 Oct–31 May	Fly fishing only	6
Clutha River downstream of Luggate Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Coalpit Dam	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Conroys Dam	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Contour Channel	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Dart River	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Deep Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Diamond Creek	1 Oct–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Diamond Lake	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	3
Dingle Burn River (refer to clause 11 of this part of the notice)	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Falls Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Fraser Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Fraser River below dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Fraser River Upper	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Glenorchy Lagoons	1 Oct–30 Apr	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Greenstone River (refer to clause 11 of this part of the notice)	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Greenstone River above the Sly Burn confluence (refer to clause 11 of this part of the notice)	1 Feb–31 Mar Controlled fishery period	Fly fishing only	1
Hamiltons Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Hawea River	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	6
Hoffmans Dam	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Hores Control Pond	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Hunter River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Ida Burn Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Kaihiku Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Kaikorai Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Kaikorai Estuary downstream of Abbotts Creek confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3
Kawarau River	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Knights Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Kuriwao Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Kye Burn	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Lake Dispute	1 Oct–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	3
Lake Dunstan	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Hawea	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Hayes	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Lake Johnson	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Lake Kirkpatrick	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	3
Lake Mahinerangi	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Lake Onslow	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	10
Lake Roxburgh	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Sylvan	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Waiholā including the outlet and waterways interconnected with Lake Waipori	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Waipori	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Wakatipu	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lake Wanaka	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Lee Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Lindis River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Lochy River downstream from Disputed Creek confluence	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1
Lochy River upstream of Disputed Creek confluence (refer to clause 11 of this part of the notice)	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	0
Loganburn Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Maclennan River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Makarora River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Makarora River downstream of Wilkin River confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Manorburn Dam Lower	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Manorburn Dam Upper	1 Nov–31 May	All legal methods	6
Manuherikia and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Mathias Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Matukituki River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Matukituki River downstream from Mototapu confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
McAtamney's Head Pond	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Meggat Burn	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Moke Lake	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	3
Molyneux Pond	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Mototapu River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Nenthorn Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Nevis River	1 Oct–30 Apr	Fly fishing only	1
Owaka River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Owaka River downstream of State Highway 92	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Pleasant River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Pomahaka River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Pomahaka River downstream of Swans Bridge (Clydevale Road)	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Pomahaka River upstream from Park Hill Bridge (Switzers Road)	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Poolburn Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Puerua Estuary downstream of State Highway 92 Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Puerua Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Rees River	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1
Rees River downstream from Muddy Creek	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Reid Lake	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	3
Routeburn River	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	0
Rutherfords Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	1
Shag River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Shag River downstream of State Highway 1 Bridge	All year	All legal methods	3
Shotover River	All year	All legal methods	6
Silverstream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Southern Reservoir	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Styx Weir pond	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Sullivans Dam	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Sutton Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Tahakopa River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Tahakopa River downstream			
Maclennan River			
confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Taieri River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Taieri River downstream of			
Silverstream confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Teviot River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Three O'Clock Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Timaru River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Timaru River downstream			
from Timaru Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Tokomairiro River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Tokomairiro River			
downstream from Coal			
Gully Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Tomahawk Lagoon	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	1
Tuapeka River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Victoria Dam	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Von Lake	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1
Von River	1 Nov–31 May	Fly fishing only	1

<i>Rivers / Lakes</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Waipahi River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Waipori River upstream of Lake Waipori	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Waipori River downstream of Lake Waipori	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Waitahuna River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Waitati River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Waitati River downstream of Orokonui Stream confluence	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3
Waiwera River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	6
Waikouaiti River	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Waikouaiti River downstream of State Highway 1 Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	6
Waters of Leith	1 Oct–30 Apr	All legal methods	3
Waters of Leith downstream from Leith Street Foot Bridge	1 Oct–30 Sep	All legal methods	3
Wilkin River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1
Young River	1 Nov–31 May	Artificial fly or spinner only	1

3. CLOSED SEASON

Fishing for sports fish is not permitted at any time in the following specified waters:

Bullock Creek, from Lake Wanaka to source

Horne Creek, from Lake Wakatipu to source

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

Lake Wanaka, within 150m of any part of the launch wharf at the township of Wanaka, within 150m of any part of the public jetty at the Wanaka Marina, and anywhere within 150m of the shoreline between the wharf and the jetty

Lake Wakatipu, within 100m of any part of the wharf in Black Bay (commonly known as the Walter Peak Jetty)

Mill Creek (which flows into Lake Hayes), from the Speargrass Flat Road Bridge to the source

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

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

Refer to 2.3.

5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

Refer to 2.3.

6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

6.1 Refer to 2.3.

6.1.1 No person shall fish with float or floating device on the line in that section of the Clutha River from below the Roxburgh Dam to the Roxburgh Township Bridge.

7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no designated coarse fishing waters in Otago.

8. USE OF BOATS

8.1 No anglers shall fish from, or tow any lure from, any boat which is being mechanically propelled on Lake Dispute, Lake Hayes, Lake Johnson, Moke Lake or Reid Lake.

8.2 No anglers shall fish from a boat on Lake Kirkpatrick.

8.3 Subject to subclause (4) of this clause, anglers fishing from boats, which are being mechanically propelled, must stay at least 100m from any anglers fishing from the shore.

8.4 No anglers in fishing for sports fish shall troll from any boat, which is being mechanically propelled on any river or stream except the Taieri River downstream from Henley Ferry Bridge, the Waipori

River downstream from the Contour Channel and the Clutha River downstream from Balclutha.

- 8.5 No anglers shall fish for trout from any boat, canoe, pontoon or any flotation device on any river or stream except:

Clutha River from Albertown Bridge to the sea

Matukituki River from Glenfinnan Stream confluence to Lake Wanaka

Kawarau River from its source at Lake Wakatipu to Lake Dunstan

The Taieri River from Outram to the sea

Waipori River from Contour Channel confluence to the Taieri River confluence

All tidal reaches of rivers

9. DAILY LIMIT BAG

- 9.1 Except in the case of perch for which there is no daily limit, no person shall on any one day take and kill or be in possession of more than the prescribed daily limit from the waters specified in 2.3.

- 9.2 No more than 2 salmon:

All waters except the Clutha River catchment above the Roxburgh Dam.

- 9.3 No more than 6 sports fish per day:
Subject to the restrictions set out in 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 9.1 and 9.2 above, no person shall on any 1 day take or kill or be in possession of more than 6 sports fish per day from any waters except Lake Onslow (refer to 2.3).

10. FISH LENGTH

- 10.1 No person shall take or be in possession of any salmon less than 450mm taken from the Clutha River or its tributaries below Roxburgh Dam and all other waters running into the sea.
- 10.2 No person shall take or be in possession of any fish greater than 400mm taken from the Nevis River.
- 10.3 In all other waters there shall be no minimum length.

11. OTAGO BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

- 11.1 The following waters are designated as Backcountry Fisheries meaning all anglers fishing these waters will require anglers to have a Backcountry Licence as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees and Forms Notice 2009 and the provisions of that notice apply to this notice:

The Greenstone River, comprising the Greenstone River upstream of the swingbridge at the river mouth where it enters Lake Wakatipu and all tributary streams flowing into the Greenstone River including the Caples River.

The Lochy River catchment above the confluence with Disputed Creek

The Dingle Burn catchment above the bridge on the Dingle Burn Station access road

The Nevis River catchment above the confluence with the Kawarau River

11.2 Controlled Fishery Period

A controlled fishery is in place between 1 Feb and 31 March 2009 in the Greenstone River above the Sly Burn confluence as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees and Forms Notice 2009 and the provisions of that notice apply to this notice.

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Fish & Game New Zealand's 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 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 which flows through the town of Gore whose inhabitants claim is “The Brown Trout Capital of the World” is the best known of Southland’s rivers. 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 less numerous. The lowland rivers are much more productive 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 largely restricted to the western lakes and their tributaries, and the Mararoa and Waiau River system. Didymo, the invasive alga that smothers river beds, now occurs in several Southland rivers, affecting the Upper Oreti, 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 on the Web site www.fishandgame.org.nz and at the F&G office..

The upsurge in boat ownership has increased the popularity of the large lakes Te Anau and Manapouri and the smaller lakes Monowai and North Mavora. These offer good trolling opportunities plus some shore angling. Many anglers are introduced to fishing here and catch

their first ever fish. Salmon (chinook) angling in Southland is worth a try too. Each year a few dozen sea run salmon are caught in the main rivers, although it is a bit of a lottery since they are not as abundant as they are in Canterbury. Lake Manapouri has a small but developing chinook population. Special regulations apply to river salmon fishing and these are detailed in the following pages. The Council has made few changes this year main ones are a change to the bag limit in the upper Oreti, Mataura and several other headwater streams, to a one fish limit. Anglers can also take salmon in the Lower Waiau up to the Mararoa Weir but the Mararoa is still closed to salmon fishing.

REGULATIONS

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

1. INTERPRETATIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, METHODS AND BAG LIMITS

Permitted Methods definition

F = Fly fishing only

FS = Fly or Spin fishing only

FSB = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing permitted

<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Methods</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Acton Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
All rivers and lakes draining to the Tasman Sea and Foveaux Strait west of the Waiau River	All year	FS	4
All tributaries of the Aparima, Oreti and Mataura Rivers, not listed below	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Aparima River and tributaries upstream of Hamilton Burn	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	2
Aparima River, Hamilton Burn to Thornbury Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Aparima River, Thornbury Bridge to sea	All year	FSB	4
Borland Burn	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	2
Cromel Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Eglinton River and tributaries	1 Nov–31 May	F	1
Hamilton Burn and tributaries upstream of Mossburn Otautau Road	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	2
Hamilton Burn downstream of Mossburn Otautau Road	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Irthing Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Tributaries of Te Anau, Manapouri, Monowai, Hauroko, Hankinson except Eglinton, Upukerora, Upper Waiau and Mararoa Rivers	1 Nov–31 May	FS	2

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<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Lake Fergus	1 Nov–31 May	FS	4
Lake Gunn	1 Nov–31 May	FS	4
Lake Hankinson	1 Nov–31 May	FS	4
Lake Hauoko	All year	FS	4
Lake Manapouri, including the Waiau River channel between Lake Manapouri and the Manapouri Lake Control structure (Mararoa Weir).	All year	FS	4
Lake Mavora (North and South)	All year	FS	2
Lake Monowai	All year	FS	4
Lake Poteriteri	All year	FS	4
Lake Te Anau	All year	FS	4
Lake Thomas	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Lake Waituna and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Lilburn	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Makarewa River upstream of Riverton–Invercargill Highway and all tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Makarewa River downstream of Riverton–Invercargill Highway	All year	FSB	4
Mararoa River upstream of The Key Bridge including upper Mararoa and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	1

<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Mararoa River downstream of The Key Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Mataura River and tributaries upstream of Hume Road Bridge, Garston	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	1
Mataura River–Garston Bridge to Gore Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Mataura River–Gore Bridge to the Gorge Road Bridge	1 Oct–31 May, excluding 1 & 2 May 2010	FSB	4
Mataura River Gorge Road Bridge to sea	All year	FSB	4
Mimihau River	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Mokoreta River	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Monowai River	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	2
Orauea Stream and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Ourawera Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Oreti River and tributaries upstream of Rocky Point	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	1
Oreti River–Rocky Point to Riverton–Invercargill Highway	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Oreti River Riverton–Invercargill Highway to sea	All year	FSB	4
Otamita Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2

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<i>Rivers/Lakes</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Permitted Method</i>	<i>Bag Limit</i>
Pourakino River and tributaries upstream of Waipango Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Pourakino River downstream of Waipango Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Taunamau Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Titiroa Stream and tributaries upstream of The Locks	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Titiroa Stream downstream of The Locks	All year	FSB	2
Tokonui Stream	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Upukerora River	1 Nov–31 May	FS	1
Waiau River between Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau	1 Oct–31 May	FS	2
Waiau River between Lake Manapouri and the Manapouri Lake Control Structure (Mararoa Weir)	All year	FS	4
Waiau River–Mararoa Weir to Tuatapere	1 Oct–31 May	FSB	4
Waiau River tributaries from the Mararoa Weir to the sea (except Monowai, Borland and Wairaki Rivers)	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Waiau River from Tuatapere to the sea, including the Waiau Lagoon	All year	FSB	4

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Waihopai River upstream of Queens Drive	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Waihopai River downstream of Queens Drive	All year	FSB	2
Waikaia River	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	4
Waikaia River tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikaka River and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Waikawa River and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Niagara Bridge upstream			
Waikawa River Niagara Bridge downstream	All year	FSB	2
Waikiwi Stream			
upstream of North Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
downstream of North Road Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Waimatuku Stream and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Wairaki River and tributaries	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	1
upstream of the transmission lines			
Wairaki River between the transmission lines and Blackmount Highway Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FSB	2
Whitestone River upstream of Prospect Bridge	1 Nov–31 May	FS	2
Whitestone River between the Prospect Bridge and the Hillside Road Bridge	1 Oct–30 Apr	FS	1

3. CLOSED WATERS

- 3.1 No person shall take (includes attempt to take) sports fish from the following waters:
 - 3.1.1 That portion of Lake Manapouri which lies within 100m of any part of the Real Journeys Company's Tourist Centre, Pearl Harbour, Manapouri
 - 3.1.2 That portion of Lake Te Anau that lies within 100m of any part of the wharf of the Real Journeys Company's office in the township of Te Anau
 - 3.1.3 Those portions of the Waiau River, Mararoa River and the Waiau Arm of Lake Manapouri that are within 100m of the control gates on the Manapouri Lake Control structure, also known as the Mararoa Weir.
- 3.2 No person shall take (or attempt to take) salmon from any river during the months of April and May.
- 3.3 No person shall take (or attempt to take) salmon from the Mararoa River.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

Refer First Schedule.

5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

Refer Clause 2.

6. BAIT FISHING NOT PERMITTED

Refer Clause 2.

7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

None.

8. USE OF BOATS

8.1 No person shall fish from any motorised boat in Lake Thomas.

8.2 No person shall fish from any boat or any form of flotation device in:

The Eglinton River

The Mataura River upstream from the Mataura Island Bridge

The Oreti River upstream of the State Highway No 94 bridge just north of Lumsden

The Waikaia River

9. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

9.1 Subject to Clauses 3.2 and 3.3, no person shall in any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 1 salmon from any waters of the region.

- 9.2 With the exception of perch for which there is no limit, no person shall on any one day take, kill or be in possession of more than 4 sports fish.

10. FISH LENGTH

No restriction on all waters.



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