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FISHERIES

Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *24th November* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *1st February* 1976

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) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1976.

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 sp*) 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 sp*).

Permitted methods of angling

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

Restrictions 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 Castlewellan Lake, 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 on part of the River Bush

11. 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.

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 10.00 p.m. on the undernamed waters :

Upper South Woodburn Reservoir
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir
North Woodburn Reservoir
Copeland Reservoir
Dorisland Reservoir
Lough Mourne
Stoneyford Reservoir
Leathemstown Reservoir

Revocation

13. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1974(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 24th November 1975.

Savell Hicks,
Chairman.

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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 1975.

(L.S.)

W. H. Jack.
Senior Assistant Secretary.

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SCHEDULE

Departure of Agriculture waters	*Methods of angling*	*Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day*
Co Fermanagh		
Lough Melvin	All lawful methods from boat and shore	None
Upper and Lower Lough Erne	All lawful methods from boat and shore	8 fish with a minimum length of 14″
Eshcleagh Lake	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 8″
Lough Corry	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Meenameen Lough	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Glencreawan Lough	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Lough Achork	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Mill Lough (Killyfoyle)	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck)	From the banks: (*a*) from the beginning of the season until 31 July, fly fishing and spinning; (*b*) from 31 July until the end of the season all lawful methods From boats, fly fishing only	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Coolyermer Lake	Fly fishing	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Corranny Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Keenaghan Lake	Fly fishing	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Tyrone		
Brantry Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Roughan Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Armagh		
Shaw's Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″