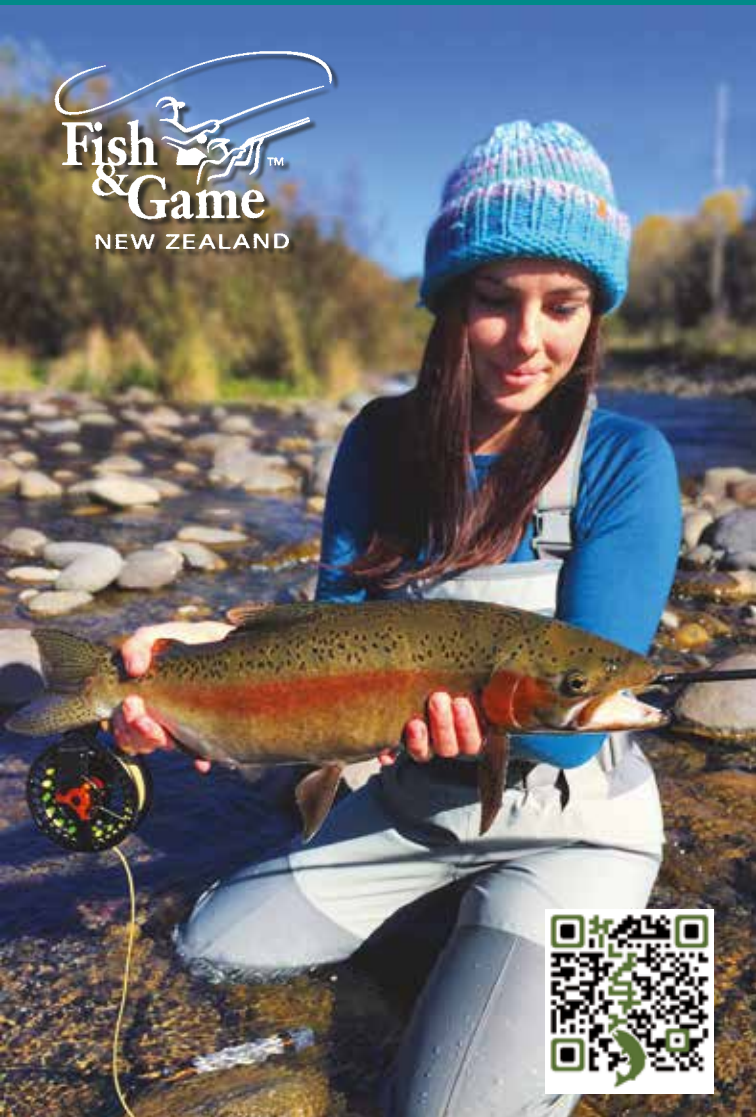


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Protect our waters:

CHECK, CLEAN, DRY
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DOING YOUR BIT TO FIGHT MYCOPLASMA BOVIS

While the risk of anglers transmitting the disease is low, we need to do our bit to help contain the spread and reassure farmers

- Stay away from any farms subject to MPI restrictions
- Double check with all farmers before you visit if you are crossing their land
- Check, Clean and Dry your rods, reels, waders and nets between farms and waterways
- Wash your vehicle's wheels and wheel arches before going onto a farm
- Follow any biosecurity measures in place on a farm
- Stick to vehicle tracks
- Stay on angler access paths and don't go anywhere else on the farm
- Don't touch or make contact with farm animals

For more information visit
fishandgame.org.nz/mycoplasma-bovis-advice/

Prepared in consultation with MPI and Federated Farmers


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CODE OF CONDUCT

Please consider the rights of others and observe the anglers' code of conduct

- Always ask permission from the land occupier before crossing private property unless a Fish & Game access sign is present.
- Do not park vehicles so that they obstruct gateways or cause a hazard on the road or access way.
- Always use gates, stiles or other recognised access points and avoid damage to fences.
- Leave everything as you found it. If a gate is open or closed leave it that way.
- A farm is the owner's livelihood and if they say no dogs, then please respect this.
- When driving on riverbeds keep to marked tracks or park on the bank and walk to your fishing spot.
- Never push in on a pool occupied by another angler. If you are in any doubt have a chat and work out who goes where.
- However, if agreed to share the pool then always enter behind any angler already there.
- Move upstream or downstream with every few casts (unless you are alone).
- Fish being returned to the water should be released as carefully and quickly as possible. Ideally leave the fish in the water and remove the hook with long-nosed pliers without handling the fish.
- While catch and release fishing is widely promoted by some as a conservation minded approach to angling it remains the angler's choice. However, the catching of large numbers of fish in a day can impact on individual fish and also on the angling experience for others. Fish & Game advocate hooking and landing a limited number of fish per day.
- Fish being retained should be killed as quickly as possible, ideally by spiking or stabbing the brain slightly behind and above the eye (also known as iki jime – pronounced "iki jimi").
- Always respect the environment, wildlife, other anglers and members of the public.
- Remove waste nylon and personal litter from the river banks and parking places.
- The only way we can protect our rivers in the long term is to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY all your gear before entering another river or lake anywhere in New Zealand.

REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED YOURSELF!

NATIONAL REGULATIONS

THE SPORTS FISHING REGULATIONS

These regulations are set to ensure that:

- fish populations are maintained and that the number of fish caught does not threaten the sustainability of the fishery
- the quality of the fishing experience is maintained
- spawning areas are protected
- angling opportunities are not unnecessarily restricted
- incompatible methods of fishing are kept separate
- 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. For example, a current fishing licence is required to fish for the species listed in the First Schedule, and it must be carried with anglers at all times when fishing. The licence is to be produced upon demand by a Fish & Game Ranger.

If you are in any doubt about sports fishing regulations, please contact your local Fish & Game office.

These regulations are approved by the Minister of Conservation on the advice of the 12 regional Fish & Game Councils. The Fish & Game licence allows an angler to fish New Zealand wide (except Taupo) and every attempt has been made to make the regulations as consistent nationwide as possible.

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 & Game Regions:

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

NOTICE

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

1. APPLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

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

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 with water with a 5% solution of household detergent.

CHECK *and remove all plant matter from your gear*

CLEAN *spray or soak with 5% detergent*

DRY *completely dry for 48 hours*

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 since 2008.

ANGLERS MUST STILL CHECK, CLEAN, DRY ALL EQUIPMENT THAT GETS WET WHILE FISHING BEFORE GOING TO A NEW FISHING SPOT.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Fishing conditions generally common to all Fish and Game regions.

SECOND SCHEDULE

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

(applies to all regions except Taupo)

2. INTERPRETATION

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

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

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

“bait” means:

- Natural insect.
- Natural spider.
- Natural worm or worms.
- Natural crustacean.
- Natural fish, excluding fish ova, or any portion of a fish, or shellfish (mollusc), except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.
- Uncoloured bread dough.
- Any scented lure, soft bait and other synthetic imitations with chemical attractant properties, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.

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

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

“boat” means any manned flotation device.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) other activity that may reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking or harvesting of sports fish.

- (b) attempt to catch, take or harvest sports fish.
- (c) operation in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in this definition.

“*freshwater*” means

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Brown trout.
- Rainbow trout.
- American brook trout or char.
- Lake trout or char.
- Atlantic salmon.
- Quinnat or chinook salmon.
- Sockeye salmon.
- Perch.
- Tench.
- Rudd (Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region only).
- Any hybrid of the above species.

3. AUTHORISED TACKLE

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

3.2 Nets and gaffs:

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

- 3.2.2 For keeping coarse fish alive, a keep net may be used in the water from which the fish was caught.
- 3.2.3 No licence holder shall use a gaff to secure or land a sports fish except where provided for in the second schedule of this notice.

3.3 No licence holder when fishing for sports fish shall:

- 3.3.1 Use more than 1 assembled rod and running line.
- 3.3.2 Use more than 3 artificial flies or spinners.
- 3.3.3 Use more than 1 bait assembly.
- 3.3.4 Be more than 15m from the rod being used.
- 3.3.5 Use in waters other than those where bait fishing is permitted any lure treated with any chemical preparation other than that used solely to control the buoyancy of an artificial fly, except where stated otherwise in the second schedule of this notice.
- 3.3.6 Use any preparation not attached to a lure to attract fish except when fishing for coarse fish in coarse fishing waters.

3.4 No person shall fish for sports fish by using felt-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a sole of felted, matted or woven fibrous material when sports fishing.

4. FOUL HOOKING OF FISH

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

5. FISH LENGTH

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

6. OPEN SEASON

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

7. DAILY LIMIT BAGS

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

8. AUTHORISED LURES

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

- + Artificial fly.
- + Spinner.
- + Bait.



SECOND SCHEDULE

[APPLIES ONLY IN THE SPECIFIED REGION]

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

Northland has a temperate climate with summer water temperatures often above the optimum range preferred by trout. As a result, freshwater fishing is to some extent limited compared to other regions. The Northland Fish and Game Council have liberal regulations providing maximum fishing opportunity for different types of angling experience. The region has numerous small river and stream fisheries that hold rainbow and brown trout. Rainbows are inclined to be the dominant species as they are able to tolerate the warmer water temperatures. Fly and spin fishing are the only methods allowed in Northland's river fisheries. The rivers have an open season from 1st October to 30th April each year, except for the Wairua River which is open to fishing all year round.

Many of the headwater streams in the region are heavily wooded along the banks which keeps the water cooler in the summer months. Angler pressure on these streams is low, offering a semi-wilderness experience. Angler access to most rivers in Northland requires permission from the individual landowner before you can cross their properties. Landowners are only too willing to grant approval providing you seek prior permission, shut the gates and do not disturb stock.

Early spring, late autumn and the winter offers the best freshwater angling in Northland's lakes and reservoirs when the trout become more energetic in the cooler surface waters. Northland Fish and Game undertakes an annual stocking programme of hatchery reared trout into two natural lakes and three artificial reservoirs to provide further angling opportunities. Bait fishing and trolling are allowed in the lakes and reservoirs which are open to angling for 12 months.

Several angler access guides are available through the Council office and on the regions webpage www.fishandgame.org.nz

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON

2.1 All lakes and reservoirs in region. All year

2.1 Wairua River (excluding tributaries) downstream of its confluence of the Waiotu and Whakapara Rivers. All year

2.3 All rivers and streams in region. 1 October to 30 April

3. CLOSED WATERS

No restrictions.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

See First Schedule.

FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

No restrictions.

6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

- 6.1 Bait fishing (as defined in the First Schedule) is permitted in all lakes and reservoirs.
- 6.2 Bait fishing is permitted in the Waitangi River only when fishing for tench.

COARSE FISHING WATERS

- 7.1 The only public coarse fishing water in the Northland Region is the Waitangi River and its tributaries.

8. USE OF BOATS

- 8.1 Anglers trolling from boats must stay at least 50m from any anglers fishing from the shore.

9. DAILY BAG LIMITS

- 9.1 All rivers and streams except the Waipapa, Mangapa and Victoria Rivers:

9.1.1 No licence holder shall on any one day kill more than two trout.

9.1.2 There is no daily bag limit for tench or perch.

- 9.2 Waipapa, Mangapa and Victoria Rivers and any tributaries of these rivers:

9.2.1 No licence holder shall on any one day kill more than one trout.

- 9.3 All lakes and reservoirs:

9.3.1 No licence holder shall on any one day kill more than three trout.

9.3.2 There is no daily bag limit for tench or perch.

10. FISH LENGTH

10.1 The minimum length for trout is 300mm

10.2 The minimum length for tench or perch is No limit



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² 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

The Auckland/Waikato Region offers a wide diversity of fishing opportunities with many lake and river fisheries. Three lakes within one hour of Auckland City are regularly stocked with trout, and wild trout are present in the Mangatawhiri and Mangatangi reservoirs. There is also good trout fishing in the Coromandel Ranges with most rivers having easy access and high scenic values. Further south there are numerous spring-fed trout streams in the South Waikato, and many backcountry fisheries throughout the King Country including the headwaters of the Waipa, Whanganui, Whakapapa, and Awakino Rivers. The Waikato River has an abundant brown trout population, and the hydro-lakes provide excellent lake fishing. Coarse fisheries are present in most lakes north of Hamilton, including Lake Pupuke and Hamilton Lake. Good coarse fishing is also available in the lower Waikato and Whangamarino Rivers. Over 100 fishing locations are listed on the interactive map in the Fishing Locations and Access section of the Auckland/Waikato Region's web page.

The following pamphlets are available from Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game:

- Trout fishing in the Auckland/Waikato Region
- Fishing in the lakes of the Auckland/Waikato Region
- Wanganui Headwaters
- Trout fishing in the Coromandel Ranges
- Trout fishing in South Waikato spring creeks
- Coarse fishing in the Auckland/Waikato Region
- Getting started in freshwater fishing.
- Waitomo and Kawhia Trout Fishing
- Trout Fishing on the Mighty Waipa
- Trout Fishing on the Waikato River.

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, TROUT DAILY BAG LIMITS

	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits (Trout)
2.1 Lakes			
Arapuni	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
Karapiro	All year	All legal lures/baits	2
Mangatangi Reservoir	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangatawhiri Reservoir	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Moana-nui	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
Parkinsons	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
Tomarata	All year	All legal lures/baits	5

	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits (Trout)
Waipapa	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
Whatihua (Thomsons)	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
All other lakes/ponds	All year	No bait restrictions	5
2.2 Hydro Lake Tributaries			
Little Waipa Stream (Horahora Road Bridge deemed to be the mouth)	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Pokaiwhenua Stream	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangawhio Stream			
• below lower falls	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• above lower falls	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Tumai Stream	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waipapa River			
• below lower falls	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• above lower falls	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5

All other streams flowing into Lake Waipapa, Lake Arapuni and Lake Karapiro are closed (refer to clause 3 for this region)

2.3 Rivers and Streams

Awakino			
• downstream of Mahoenui Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
• upstream of Mahoenui Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	2
Awaroa	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Hikutaia			
• downstream of Wires Road Ford	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of Wires Road Ford	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Kakahu	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	5
Kaniwhaniwha	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	5
Kaimarama	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Kapowai	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Karapiro Stream	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Kauaeranga	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Komata	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mahakirau	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangakahu	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangaohae	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangaokewa	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangaorongō	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangaotaki			
• downstream of lower bridge on Mangaotaki Road	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of lower bridge on Mangaotaki Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangatawhiri			
• downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	No bait restrictions	5
• upstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mangatepopo	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2

	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits (Trout)
Mangatutu			
• downstream of Lethbridge Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of Lethbridge Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	5
Mangawhero	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Maramataha	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Maratoto	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Marokopa			
• downstream of Mangatuahau Stream confluence	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
• upstream of Mangatuahau Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Moakurua			
• downstream of Honikiwi Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	All legal lures/baits	5
• upstream of Honikiwi Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Mokau	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Ngakoaohia			
• downstream of Pirongia/Kawhia Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of Pirongia/Kawhia Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	5
Ngutunui	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Ohinemuri			
• downstream of Victoria Street Bridge, Waihi	All year	All legal lures/baits	2
• upstream of Victoria Street Bridge, Waihi	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
Okauaka	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Okupata	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Omahine	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Ongarue			
• downstream of Waimiha Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	All legal lures/baits	5
• upstream of Waimiha Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Oparau	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Oraka	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Owairaka	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Piopiotea	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
Pungapunga	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Puniu			
• downstream of Seafund Road Bridge	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of Seafund Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Purere (upper Waihou)	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	No limit*
Rapurapu	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Tapu	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Tairua	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Taringamotu	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Tawarau	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5

	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits (Trout)
Waihou			
• below Okoroire Falls	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
• above Okoroire Falls	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	No limit*
Waikato			
	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
Waimakariri			
	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	No limit*
Waimiha			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waiomou			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waione			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waipa			
• downstream of State Highway 3 Bridge at Otorohanga	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
• between State Highway 3 Bridge and Toa Bridge	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
• upstream of Toa Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waipare (upper Waihou)			
	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	No limit*
Waipari			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Wairoa			
	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Waitawheta			
• downstream of end of Franklin Road	All year	Spinner/artificial fly	2
• upstream of end of Franklin Road	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
Waitekauri			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
Waiwawa			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5
Whanganui			
• downstream of Whakapapa River confluence	All year	All legal lures/baits	5
• upstream of Whakapapa River confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
Whakapapa			
• downstream of Piopioatea Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2
• upstream of Piopioatea Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2 brown 0 rainbow
Whakapapa-iti			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2 brown 0 rainbow
Whakapapa-nui			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	2 brown 0 rainbow
Whangamarino			
	1 Oct – 30 Jun	No bait restrictions	5
All other rivers/streams not mentioned in clauses 2 and 3 for this region	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Spinner/artificial fly	5

*Where there is no bag limit, only 2 of these trout may be greater than 30cm in length (refer to clause 10 for this region).

3. CLOSED WATERS

3.1 No licence holder shall take (or attempt to take) sports fish from all rivers, streams and their tributaries which flow into but not including Lake Arapuni, Lake Waipapa and Lake Karapiro, and that part of the Waikato River downstream of the Maraetai Dam to upstream of the Karapiro Dam.

3.2 The closed waters restrictions in clause 3.1 for this region do not

apply to the waters specified in clause 2.2 for this region or to flooded backwaters of Lake Arapuni, Lake Waipapa and Lake Karapiro, and that part of the Waikato River downstream of the Maraetai Dam to upstream of the Karapiro Dam.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

4.1 Scented artificial lures may be used in all waters other than fly fishing only waters, when actively fished so as to imitate a bait fish.

4.2 Refer to clause 2 for this region.

5. FLY FISHING ONLY WATERS

Refer to clause 2 for this region.

6. BAIT FISHING WATERS

No licence holder, when fishing in bait fishing waters, shall use as bait any fish taken from any water other than where the fishing is occurring.

7. COARSE FISHING WATERS

7.1 The following waters are designated as coarse fishing waters:

- Mangatawhiri River from the bridge on State Highway 2 to its confluence with the Waikato River.
- Whangamarino River.
- All lakes and ponds, excluding the Mangatangi Reservoir, Mangatawhiri Reservoir and any lake specified in clause 2 for this region.

7.2 There are no restrictions on the numbers of rods and running lines that a licence holder fishing for perch, tench or rudd may have, provided only one of which shall be used for fishing at any one time.

7.3 A roach pole may be used to fish for perch, tench and rudd.

7.4 It is an offence to kill on any day more than five tench. There is no limit for perch or rudd.

8. USE OF BOATS

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish from any vessel in the upper reaches of Lake Karapiro (upstream from the white marker post, situated 200m below the Huihuitaha Stream mouth) unless the vessel is securely anchored.

9. HOURS OF FISHING

There are no restrictions on the hours of fishing in the Auckland/Waikato Region.

10. FISH LENGTH

10.1 There are no length restrictions in the Waimakariri Stream and Waihou River upstream from Okoroire and their tributaries, except that no licence holder shall take more than 2 trout exceeding 30cm in length.

10.2 In all other waters the minimum length is 30cm.

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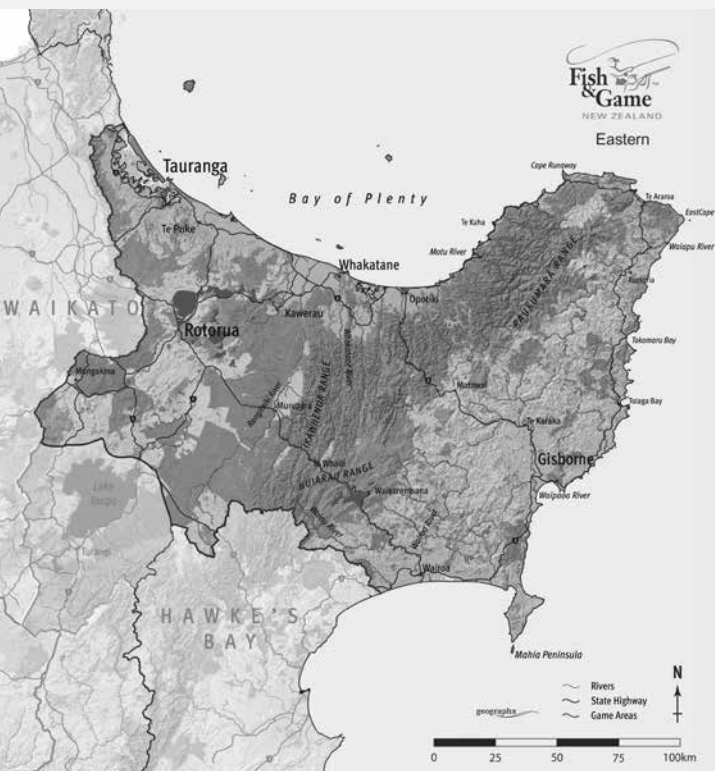
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Fish and Game New Zealand's Eastern Region offers a large range of fishing opportunities for both lake and river fishing. Access to much of the fishable water in the Eastern Region has been described in a series of comprehensive informational pamphlets. These can be obtained free of charge from most licence sellers and sports shops, as well as our Rotorua office or on the Eastern Region fishing pages on the www.fishandgame.org.nz website. These pamphlets have detailed maps of their respective catchments along with labelled access points and fishing information and outline the best fishing areas and methods to use. An active access programme is also being implemented throughout the region with extensive signage and tracks to guide anglers to many fishing opportunities.

The bush clad Lakes Waikaremoana and Waikareiti in the east provide spectacular boat and shoreline fishing for both brown and rainbow trout in the scenic Te Urewera National Park. The rivers within the park also provide opportunities to target headwater and spawning run fish. The Ruakituri River gives anglers a chance to catch world renowned strong trout while the Waiau River offers very high catch rates.

The Bay of Plenty has a large number of spectacular river fisheries from the Waioeka River in the east through the Rangitaiki, Tarawera and Kaituna catchments to the Ngamuwahine River in the west. Lakes like Aniwhenua and Flaxy also add to the diversity of fishing opportunities. The Rotorua lakes are the central feature of the region. Shoreline fly fishing and spin fishing can result in very good catch rates while boat fishing over the summer months provides action and fun for the whole family. Most of the Rotorua lakes lack suitable spawning rivers to sustain trout populations so supplementary stocking maintains high numbers for anglers. Lake Rotorua is not stocked but has one of the highest catch rates in the district while Lake Okareka also keeps anglers happy with high numbers of good quality fish. Lakes Tarawera, Okataina and Rotoiti can produce trophy fish. Lakes Rotoma and Rotoehu provide experiences for those wanting to get away from the crowds, and at Rotoma, the opportunity to chase tiger trout. Lakes Rotomahana and Tikitapu also have their own special charm and local devotees, while Lake Rerewhakaaitu attracts shore-based anglers targeting deep bodied fish. Smaller lakes with secluded bays and rising trout are there for the more adventurous anglers who want to "get off the beaten track".

The Eastern Region offers diverse angler experiences, high catch rates and big fish. There is something for everyone.

PAMPHLET LIST

Comprehensive pamphlets are available for the following waters.

- The Rotorua lakes
- Lake Rotorua and tributaries
- The Waikaremoana lakes
- The Ruakituri River
- The Waioeka River

- The Wairoa Fisheries Catchment
- The Rangitaiki River System, Horomanga and Whirinaki
- The Waikato River and Waikato lakes
- Boat fishing information
- Tauranga area trout fishing

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

“Fly line” means any floating or sinking line used to facilitate casting that is greater than 3m in length.

“Set rod” means any assembled rod that is not in physical contact with a licence holder when being used to fish for sports fish.

“Wild rainbow trout” means any rainbow trout not having a fin-clip mark or tag.

2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
All other waters not listed and excepting closed waters (<i>refer to clause 3 for this region</i>)	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Aniwaniwa Stream downstream of Aniwaniwa Falls	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Aniwhenua Lake and canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Aratiatia Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Atiamuri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Flaxy Lake and Canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Hamurana Stream downstream of Hamurana Road	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Hopuruahine Stream and tributaries upstream of the landmark pole	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Kaitawa Lake	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Kaituna River downstream of control gates	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Kaituna River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
McLaren Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Maraetai Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Matahina Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Mokau Stream upstream of the landmark pole	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Motu River upstream of State Highway 35	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Motu River downstream of State Highway 35	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Ngahewa Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Ngapouri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Ngongotaha Stream downstream of State Highway 5 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ngongotaha Stream and tributaries (excluding Waimataa) upstream of State Highway 5 Bridge	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Ohau Channel between landmark at Lake Rotorua Outlet weir and landmark approximately 200m downstream of the weir	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Ohau Channel from landmark approximately 200m downstream of Lake Rotorua Outlet weir to Lake Rotoiti confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ohakuri Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Okareka Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Okaro Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Okataina Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Winter shoreline area from Te Koutu Point landmark to west of Okataina Lodge landmark extending 200m offshore	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Putere Lakes	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rangitaiki River downstream of Otamatea Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rangitaiki River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Rangitaiki Canal (Wheao)	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Rerewhakaaitu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotoehu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotoiti Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Winter shoreline area from Tapuae-kura Bay landmark to Hinehopu Landmark extending 200m offshore, excepting areas below in italics:	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• <i>Within 200m of Ruato Bay Stream mouth and the Pipe</i>	All year	<i>Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 September</i>	8
Rotoma Lake, excepting areas below	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Winter shoreline areas between landmarks at Anaputa Point and Matahi Bay, and between landmarks in Manawahe Bay both extending 200m offshore	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotomahana Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Rotorua Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Ruahihi Canal	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Ruakituri River and tributaries (excluding Hangaroa) upstream of Te Reinga Falls	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	2

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Tarawera Lake, excepting areas below	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Within 200m of Te Wairoa Stream mouth	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 June	8, female trout only
• Winter shoreline area from Tarawera Outlet landmark to Te Tapahoro Bay landmark and 200m offshore	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• Winter shoreline area from Te Wairoa Landing landmark to Otumutu Lagoon landmark and 200m offshore, excepting area below in italics:	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
• <i>Within 200m of the Landing landmark</i>	<i>All year</i>	<i>Fly fishing only from 1 April to 30 September</i>	8
Tarawera River from the outlet to the Tarawera falls, excluding the spawning sanctuary	1 Oct – 31 May	Fly fishing only	8
Tarawera River from the falls to State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Tarawera River downstream of State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Tikitapu Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Tiniroto Lakes	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Utuhina Stream downstream of Devon Road Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Utuhina Stream upstream of Devon Road Bridge but downstream of Pukehangi Road Bridge	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Waikareiti Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8
Waikaremoana Lake excepting area below	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
• Within 200m downstream of Hopuruahine and Mokau landmark poles	All year	Fly fishing only	8*
Waikaretaheke River downstream of Piripaua Powerhouse	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waiau River downstream of the Waikaretaheke River confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waikato River from Huka Falls to Maraetai	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Waimana River downstream of Matahi Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waioeka River downstream of Tauranga Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waioeka River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wairoa River downstream of Te Reinga Falls to State Highway 2	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Wairoa River downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wairoa River (Tauranga) downstream of Lake McLaren	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Wairoa River (Tauranga) downstream of State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Waiteti Stream downstream of Hamurana Road	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Waiteti Stream upstream of Hamurana Road	1 Dec – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	8*
Whakamarino Lake (Tuai Lake)	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Fly fishing only	8*
Whakamaru Lake	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Whakatane River downstream of Owaka Stream confluence	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Whakatane River downstream of the State Highway 2 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	No limit
Wheao River	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2

Bag limits denoted by 8 mean no licence holder shall kill more than 2 brown trout in a daily bag limit of 8 trout.*

3. CLOSED WATERS

No licence holder shall fish for sports fish at any time from the following waters:

- 3.1 All streams flowing into Lake Tarawera and that portion of the Tarawera River enclosed by landmarks at the Lake Tarawera Outlet and extending approximately 150m downstream to Tarawera River Foot Bridge otherwise known as the Tarawera Outlet Spawning Sanctuary.
- 3.2 The Utuhina Stream upstream of the Pukehangi Road Bridge and all tributaries of this stream.
- 3.3 The following streams and their tributaries which flow into Lake Rotorua:
 - (a) The Awahou, Waiowhiro, Waiohewa, Waingaehe, Waimataa and Waikuta Streams.
 - (b) The Hamurana Stream upstream of the Hamurana Road Bridge.
- 3.4 All springs, streams and their tributaries which flow into Lake Waikareiti, and into or from Lakes Rotoma, Rotoehu, Rotomahana, Rerewhakaaitu, Rotokakahi, Okareka, Okataina and Rotoiti except the Ohau Channel and the Kaituna River.
- 3.5 The section of the Ruahihi Canal between the landmarks at the southern end of the canal which enclose the artificial spawning bed.
- 3.6 Any waters in which sports fish are held in captivity for display, breeding, hatching, monitoring or other purposes (excepting 3.7 below)
- 3.7 Ngongotaha Hatchery educational Fishery (known as Children's Fishing Pond) except by special authorisation.

4. AUTHORISED TACKLE

- 4.1 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish with a set rod unless he or she is fishing from a boat.
- 4.2 Downriggers, paravanes and metal cored or wire lines are prohibited in Lakes Waikaremoana and Waikareiti.

5. BAIT FISHING WATERS

No licence holder when fishing in bait fishing waters shall use any whole fish sourced from any water other than that where the fishing is occurring.

6. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no defined coarse fishing waters in the Eastern Region.

7. USE OF BOATS

7.1 No licence holder shall fish for trout from a boat in the following waters:

- (a) The designated winter shoreline-fishing areas on Lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina (*refer to clause 2 for this region*) from 1 July to 30 September.

Note 1) No boats are allowed to pass through the Tarawera Outlet Spawning Sanctuary at any time.

Note 2) No boats are permitted under the Bay of Plenty Regional Navigation Safety Bylaws 2004 to anchor in the Ohau Channel.

7.2 No licence holder shall fish for trout from any unanchored boat:

- (a) within 200m of a landmark.

7.3 Anchored boats should be securely anchored with no more than two anchors.

7.4 No licence holder shall fish from any motorised boat or use an anchor when fishing in Lake Kaitawa or Lake Whakamarino (Tuai).

8. HOURS OF FISHING

No licence holder shall fish for any sports fish between 12.00 midnight and 5.00am.

9. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FISH LENGTH TO BE TAKEN

9.1 Lakes Waikaremoana, Kaitawa, Whakamarino (Tuai) and Waikareiti, and the Rotorua Lakes and their inflowing tributary streams **350mm minimum**

9.2 Ruakituri River and tributaries upstream of Waitangi Falls **600mm maximum**

9.3 All other waters **No minimum size limit**

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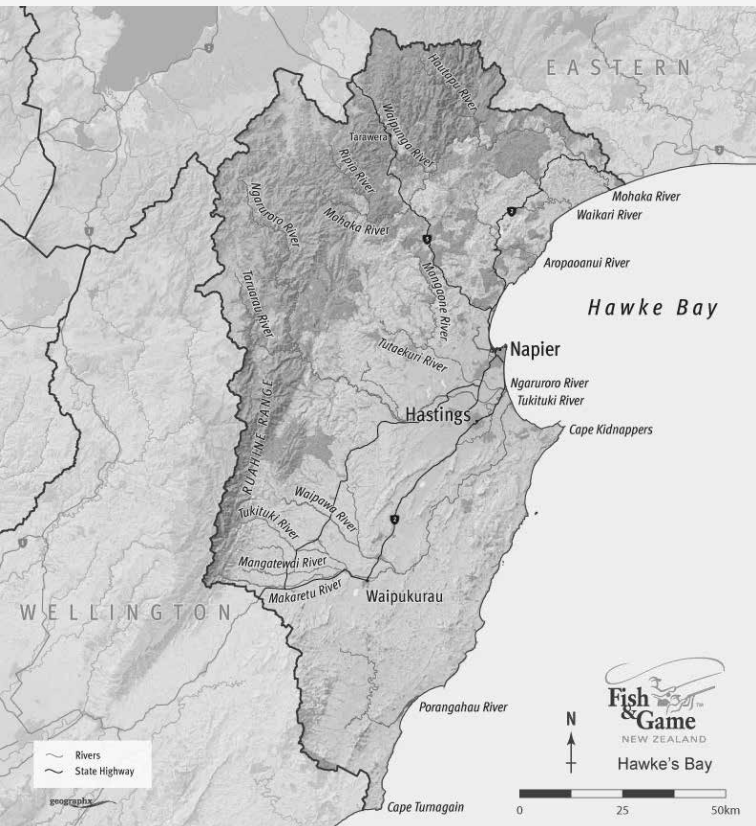
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The Hawke's Bay offers a huge range of angling opportunities, with some of the best and easiest access in the country. The region's rivers provide some spectacular headwater fishing as well as year-round lowland angling. Lake Tutira is the major lake fishery in the region and is stocked with Tarawera sourced fish annually. These fish grow quickly during the summer and provide excellent sport to both shore based and rowboat trolling anglers. The major river systems in the region are the Mohaka, Tutaekuri, Ngaruroro, Waipawa and Tukituki, all of which have comprehensive angler access pamphlets to assist anglers (see below). Both brown and rainbow trout are prevalent throughout the region. The dry fly fishing on the Tukituki, along with its many tributaries is a major attraction during the heat of the summer months as fish feed on the surface. The Ngaruroro and Mohaka River headwater wilderness fisheries are nationally rated and offer anglers the chance to catch trophy sized fish in gin clear waters. The middle and lower reaches of the region's rivers are easily accessible from a variety of public roads and provide anglers with vast amounts of fishable water.

ANGLER ACCESS PAMPHLET LIST

Comprehensive angler access pamphlets are available from licence agents, information centres, Fish and Game offices and the web for the following waters.

- Tukituki/Waipawa Rivers and tributaries
- Ngaruroro River Fishery
- Mohaka River Fishery
- Tutaekuri River Fishery
- Northern Hawke's Bay/Tutira Lake Fisheries

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule

2. OPEN SEASON, PERMITTED METHODS, DAILY BAG LIMITS

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
All other waters not listed below <i>Refer to clause 6 for this region (no minimum size limit)</i>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Larger of Twin Lakes, Kuripapango	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	No limit
Lake Hawkston	1 Nov – 31 Mar	Artificial fly/spinner	2
All other lakes of the region (except the larger of Twin Lakes & Lake Hawkston above) <i>Refer to clause 6 for this region (350mm minimum)</i> <i>Refer to clause 7 (hours of fishing)</i>	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	4

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Aropoanui River downstream of the landmark opposite Wareham Road	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Esk River upstream of Waipunga Road Bridge and all tributaries <i>Refer to clause 6 for this region (550 maximum)</i>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Esk River downstream of Waipunga Road Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Karamu Stream, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner/bait	2
Maraetotara Stream <i>Refer to clause 6 for this region (350 maximum)</i>	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Mohaka River downstream of confluence with the Mangatainoka River to State Highway 5, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Mohaka River downstream of State Highway 5 Bridge	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	4
Mohaka River tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Ngaruroro River and tributaries upstream of Kiwi Creek confluence	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Ngaruroro River from Kiwi Creek to Whanawhana cable, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Ngaruroro River tributaries upstream of Whanawhana cable <i>Refer to clause 6 for this region (550mm maximum)</i>	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	1
Ngaruroro River downstream of Whanawhana cable, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Ngaruroro River tributaries downstream of Whanawhana cable	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Porangahau River downstream of confluence with the Mangawhero Stream, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Tuki Tuki River upstream of State Highway 50 road bridge, excluding tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	4
Tuki Tuki River downstream of State Highway 50 road bridge, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	4
Tutaekuri River downstream of confluence with the Mangaone Stream, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2
Waipawa River downstream of State Highway 50 road bridge, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	4
Waipawa River upstream of State Highway 50 road bridge, excluding tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Jun	Artificial fly/spinner	4
Waipunga River downstream of the falls, excluding tributaries	All year	Artificial fly/spinner	2

3. CLOSED WATERS

No restrictions.

4. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no defined coarse fishing waters in the Hawke's Bay Region.

5. USE OF BOATS

No motorised craft permitted on Lake Waikopiro.

Similarly, except with the prior written authority of the Director-General of Conservation and subject to compliance with any conditions that the Director-General may impose, no person shall use any boat in Lake Tutira that is propelled by any means other than sails, oars, or paddles.

6. FISH LENGTH

Esk River above the Waipunga Road Bridge,
including tributaries

550mm maximum

Maraetotara Stream

350mm maximum

Ngaruroro River upstream of Whanawhana
cable, including tributaries

550mm maximum

Lakes Tutira and Waikopiro

350mm minimum

All other waters

No minimum or maximum size limit

7. HOURS OF FISHING

Fishing is permitted only in daylight hours at Lake Hawkston. Walk in access only.

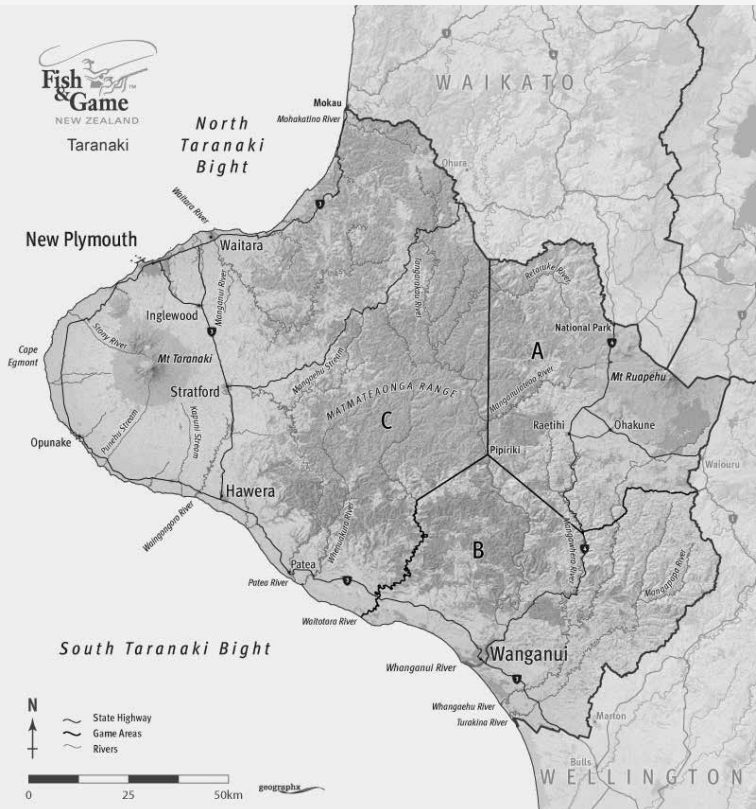
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Many Taranaki trout fisheries have their source within either the Egmont or Tongariro National Parks and provide a high-quality angling experience in a scenic and un-crowded environment. In the west more than 40 small to medium sized trout streams radiate from the base of Mt Taranaki offering 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, in the Waingongoro River between Eltham and the sea and in the Kaupokonui Stream. Further to the east within the Ruapehu district are some of the most productive rivers in the region including the Mangawhero River and also the Manganuioteao River, which is a nationally important brown and rainbow trout fishery offering a quality backcountry angling experience. Finally, for something different or as a great way to introduce children to fishing then Whanganui has a number of lakes that provide easy fishing for perch within a few minutes of the city.

ACCESS PAMPHLETS

Information pamphlets on the Taranaki ring plain, Waingongoro River and Ruapehu fisheries can be obtained from most sports shops and information centres within the region or from the Whanganui and New Plymouth offices of Fish & Game NZ. However for the most up to date information please refer to the fishing pages for Taranaki Regions at www.fishandgame.org.nz

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

2. OPEN SEASON AND PERMITTED METHODS

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season
A. Those parts of the following rivers and streams; Taranaki/ Whanganui	1 Oct – 30 Sep
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huatoki Stream downstream of Brois Street Bridge • Kapuni Stream downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge • Kaupokonui Stream downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge • Manganui River downstream of Bristol Road Bridge • Mangaoraka Stream downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge • Patea River downstream of Patea Dam • Stony (Hangatahua) River • Waiaua River downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge • Waingongoro River downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge • Waiongana Stream downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge • Waitara River downstream of Manganui River confluence • Waiwhakaiho River downstream of the normal site of a landmark that is at the end of Rimu Street extension walking track • Warea River downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge • Whanganui River downstream of Ohura River confluence, excluding tributaries 	

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season
Waimarino	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manganuioteao River downstream of Ruatiti Road Bridge • Mangawhero River downstream of Raetihi-Ohakune Road Bridge • Retaruke River and tributaries downstream of Oio Road Bridge • Tokiahuru Stream downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge • Waitaiki Stream downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge 	
B. The main stem of the Manganuioteao River from Ruatiti Road Bridge upstream to the confluence with the Makatote River	1 Oct – 30 June
C. All unlisted rivers and streams, and parts of rivers and streams not listed in either 'A' or 'B' above.	1 Oct – 30 Apr
D. The following lakes and dams;	1 Oct – 30 Sep
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mangamahoe (excluding the Waiwhakaiho Inlet and Mangamahoe Stream) • Namunamu • Ngangana • Opunake • Rotomanu • Sattlers Dam 	
E. The following lakes;	1 Oct – 30 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratapiko • Rotorangi downstream of Mangamingi Bridge 	and 1 Jun to 30 Sep
F. Virginia Lake	No Open Season
G. All lakes, dams and impoundments not listed in either 'D', 'E' or 'F' above, and including;	1 Oct – 30 Apr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiwhakaiho inlet upstream of the normal site of a landmark located in the inlet just upstream of the confluence with Lake Mangamahoe • Mangamahoe Stream upstream of the walkway swing-bridge at the head of Lake Mangamahoe 	

3. AUTHORISED TACKLE

All legal lures and bait are permitted except that;

- (a) Only Fly Fishing is permitted in Lake Mangamahoe including the Waiwhakaiho inlet, Mangamahoe Stream and any other tributary flowing into the lake
- (b) No bait fishing is permitted in the;
 - Kai Auahi (Kaiauai) Stream
 - Kapuni Stream
 - Stony (Hangatahua) River
 - Retaruke River

4. COARSE FISHING WATERS

There are no defined coarse fishing waters in the Taranaki Fish and Game Region.

5. USE OF BOATS

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

6. DAILY LIMIT BAG

6.1 A daily bag limit of 2 trout applies to all waters except that;

- (a) No trout may be killed and kept from the Retaruke River
- (b) In the Stony (Hangatahua) River only 1 (one) brown trout may be taken as part of the total daily limit of 2 trout
- (c) A daily bag limit of 4 (four) trout applies to Waingongoro River downstream of the Eltham Road Bridge

6.2 For all waters a daily bag limit of 1 (one) salmon applies

- (a) In addition to the daily bag limit there shall be no limit on the number of perch killed by a licence holder

7. FISH LENGTH

There is no length limit for sports fish caught in the Taranaki Fish and Game Region.

8. HOURS OF FISHING

There is no restriction on the hours of fishing in the Taranaki Fish and Game Region.



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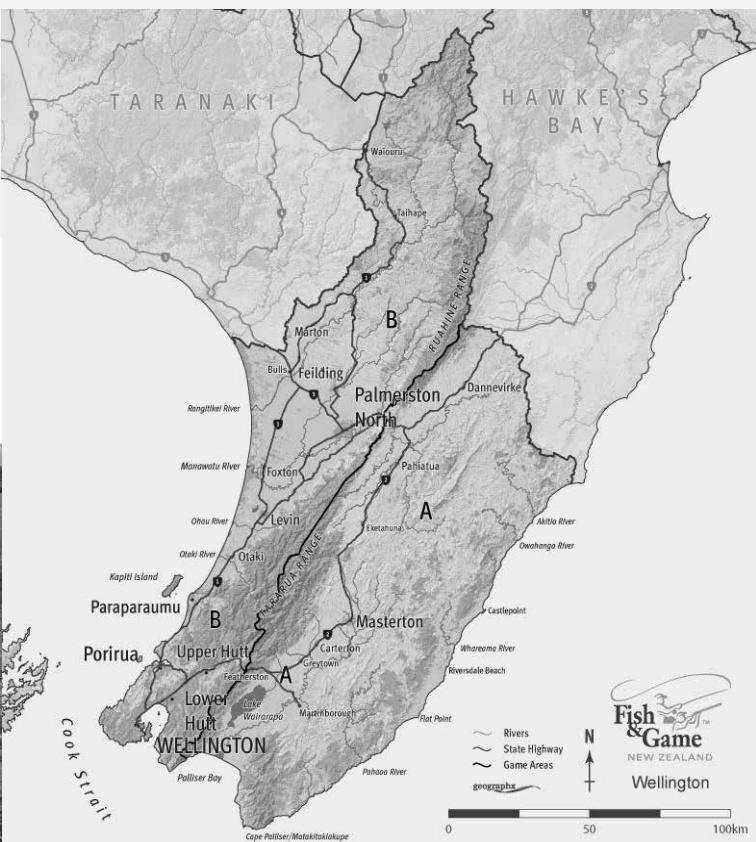
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⁶ Reference to Description: *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 83, 24 May 1990, page 1861

The Wellington Region encompasses the area roughly from Waiouru, across to Norsewood and south to Cook Strait. It includes four large river catchments: the Rangitikei, Manawatu, Ruamahanga, and Hutt which provide great opportunities for principally brown trout river fishing. An extensive range of local angling opportunities ranges from spectacular wilderness backcountry streams in the Kaimanawa, Ruahine, or Tararua Forest Parks to highly productive rivers on the doorstep of urban centres of Wellington, Masterton, and Palmerston North.

THE FOLLOWING FISHING ACCESS PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Hutt River
- Kapiti Coast Rivers – Otaki, Waikanae, Ohau
- Manawatu River – upper and lower reaches
- Mangatainoka River
- Pohangina River
- Rangitikei River – mid and lower reaches
- Ruamahanga River
- Waingawa River
- Waiohine River
- Waipoua River

These can be obtained free from any sports fish licence agent, on the Wellington Region fishing pages on the Fish & Game website, or phone the office on 06 359 0409.

UPPER RANGITIKEI RIVER AND WHAKAUREKOU RIVER BACKCOUNTRY LICENCE

This licence is available to all anglers with a whole season or family season fishing licence. The backcountry licence can be obtained online www.fishandgame.org.nz, whereupon an individual number will be issued. This is to be carried with you at all times while fishing, along with your whole season or family fishing licence. For further information phone 06 359 0409.

Regulations

1. DEFINITIONS

See First Schedule.

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

Permitted Methods definition:

F = Fly fishing only

FS = Fly, Spin fishing only

FSB = Fly, Spin or Bait fishing

* = Bait fishing by child licence holder ONLY

Maximum size limit means all trout longer than the specified length must be released.

There is no minimum size limit in any water in the Wellington Fish and Game region.

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
All other waters not listed below	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
All coastal dune lakes	All year	FSB	4
Akatarawa River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Hautapu River upstream of the road bridge numbered 741/1096 on State Highway 1 by the Taihape Golf Club	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 550mm
Hautapu River downstream of the road bridge numbered 741/1096 on State Highway 1 by the Taihape Golf Club	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Henley, Lake	All year	FSB	4
Hokowhitu Lagoon (also known as Centennial Lagoon)	All year	FSB	Rainbow or Brown trout 1 All other sports fish No limit
Hutt River	All year	FS *	2 Max 450mm
Kahuterawa Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Kawhatau River	All year	FSB	4
Kiriwhakapapa Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Kopuaranga River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	4
Kourarau Dam (Upper) Reservoir, except all inflowing streams.	All year	FSB	Rainbow or Brown trout 1 All other sports fish 4
Lake Wairarapa	All year	FSB	4
Makakahi River, upstream of the road bridge at Eketahuna	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Makakahi River, downstream of the road bridge at Eketahuna	All year	FSB	4
Makiekie River (Coal Creek)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Makuri River upstream of the township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 450mm
Makuri River downstream of the township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Manawatu River upstream of Maunga Road Bridge (upstream of Dannevirke)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Manawatu River downstream of Maunga Road Bridge (upstream of Dannevirke)	All year	FSB	4

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Managakoheke Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450
Mangaohane Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm
Mangahao River upstream of Marima Reserve Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Mangahao River downstream of Marima Reserve Bridge	All year	FSB	4
Mangaone River (a tributary of the Tiraumea River)	All year	FSB	4
Mangaroa River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Mangatainoka River upstream of Scarborough Konini Road Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2 Max 450mm
Mangatainoka River downstream of Scarborough Konini Road Bridge	All year	FS	2 Max 450mm
Mangatarere Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1
Mangatoro River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1
Mikimiki stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Moawhango River	All year	FSB	4
Ohau River	All year	FS	2 Max 450mm
Oroua River and its tributaries upstream of Ruahine Forest Park boundary	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Oroua River downstream of Ruahine Forest Park boundary and upstream of Oroua Valley Road Bridge	All year	FSB	1
Oroua River downstream of Oroua Valley Road Bridge	All year	FSB	4
Otaki River and its tributaries upstream of Tararua Forest Park boundary	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Otaki River downstream of Tararua Forest Park boundary	All year	FSB	1 Max 450mm
Pakuratahi Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River downstream of Totara Reserve Bridge	All year	FSB	2
Pohangina River upstream of Totara Reserve Bridge to Piripiri Bridge	All year	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River upstream of Piripiri Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Pohangina River tributaries	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	2
Pourangaki River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Rangitikei River and its tributaries upstream of Ohinewaione Stream confluence (about 9 river kilometres upstream of the Springvale Bridge) (refer to clause 4 for this region)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm

Lakes / Rivers	Open Season	Permitted Methods	Daily Bag Limits
Rangitikei River upstream of Matawhero Road Bridge (commonly called the Mangaohane Bridge) to the Ohinewaione Stream confluence	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	2 Max 550mm
Rangitikei River downstream of Matawhero Road Bridge (commonly called the Mangaohane Bridge)	All year	FSB	4
Ruamahunga River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Ruamahunga River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Tauherenikau River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Tauherenikau River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Tauweru River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Tiraumea River	All year	FSB	4
Tokomaru River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Turitea Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	4
Waikanae River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Waipoua River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Waingawa River and its tributaries upstream of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 550mm
Waingawa River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Wainui Stream	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Wainuiomata River downstream of the main township bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	F	1 Max 550mm
Waiohine River and its tributaries upstream of of SH 2	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	1
Waiohine River downstream of SH 2	All year	FSB	4
Waitawa, Lake (Otaki) – [Forest Lake]	All year	FSB	Tench 0
Whakatikei River	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Whakaurekou River upstream of Ranitikei River confluence including tributaries within the Ruahine Ranges (refer to clause 4 for this region)	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FS	1 Max 450mm
Whitby Lakes	All year	FSB	Tench 0

3. COARSE FISHING WATERS

- Lake Waitawa (Otaki) (catch & release).
Please contact Forest Lakes Camping and Conference Centre (06) 364 8218 for permission to access Lake Waitawa.
- Upper and Lower Whitby Lakes (catch & release).
- Lake Wairarapa.
- Ruamahanga Cut-off.

4. WELLINGTON BACKCOUNTRY FISHERIES

Backcountry fishery

4.1 Definition:

- 4.1.1 **Rangitikei River backcountry fishery** means the upper Rangitikei River and its tributaries upstream of the Ohinewaione Stream confluence.
- 4.1.2 **Whakaurekou River backcountry fishery** means the Whakaurekou River from the confluence of the Rangitikei River, including the tributaries within the Ruahine Ranges (namely Mangatera, Maropea and Waikamaka Rivers).

The Rangitikei River and Whakaurekou River backcountry fisheries are a backcountry fishery (as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018) and all anglers who fish in them must first obtain a \$25 backcountry licence (obtainable online and from the Wellington Fish and Game Council) in addition to an adult whole season licence, as defined in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2018, and the provisions of that notice apply to this Notice. There is a need for a universal charge of \$25 to cover public liability insurance that meets land administrators' requirements in crossing land to access these fisheries.

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