

In all, for the 1947-48 season 1,251 licences were sold. An analysis of the sales was made according to the angler's address given on the licences. The five districts showing the highest figures were :—

Otago	468
Southland	379
Southern Lakes	203
North Canterbury	62
South Canterbury	41

(2) *Fisheries Conservation*

(a) *Fish Salvage*.—Owing to the wet season the Lindis and Mataura Rivers carried a good supply of water and the salvaging of fish from these streams was not necessary.

(b) *Hatchery Operations*.—The hatchery at Lake Hayes commenced operations on 28th April, 1948. A total of 2,700,000 brown-trout ova was collected and disposed of as follows :—

- (1) 500,000 to the Wellington Acclimatization Society.
- (2) 250,000 to the Department's Rotorua Acclimatization District.
- (3) 700,000 to the Federation of West Coast (North Island) Acclimatization Societies.
- (4) 200,000 to the Hawkes Bay Acclimatization Society.
- (5) 200,000 to the Westland Acclimatization Society.
- (6) 260,000 to the Otago Acclimatization Society.
- (7) 590,000 were hatched at Wanaka, Lake Hayes, and Te Anau Hatcheries, from which 466,000 fry were liberated.

From the Department's hatcheries in the Rotorua and Taupo districts a total of 2,974,000 rainbow-trout ova were received, and these were distributed as follows :—

(1) Te Anau hatchery	860,000
(2) Queenstown hatchery	815,000
(3) Wanaka hatchery	1,299,000

(c) *Restocking of Waters*.—Liberations of fry were made as follows :

Waters.	Rainbow.	Brown.	Totals.
Lake Hawea system	155,000	..	155,000
Lake Wanaka system	382,000	..	382,000
Lake Wakatipu system	491,000	116,000	607,000
Lake Te Anau system	629,000	81,000	710,000
Lake Manapouri system	134,000	..	134,000
Kawarau River system	133,000	86,500	219,500
Clutha River system	511,000	71,000	582,000
Small lakes	38,000	38,000
Hollyford River	55,000	55,000
Lake Hayes	18,500	18,500
Grand totals	2,435,000	466,000	2,901,000

In nearly all the streams in which liberations were made young fish in good condition are to be seen.