



# Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2025

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 10th day of March 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2025.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 10 April 2025.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.

### 4 New regulation 3AC inserted (Use of spears prohibited in defined areas)

After regulation 3AB, insert:

#### 3AC Use of spears prohibited in defined areas

Commercial fishers must not use spears to take fish, and must not possess fish that have been speared, within the following waters:

- (a) *north-east coast of Stewart Island—Mamaku Point to Ackers Point (Horseshoe and Halfmoon Bays)*—the waters within the area enclosed by a line that—
  - (i) commences at Mamaku Point (at 46°51.682'S and 168°08.706'E);
  - (ii) then proceeds in a straight line in a south-easterly direction to Bullers Point (at 46°55.214'S and 168°11.637'E);
  - (iii) then proceeds in a straight line in a north-westerly direction to Ackers Point (at 46°53.760'S and 168°09.868'E);
  - (iv) then proceeds in a generally north-westerly direction along the mean high-water mark to the commencement point at Mamaku Point (at 46°51.682'S and 168°08.706'E);
- (b) *Riverton (Talls Point) to Monkey Island (eastern end of Te Waewae Bay)*—the waters within the area enclosed by a line that—
  - (i) commences at the mouth of the Aparima River (at 46°21.600'S and 168°01.356'E);
  - (ii) then proceeds in a straight line in an easterly direction to a point at 46°21.638'S and 168°02.227'E;
  - (iii) then proceeds in a generally westerly direction along a line 0.5 nautical miles from the mean high-water mark to a point at 46°17.847'S and 167°42.145'E;
  - (iv) then proceeds by a straight line in an easterly direction to Monkey Island at 46°17.921'S and 167°43.740'E;

- (v) then proceeds along the mean high-water mark to the commencement point at the mouth of the Aparima River (at 46°21.600'S and 168°01.356'E):
- (c) *entrance to Bluff Harbour*—the waters enclosed by a line that—
  - (i) commences at a point on Island Harbour (at 46°35.311'S and 168°19.887'E):
  - (ii) then proceeds in a straight line in an easterly direction to the southern end of the Tiwai Wharf working berth:
  - (iii) then proceeds in a straight line in an easterly direction to a point at the eastern end of Tiwai Wharf (at 46°35.527'S and 168°21.987'E):
  - (iv) then proceeds in a generally southerly direction along the mean high-water mark to a point on the beach east of Tiwai Wharf (at 46°35.845'S and 168°22.358'E):
  - (v) then proceeds in a straight line in a south-easterly direction to a point at 46°36.042'S and 168°23.129'E:
  - (vi) then proceeds in a generally south-westerly direction along a line 0.5 nautical miles from the mean high-water mark to a point at 46°37.147'S and 168°21.996'E:
  - (vii) then proceeds in a straight line in a north-westerly direction to Stirling Point (at 46°36.750'S and 168°21.582'E):
  - (viii) then proceeds in a generally north-westerly direction along the mean high-water mark to the southern end of the Island Harbour access bridge:
  - (ix) then proceeds in a straight line in a northerly direction to the northern end of the Island Harbour access bridge:
  - (x) then proceeds in a generally northerly direction along the mean high-water mark to the commencement point on Island Harbour (at 46°35.311'S and 168°19.887'E):
- (d) *Ocean Beach to New River Estuary*—the waters within the area enclosed by a line that—
  - (i) commences at a point on Ocean Beach (at 46°35.644'S and 168°18.468'E):
  - (ii) then proceeds in a straight line in a southerly direction to a point at 46°36.228'S and 168°18.133'E:
  - (iii) then proceeds in a generally northerly direction along a line 0.5 nautical miles from the mean high-water mark to a point at 46°29.919'S and 168°17.510'E:
  - (iv) then proceeds in a straight line in a southerly direction to Moko-moko Inlet (at 46°30.517'S and 168°17.621'E):

- (v) then proceeds along the mean high-water mark to the commencement point on Ocean Beach (at 46°35.644'S and 168°18.468'E).

**5 Regulation 4A amended (Use of 60 mm mesh trawl net permitted south of 48°S at certain times)**

In regulation 4A(1), delete “the Fisheries Act 1983 or”.

**6 Regulation 10 amended (Oyster dredges)**

In regulation 10(1), delete “the Fisheries Act 1983 or”.

**7 Regulation 15A amended (Use of 60 mm mesh trawl net permitted)**

In regulation 15A(1), delete “the Fisheries Act 1983 or”.

**8 Regulation 16 amended (Offences)**

In regulation 16(1), replace “regulations 5C,” with “regulations 3AC, 5C,”.

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 10 April 2025, amend the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986 (the **principal regulations**).

*Regulation 4* inserts *new regulation 3AC* into the principal regulations. *New regulation 3AC* prohibits the use of spears by commercial fishers within defined areas.

Regulation 16 of the principal regulations sets out offences for contravening or failing to comply with specified regulations. *Regulation 8* amends regulation 16(1) to include an offence for contravening or failing to comply with *new regulation 3AC*.

*Regulations 5 to 7* remove references to the Fisheries Act 1983 (which is now repealed).

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