

Attachment D – DOC Consistency Accountability Statement



Consistency Accountability Statement: Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice 2026

Agency responsible	Department of Conservation
Portfolio	Hunting and Fishing
Date finalised	25 August 2026
Identification number	Not Applicable

Statement of Review

I confirm that the Department of Conservation has assessed the above legislation, and the process for developing it, for consistency with the principles of responsible regulation as set out in section 9 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025.

This assessment identified the following inconsistencies with the principles of responsible regulation:

Relevant principle of responsible regulation	Relevant clauses in proposed legislation
every person is equal before the law (s 9(a)(iii))	Clauses 3-18 inclusive

Summary of inconsistency

The Notice is inconsistent in three respects:

1. Single adults and couples have access to a special form of licence based on their family status (the family licence, which requires the naming of children or grandchildren on the licence);
2. People have access to special forms of licence or lower cost licences based on their age (children, juniors, and seniors);

3. New Zealand citizens and residents have access to special forms of licence or lower cost licences compared with non-residents.

The New Zealand Fish and Game intends this to reflect longstanding policies designed to encourage participation in sports fishing. Other licence categories available enable every natural person to purchase a fishing licence.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Molloy', with a stylized, cursive script.

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