

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes miscellaneous amendments to the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland 1966 (c. 17)).

The principal amendments—

- (a) extend the powers of the Department of Agriculture to secure the development of derelict waters for angling (Article 4);
- (b) alter procedures relating to applications for fish culture licences (Article 6);
- (c) enable the Fisheries Conservancy Board to restore the fish population of polluted waters in certain circumstances (Article 11);
- (d) facilitate the passage of fish past obstructions and hazards (such as dams and mill sluices) in waterways (Articles 13, 15 and 16);
- (e) limit the duration of the appointment of private water bailiffs (Article 25); and
- (f) alter the enforcement powers of authorised persons (Articles 26 to 30).