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FISHERIES

Eel Fishing

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND JULY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 15 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Eel Fishing (River Erne and Quoile Basin) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969.

2. These Regulations shall apply to the River Erne in the County of Fermanagh, within one half mile downstream from Rosscor Viaduct and to the River Quoile, in the County of Down, between the flood gates at the Old Quoile Bridge and the tidal barrier at Hare Island.

3. There shall be added to the Schedule to the Eel Fishing (Licence Duties Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(b) the fishing engines and duties referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations.

4. The annual close season for taking eels by means of fyke nets shall be a period from 9th January in any year to 30th April in that year.

5. Each fyke net or series of fyke nets used for the taking of eels shall be marked at each end by a float which protrudes at least four inches from the surface of the water when the gear is fishing.

6. In these Regulations the expression "fyke net" means an eel net

(1) with a leader not exceeding twenty four feet in length; and

(2) with a trap at each end on which no hoop shall exceed twenty inches in diameter; and

(3) which has no mesh of less size than one half inch from knot to knot measured along the side of the square or one inch measured on the stretched diagonal mesh such measurements being taken when the net is wet; and

(4) with no other net or netting attached other than to join fyke nets end to end.

7. These Regulations shall remain in force until 9th January 1972, and shall then cease to have effect.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of July 1969.

(L.S.)

W. G. Malcolm,
Assistant Secretary.

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

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 80.