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FISHERIES

Angling Bye-Laws

BYE-LAWS, DATED 20TH MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

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 Ministry of Agriculture hereby makes the following Bye-laws:—

1. These Bye-laws may be cited as the Angling (Ministry of Agriculture Waters) Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1972.

2. These Bye-laws shall apply to fisheries in the waters specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto.

3. These Bye-laws shall come into effect on 1st April 1972.

4. In these Bye-laws—

"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. For the purpose of the Bye-laws the use of a rod with a fixed spool reel or centre pin reel and bubble float used in conjunction with artificial flies or natural flies shall not be deemed to be construed as fly fishing;

"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 onto the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

"all lawful methods" means in relation to angling all lawful methods of angling with rod and line as defined by the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"ground baiting" means the use of any fish, insect or the immature stage thereof of 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;

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

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

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

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

5. For the purposes of angling for fish the methods of angling in a particular water shall subject to Bye-laws 6 and 7 only be as described in the Schedule to these Bye-laws.

6. In addition to the methods described in the Schedule and subject to Bye-law 7 all lawful methods of angling shall be permitted from the 1st July until the end of the season at Castlewellan Lake and from the 1st August until the end of the season on the under-named lakes:—

Mill Lough (Bellanaleck) County Fermanagh
Castledillon Lake, County Armagh
Gentle Owens Lake, County Armagh

7. Fly fishing is the only permitted method of angling throughout the season from boats on Castlewellan Lake and Mill Lough (Bellanaleck).

8. Only fish of a length equal to or greater than the length shown in the schedule for that particular water may be retained by the angler.

9. All fish smaller than the minimum size must be returned gently and as soon as possible to the water.

10. Except on waters designated as Coarse Fishing Waters by the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, ground baiting on Ministry waters is not permitted.

11. Subject to the provisions of Bye-laws 12, 13 and 14 no boats are permitted on the waters named in the schedule hereto for the purpose of angling.

12. Boats may be used for the purpose of angling on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

13. Boats of a non-mechanised nature only may be used on Tullynawood Lake.

14. Only Ministry authorised boats may be used on Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Castlewellan Lake, Coolyermer Lake and Lough Brickland.

15. With the exception of Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne, trolling is prohibited on all waters named in the Schedule.

16. For the purpose of trolling in Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne fishing rods and lines or hand lines must 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.

17. The Angling (Ministry of Agriculture Waters) Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1971(b) are hereby revoked.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 32.