STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 16

FISHERIES

Salmon Drift Net Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - -	*21st January 2014*
Coming into operation	*1st March 2014*

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (**1**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 70(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (**2**) and now vested in it (**3**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Salmon Drift Net Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and come into operation on 1st March 2014.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"drift net" means a net consisting of a single sheet or wall of netting loosely hung on cork and sole ropes;

"drift net licence" means a fishing licence authorising the use of drift nets for the taking of salmon in the sea.

Prohibition of drift nets for salmon fishing

3. Subject to regulation 4, the use of drift nets for fishing for salmon is prohibited.

Resumption of drift netting

4.—(1) The Department may issue a drift net licence for salmon fishing only if it decides that such fishing is not likely to have an adverse impact on:

(a) a Special Area of Conservation as defined under the Habitats Directive (**4**) or;

(**1**) Established by the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)), Article 3(1)(b).
(**2**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.).
(**3**) S.R 1999 No. 481, Article 3 and Schedule 1.
(**4**) Council Directive 92/43/EEC