

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

FISHERIES ACT 2000

DECLARATION

INSTRUMENT NO. 290 OF 2000

Fishing Closures

Under section 13 of the *Fisheries Act 2000*, I prohibit the taking of fish from the waters and under the conditions set out in Annexure 1.

Fish of Prohibited Size

Under section 15 of the *Fisheries Act 2000*, I declare that the following fish are of prohibited size:

- Murray Cod of less than 50 cm in length
- Golden Perch of less than 30 cm in length
- Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout of less than 25 cm in length

Length is measured from the point of the snout to the tip of the tail.

Fish Quantity

Under section 16 of the *Fisheries Act 2000*, I declare that the quantity of the following species of fish that may be taken in a day is the number appearing next to the name of the species below:

Trout Cod	0
Murray River Crayfish	0
Macquarie Perch	0
Silver Perch	0
Two-spined Blackfish	0
Murray Cod	2
Golden Perch	5
Rainbow Trout and/or Brown Trout	5

Fishing Gear

Under section 17 of the *Fisheries Act 2000*, I declare that the gear that may be used for taking fish is that appearing in Annexure 2.

Dated this 17th day of August 2000

BRENDAN SMYTH
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

ANNEXURE 1 FISHING CLOSURES

Prohibited waters

It is prohibited to take any species of fish from the following waters at any time:

1. Tidbinbilla River within the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve;
2. Orroral River upstream of the bridge located west of the site of the former Orroral Space Tracking Station;
3. Cotter River catchment upstream of Bendora Dam wall, including Bendora and Corin Reservoirs;
4. Cotter River and Reservoir above the Cotter Dam wall up to the junction with Pierces Creek; and
5. Murrumbidgee River downstream of Angle Crossing to the junction with the Gudgenby River.

Closure of Trout Waters

It is prohibited to take fish from trout waters from midnight Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June to midnight Friday before the Labor Day long weekend in October. (See the definition of "trout waters" in Annexure 2)

Closed seasons for Murray Cod, Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout

It is prohibited to take Murray Cod, Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout from public waters in the ACT at the times indicated below

Murray Cod	From midnight 31 August to midnight 30 November.
Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout	From midnight Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June to midnight Friday before the Labor Day long weekend in October.

Prohibited Fish

It is prohibited to take the following species of fish from public waters in the ACT at any time:

Trout Cod
Murray River Crayfish
Macquarie Perch
Silver Perch
Two-spined Blackfish

ANNEXURE 2 FISHING GEAR

Definitions

Hoop net: a net attached to no more than two hoops, rings or frames not more than 1.25 m at their greatest diameter or diagonal. Drop of the net shall be a maximum of 1 metre.

Baited Line: a line with no hooks attached for taking yabbies.

Landing net: a net consisting of a hoop or ring not exceeding 0.6 metres at its greatest diameter and which is attached to netting having mesh not less than 25 mm.

Open waters are the following waters:

1. All of the urban lakes and ponds.
2. Molonglo River downstream of Scrivener Dam.
3. Murrumbidgee River downstream of the confluence with the Gudgenby River.

Prohibited waters are the waters appearing under the heading prohibited waters in annexure 1.

Trout Waters are all public waters other than open waters and prohibited waters.

Public waters are defined under the *Fisheries Act 2000* to be all waters other than private waters. Private waters are defined under that Act to be

- (a) waters of a dam, water storage or other water control structure that is not situated on a waterway; and
- (b) waters used for aquaculture.

Permitted Fishing Gear

In open waters, the following fishing gear may be used for taking fish:

- Two rods or handlines, with no more than two hooks per rod or handline.
- Not more than five hoop nets (but not permitted in the five nature reserves along the Murrumbidgee River).
- Not more than ten baited lines (with no hooks attached) for taking yabbies (but not permitted in the five nature reserves along the Murrumbidgee River).
- A landing net may be used in conjunction with rods and lines or baited lines.

In trout waters the following fishing gear may be used for taking fish during the period from midnight Friday before the Labor Day long weekend in October to midnight Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June of the following year:

- One rod with no more than two hooks for use with artificial flies or lures.
- A landing net may be used in conjunction with rod and line.

In prohibited waters, no fishing gear may be used for taking fish.