

amendments, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the following regulations for the Stratford Acclimatisation District and the waters thereof; and doth hereby declare that these regulations shall, as from the date of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*, supersede all regulations for the said district at variance therewith, and such regulations are hereby revoked.

REGULATIONS.

1. Licenses to fish for trout and perch in all waters within that district or part of the North Island known as the Stratford Acclimatisation District, comprising the County of Stratford and the Borough of Stratford, may be issued under the hand of the secretary of the Stratford Acclimatisation Society (hereinafter termed "the said society"), or any one authorised by the said secretary in that behalf: Provided that the secretary may refuse to issue a license to any person who within the previous two years has been convicted of any breach of the provisions of any Act relating to fishing for trout or perch, or of any regulation made thereunder.

2. The fee to be charged for a license as aforesaid to each male person over the age of sixteen years shall be ten shillings, and every such license shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the Schedule hereto. Licenses may also be issued to boys attending school or under the age of sixteen, or to women, at a reduced fee of five shillings for each license so issued: Provided that it shall be lawful for the said secretary, or his deputy, in any case where application is made for a license on or after the twentieth day of December in any year, to issue a license to any man for the sum of seven shillings and sixpence, but so that such license shall extend only from the time of granting the same until the termination of the then trout-fishing season. No license shall confer any right of entry upon the land of any person without his consent.

3. The secretary of the said society may issue day licenses to *bona fide* travellers and strangers not resident within the district aforesaid on payment of a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each day's fishing.

4. Any holder of a license may fish for trout and perch in the above-named waters from the first day of October in any year to the thirty-first day of March in the following year, both inclusive; but every such license shall be for one season only, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of March following the date on which it was issued.

5. Trout and perch shall not be fished for, taken, or killed otherwise than with one rod and line; but a landing-net or gaff may be used to secure any trout or perch caught with such rod and line. No lures or baits other than natural or artificial flies, insects, worms, or fish shall be used with such rod and line, nor shall any of the said lures or baits be used except upon a running line attached to a rod and reel; nor shall any set rod or line be used for taking trout or perch in any of the waters or streams aforesaid.

6. No license shall authorise any person other than the person named therein to fish.

7. No person shall have in his possession any of the *Salmonidae* or trout between the first day of April and the thirtieth day of September in any year, which period is hereby appointed a close season for all such fish: Provided always that this regulation shall not apply to fish caught by the officers of the said society for purposes of acclimatisation.

8. No person shall cast or throw into any stream or waters in which trout or salmon exist or have been liberated, or shall allow to flow into or place near the bank or margin of any such stream or waters, any sawdust or sawmill refuse, lime, sheep-dip, flax-mill refuse, or any other matter or liquid that is noxious, poisonous, or injurious to fish: Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit the depositing in such stream of *debris* from any mining claim.

9. No person shall take, fish for, catch, or kill, in any manner whatever, or have in his possession, any salmon, salmon-parr, or smolts, or the ova, young, or fry of any salmon in any stage whatever; and any of the above-named taken by accident or otherwise shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

10. No person shall fish for trout or perch without a license; and every person fishing shall, on the demand of any Ranger, constable, officer of the said society, or of any person producing a license, produce and show to such Ranger, officer, constable, or person his license, and the contents of his creel or bag, and the bait used by him for taking, catching, or killing such trout or perch.

11. Every trout not exceeding nine inches in length from nose to tip of tail taken or caught by any person shall immediately be returned alive into the water from which the same is taken.

12. No cross-line fishing, stroke-hauling, or any other un-sportsmanlike device shall be used for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing trout or perch; nor shall any of the above-mentioned baits be used with any medicated or chemical preparation whatever.

13. Except as aforesaid, no person shall fish with or use any net, or any instrument, or device, or means for taking fish in any river or stream within the district aforesaid, or at the mouth or entrance of any such river or stream.

14. For the purposes of these regulations the mouth of every such river or stream shall be deemed to include every outlet of the same and the sea-shore between such outlets, and shall extend over a radius of five hundred yards from the point or line where the waters of such river or stream meet those of the sea or of any harbour at low water.

15. No person shall buy, sell, or expose or offer for sale, or shall fish for the purpose of obtaining for sale, any salmon, trout, or perch, or any part thereof.

16. No person shall take or catch more than twenty trout or more than twenty pounds weight of trout in any one day.

17. The penalty for the breach of any of these regulations shall not be less than forty shillings or more than fifty pounds.

18. If any person shall be convicted of an offence against these regulations, the license (if any) held by the offender shall thereupon become void.

SCHEDULE.

LICENSE TO FISH.

"*Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884,*" and Amendments.

THE holder of this license [*Name in full*], of [*Address*], [*Calling or occupation*], having this day paid the sum of _____, is hereby authorised to fish for trout and perch within the Stratford Acclimatisation District from the _____ day of _____, 19____, to the _____ day of _____, 19____, subject to the said Acts and to the regulations made thereunder for the time being in force in the said district.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

_____, Secretary, Acclimatisation Society.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Inspector of Sea-fishing appointed.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 22nd September, 1906.

HIS Excellency the Governor has, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him by subsection (2) of section 6 of "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894," appointed

FREDERICK WADE,

of Whangarei, police constable, to be an Inspector of Sea-fishing under the above-mentioned Act.

J. A. MILLAR.