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FISHERIES

Lough Erne Eel Fishing

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH APRIL 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Lough Erne Eel Fishing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1973.

2. These Regulations apply only to Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

3. No person shall use any net for the purpose of taking eels

(*a*) in the area of Upper and Lower Lough Erne lying between

(i) an imaginary line drawn from the most easterly point in the townland of Tullydevenish, thence by the western shore of Devenish Island to the most northerly point of Devenish Island and thence to the nearest point on the northern shore of Lough Erne, and

(ii) an imaginary line drawn across Innishmore Viaduct thence by the southern shore of the townland of Lusty Beg to the most easterly point of the Island of Killygowan and thence to the nearest point on the shore in the townland of Corrard,

except in Tamlaght Bay, north and east of an imaginary line drawn through the navigational markers at the entrance to Tamlaght Bay to the nearest point in the townland of Kilmalanophy on the west shore and the nearest point in the townland of Drumcullion on the east shore, where netting for eels is permitted;

(*b*) within one mile of the defined mouth of any river flowing into Upper or Lower Lough Erne;

(*c*) in that portion of Lower Lough Erne westwards and northwards of an imaginary line drawn from Hills Island to Eagle Island and thence to the most westerly point of Boa Island, provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to fixed wing nets used between Roscor Viaduct and an imaginary line running directly from north to south and passing through the western tip of Ferny Island.

4. Boats used for fishing for eels by means of netting or long lining shall not exceed 18 feet length overall and 5 feet 6 inches beam.

5. In these Regulations "defined mouth" means the mouth of a river as defined by an Order of the Ministry of Agriculture under section 16 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

(a) 1966. c. 17 (N.I).