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FISHERIES

Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . *29th December 1981*

Coming into operation . . . *1st March 1982*

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of their powers under section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf with the approval of the Department(b) of Agriculture hereby make the following Byelaws:

Citation and commencement

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1982.

Application

2. These Byelaws shall apply to angling in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule.

Interpretation

3. In these Byelaws—

"all lawful methods" means any method of angling with rod and line except a method forbidden by any statutory provision for the time being in force;

"fish" means salmon, brown trout and rainbow trout;

"fly fishing" means the use of a single rod, reel (including a fixed spool reel), fly line or blow line and a single cast carrying not more than 3 artificial or winged natural flies but does not include the use of a bubble float in conjunction with artificial or winged natural flies;

"length" in relation to fish means the measurement from the tip of the snout to the fork or cleft of the tail;

"spinning" means the use of a single rod, reel (including a fixed spool reel) and line designed to cast or throw an artificial or natural bait except the different species of earthworm (Lumbricus species) and maggots and retrieve the bait by rewinding the line on to the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

"trolling" means the drawing of a fishing line with one or more hooks attached through the water from a moving boat;

"worm fishing" means the use of a single hook baited with one or more earthworms (Lumbricus species).

Permitted methods of angling

4. Subject to the provisions of these Byelaws the only methods of angling in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule shall be those specified in the

(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(b) Formerly Ministry: *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

second column of the Schedule and the use of those methods shall be subject to any restrictions as to number or minimum length of fish which may be retained as specified in respect thereof in the third column of the Schedule.

Return of fish to water

5. All fish of less than the minimum length which may be retained or fish in excess of the maximum number which may be retained as specified in the third column of the Schedule must be returned to the water.

Restrictions on the use of boats

6. Boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling except on Coolyermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Lough Cowey Reservoir, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Brantry Lough, Roughan Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne, Lough Melvin, Keenaghan Lough, Craigavon (North) Lake, Lough Achork, Lough Glencleawan, Lough Meenameen, Lough Corry and Erne River.

7. Mechanically propelled boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne, Lough Melvin, Lough Cowey, Craigavon North and River Erne.

Restrictions on trolling

8. Trolling is prohibited except on Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

9. For the purpose of trolling in Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne the number of fishing rods and lines or hand lines which may be used shall not exceed—

(*a*) four in the case of a boat occupied by three or more persons;

(*b*) three in the case of a boat occupied by two persons; and

(*c*) two in the case of a boat occupied by one person.

Prohibition on angling in certain areas

10.—(1) Angling shall be prohibited in the River Bush between the two metal posts coloured yellow on the west bank immediately downstream and upstream of the Salmon Leap at Walk Mill.

(2) Angling shall be prohibited in the following areas of the Quoile Basin:

(*a*) the western shore from Shooter's Island to the new Barrier; and

(*b*) the eastern shore from Steamboat Quay to the most southerly point of Castle Island.

Times for angling

11.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Lower Road Bridge, Bushmills, and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North) angling shall be permitted only between 8.00 a.m. and either one hour after sunset or 10.00 p.m. whichever is earlier.

(2) Angling shall be permitted only between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on the undernamed waters:

Copeland Reservoir
Dorisland Reservoir
Leathemstown Reservoir
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir
Lough Mourne

North Woodburn Reservoir
Stoneyford Reservoir
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir

Requirements to hold licences and permits

12. These Byelaws do not authorise a person who is required under any other statutory provision to hold a licence or a permit to fish on any of the waters to which these Byelaws apply without holding such a licence or such a permit.

Revocation

13. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 29th December 1981.

(L.S.)

C. Fox
Chairman

R. G. Weaver
Secretary

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 30th December 1981.

(L.S.)

W. H. Parker
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1981 No. 8

SCHEDULE

Department of Agricultural waters	*Methods of angling*	*Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day*
CO. ANTRIM. River Bush and tributaries (*a*) On the River Bush between Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North).	When the water level on the marker posts located beside the west bank of the river in the following positions: (i) 64m (70 yards) upstream from Bushmills Lower Road Bridge; (ii) immediately downstream from the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge; (iii) 92m (100 yards) downstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Glebe and Walk Mill; and (iv) immediately below the Salmon Leap Falls at Walk Mill and beside the angler's path footbridge over the outflow from the Generating Station at Walk Mill; is at the colour red, fly fishing and worm fishing and when it is at the colour green, fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning. When fly fishing, only flies tied on single hooks which shall not exceed No. 4 (10mm between point and shank) may be used. Such flies shall be dressed and shall not be leaded or otherwise artificially weighted.	Minimum length 25.4cm for trout
(*b*) On the River Bush between Conagher Bridge and Bellisle Bridge and on the Stracam River between its confluence with the River Bush and Dervock.	Fly fishing 1 March — 30 June Fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning 1 July — 30 September	Minimum length 25.4cm for trout