Order laid before the Assembly under Article 29(2) of the Wildlife (NI) Order 1985, and subject to affirmative resolution procedure of the Assembly

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 352

WILDLIFE

The Snares Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - - 6th October 2015

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1.

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12(2F) of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (**1**).

In accordance with Article 29(3) of the 1985 Order the Department of the Environment (**2**)—

(a) has consulted the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside; and

(b) has consulted any district council or other person affected and taken into consideration any objections or representations duly received.

Accordingly the Department makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Snares Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, and shall come into operation on the day after that on which it is affirmed by resolution of the Assembly.

(2) In this Order "the 1985 Order" means the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

Setting and using snares

2. A snare is to be treated as having been used in a manner which constitutes an offence under Article 12(2F) of the 1985 Order if it is used or caused or permitted to be used otherwise than in accordance with regulations 3 to 6.

Check that snares are free-running.

3.—(1) Any person who sets a snare in position must, while it remains in position, check that it is free-running or cause it to be checked at least once every day.

(**1**) 1985 No.171 (N.I.2)

(**2**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 252; S.R. &O (N.I.) 1973 No. 504Art. 7; S.I. 1976/424 (N.I.6) Art. 3