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FISHERIES

Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 1*st August* 1977

Coming into operation . . . 1*st September* 1977

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1977.

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 and applying to the waters in the first column of the Schedule to these Byelaws;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

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

"fly fishing" means the use of a single rod with a centre pin reel, fly line and a single cast carrying not more than three artificial or natural flies and, in particular, does not include the use of a bubble float in conjunction with artificial or natural flies;

"ground baiting" means the use of any fish, insect or the immature stage thereof or a worm or any part thereof whether fresh or preserved or any manufactured or prepared material used other than on a hook and designed to, or being used to, attract fish to a natural or artificial bait;

"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 excluding the different species of earthworm (*Lumbriculus species*) and retrieve the bait by rewinding the line on to the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

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

"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 (*Lumbriculus species*).

Permitted methods of angling

4. Subject to the provision of these Byelaws, in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule, the only methods of angling shall be those specified for those waters in the second column of the Schedule and the exercise of those methods shall be subject to any restrictions as to number or minimum length of fish retained which may be specified in respect thereof in the third column of the Schedule.

Return of surplus fish to water

5. All fish not retained must be returned gently and as soon as possible to the water.

Restrictions on ground baiting

6. Ground baiting is prohibited on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

Restriction on the use of boats

7. Boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Coolyermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Roughan Lake, Tullynawood Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

8. Mechanically propelled boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

Restrictions on trolling

9. Trolling is prohibited on all waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

10. For the purpose of trolling in Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne fishing rods and lines or hand lines shall not be used in excess of—

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

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

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

Prohibition on angling in certain areas

11.—(1) Angling shall be prohibited in the River Bush between a metal post coloured yellow on the west bank immediately downstream of the Salmon Leap at Walk Mill and the upstream limit of the said Salmon Leap as designated by a further metal post coloured yellow on the west bank.

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

(*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

12.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Bushmills lower road bridge 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 9.00 p.m. whichever is earlier.

(2) Angling shall be permitted only between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10 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

13. 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

14. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 1st August 1977.

Savill Hicks
Chairman

(L.S.) *R. G. Weaver*
Chief Inspector

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 3rd August 1977.

(L.S.) *K. F. Parkin*
Senior Assistant Secretary

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 362 (II, p. 1784)

SCHEDULE

Department of Agriculture 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) 70 yards upstream from Bushmills lower road bridge; (ii) immediately downstream from the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge; (iii) 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. In fly fishing, only flies tied on single hooks which shall not exceed No. 4 (10 mm between point and shank) may be used. Such flies shall be normally dressed and shall not be leaded or otherwise artificially weighted.	2 salmon per rod. No limit for trout.