

**CONSERVATION (PROTECTION OF TROUT AS A NON-COMMERCIAL SPECIES) AMENDMENT BILL**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recreational trout fishing is a vital part of the New Zealand lifestyle. This Bill seeks to ensure that trout as a species is maintained as a recreation-only species.

It is not the intention of the Bill to interfere in any appropriate technical assessment regime for biosecurity risks associated with this or any other issue. In New Zealand, such decisions are made on the basis of honest science, without political interference. This is as it should be. We have to be able to defend any such decisions on intentionally credible, technical grounds.

In no way does this Bill contravene New Zealand's international trade obligations.

This Bill would prohibit the trade in trout for consumption. This would have the effect of preventing the commercial importation of trout flesh and the commercial farming of trout in New Zealand.

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ANALYSIS

Title	<i>Commercial Sale of Trout Prohibited</i>
1. Short Title	26ZGA. Trout to be non-commercial species
2. New heading and section inserted	

A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to amend the Conservation Act 1987**

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

5 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Conservation (Protection of Trout as a Non-commercial Species) Amendment Act 1998 and is part of the Conservation Act 1987\* (“the principal Act”).

10 **2. New heading and section inserted**—The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 26ZG, the following heading and section:

*“Commercial Sale of Trout Prohibited*

15 **“26ZGA. Trout to be non-commercial species**—(1) No person may commercially sell any trout, whether alive or dead, or any part of a trout, or any product consisting, in whole or in part, of any part of a trout.

“(2) For the purposes of this section, ‘trout’ includes char of any species, and any hybrid of any trout or char.

20 **“(3) Every person commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or both, who contravenes subsection (1).”**

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