

# NORTH ISLAND

## Sports Fishing Regulations 2004-2005



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## 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 sports-like 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 2004.

### 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.

# NATIONAL REGULATIONS

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### 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.

*“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 rod which has either a fixed or running line.

with no restriction on the type or number of baits in use.

with no restriction on the use of preparations to attract fish.

“*Flyfishing*” 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.

“*Foulhook*” 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.
- 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 North Canterbury and Otago regions only.
- 2.3 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall:
  - 2.3.1 Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.
  - 2.3.2 Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.
  - 2.3.3 Use more than 1 bait assembly.
  - 2.3.4 Be more than 15 metres from the rod being used.
  - 2.3.5 Use any lure treated with any chemical preparation other than that used solely to control the buoyancy of an artificial fly.
  - 2.3.6 Use any preparation to attract fish.

### **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 specified region)

## TARANAKI

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Most Taranaki trout fisheries have their source within the Egmont or Tongariro National Parks and provide a high quality angling experience in a scenic and un-crowded environment. More than 40 small to medium sized trout streams radiate from the base of Mt Egmont/Taranaki and few places offer such a diversity of angling opportunity. These streams provide quality 'sight fishing' for large brown trout, while rainbow trout fishing is also available in several lakes and the Waingongoro River between Eltham and the sea.

Wanganui has a number of lakes that provide fishing for rainbow trout and perch within a few minutes of the city. Many anglers travel some distance from Wanganui to fish without realising the opportunities that are so close at hand.

Ruapehu district rivers are some of the most productive in the Taranaki region. They include the Manganuioteao River, which is a nationally important brown and rainbow trout fishery offering a quality backcountry angling experience.

There is little fishing pressure in the region and anglers appreciate the peace and solitude that comes with the fishing.

### ACCESS PAMPHLETS

Information pamphlets on Taranaki ring plain, Wanganui and Ruapehu fisheries can be obtained from most sports shops and information centres within the region or from the Wanganui and New Plymouth offices of Fish and Game NZ. North and South Island Angler Access guides are also available.

### REGULATIONS

Reference to Description: Gazette, No. 83, of 24 May 1990, at page 1861.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

#### 2. OPEN SEASON

2.1 The following waters are open all year:

- (i) Lake Rotomanu;
- (ii) Lake Mangamahoe, excluding the Waiwhakaiho inlet;
- (iii) Lake Ngangana;
- (iv) Opunake Lake;
- (v) Lake Namunamu;
- (vi) Waiwhakaiho River downstream from the end of Rimu Street extension;
- (vii) Huatoki Stream downstream from Brois Street bridge;
- (viii) Stony (Hangatahua) River, Warea River, Kapoiaia Stream, Waiaua River, Mangahume Stream, Kaupokonui Stream, Waingongoro River, all downstream from the State Highway No. 45 bridges;

- (ix) Patea River downstream from Patea Dam;
- (x) Waitara River downstream from the Manganui River confluence;
- (xi) Whanganui River (excluding tributaries);
- (xii) Retaruke River and tributaries downstream of Oio Road bridge;
- (xiii) Mangawhero River (excluding tributaries) downstream from the “golf course” bridge at State Highway No. 49;
- (xiv) Tokiahuru Stream downstream from the bridge at State Highway No. 49;
- (xv) Waitaiki Stream downstream from the bridge at State Highway No. 49.

2.2 The following waters are open from 1 October – 30 June:

- (i) Manganuioteao River, excluding the Orautoha and Waimarino Stream tributaries;
- (ii) Tokiahuru Stream upstream from the bridge at State Highway No. 49;
- (iii) Waitaiki Stream upstream from the bridge at State Highway No. 49;
- (iv) Raetihi Hydro Dam.

2.3 The following waters are open from 1 October – 30 April and then from 1 June – 30 September:

- (i) Lake Rotorangi from the dam face to Mangamingi Bridge;
- (ii) Lake Ratapiko, except the inlet race;
- (iii) Lahar Lake.

2.4 The following waters are open from 1 October – 20 April and then from 10 July – 30 September:

- (i) Lake Wiritoa;
- (ii) Lake Pauri.

2.5 All other waters in the region are open from 1 October – 30 April.

### 3. CLOSED WATERS

No restriction.

### 4. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

The following waters are restricted to fly fishing only:

- (i) Lake Mangamahoe, including the Waiwhakaiho inlet.

## 5. BAIT FISHING WATERS

Baits specified in the First Schedule can be used in all waters of the Taranaki Region EXCEPT:

- (i) Lake Mangamahoe, including the Waiwhakaiho inlet;
- (ii) Mangaoraka Stream from the bridge at Te Arei Road West upstream to the bridge at Corbett Road;
- (iii) Kaiauai Stream upstream of the bridge at Alfred Road;
- (iv) Kapuni Stream upstream from the bridge at Skeet Road;
- (v) Stony (Hangatahua) River from its source to the sea.

These waters are restricted to fly fishing only (i), or to fly and spin fishing only (ii – v).

## 6. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no coarse fishing waters in the Taranaki Region.

## 7. USE OF BOATS

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish from a boat in Lake Mangamahoe, including the Waiwhakaiho inlet.

## 8. DAILY LIMIT BAG

8.1 No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of more than 1 sports fish from the following waters, provided

that any sports fish more than 400mm in length taken shall be immediately released with as little injury as possible back into the water from which it had been taken:

- (i) Mangaoraka Stream from the bridge at Te Arei Road West upstream to the bridge at Corbett Road;
- (ii) Kaiauai Stream upstream of the bridge at Alfred Road;
- (iii) Kapuni Stream upstream from the bridge at Skeet Road.

### 8.2 Stony (Hangatahua) River Special Regulations

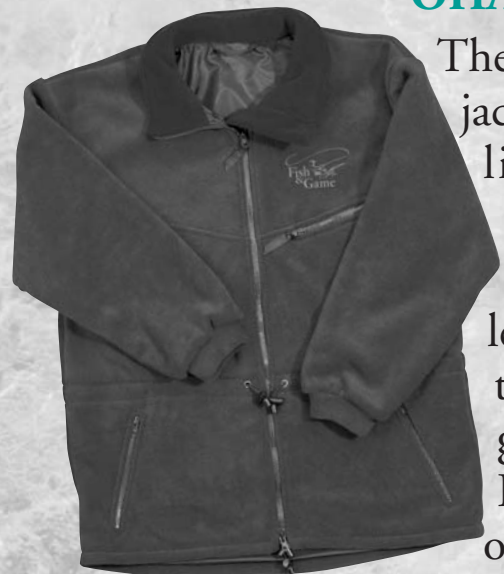
- (i) No licence holder shall on any day take, kill or be in possession of any brown trout. All brown trout caught must be released immediately back into the Stony River with as little injury as possible;
- (ii) No licence holder shall on any day kill or be in possession of more than two (2) rainbow trout.

8.3 No licence holder shall on any day kill more than two (2) sports fish, other than perch, from the following waters:

- (i) Lake Ngangana;
- (ii) Lake Wiritoa;
- (iii) Lake Namunamu;
- (iv) Raetihi Hydro Dam;
- (v) Lahar Lake;

# FISH AND GAME CLOTHING

## OHAU JACKET



The Ohau polar fleece jacket is a luxurious, hip length jacket made of high quality antipiling fabric. It is fully lined and offers superior warmth and wind protection.

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## MOHAKA POLO SHIRT

Made of tightly knitted 100% cotton fabric, the Mohaka polo shirt looks equally smart on the river edge or at a barbeque. It is a non-shrinking garment. It comes in a range of colours: **Navy, dark green, maroon and black. \$29.70**



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