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FISHERIES

**Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws
(Northern Ireland) 1979**

Made 30th January 1979

Coming into operation 1st March 1979

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of their powers under section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf with the approval of the Department(b) of Agriculture, hereby make the following Byelaws:

Citation and commencement

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1979.

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” includes 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 but, 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 for the purpose of attracting 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 except the different species of earthworm (*Lumbriculus* species) 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* species).

Permitted methods of angling

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

Restriction on ground baiting

6. Ground baiting is prohibited on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on the Arney River, Ballinamallard River, Blackwater River, Camagh Lakes, Colebrooke River, Creeve Lough, Enagh Lough (Co. Tyrone), Lower Bann Navigation Canal, Quoile Basin, Upper Bann River, Upper and Lower Lough Erne and White Lough.

Restriction 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 Coolyermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Roughan Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne, Lough Melvin and Craigavon (North) Lake.

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 in certain areas

11.—(1) 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.

- (2) Angling shall be prohibited in the Quoile Basin in the following areas:
- (a) the western shore from Shooter's Island to the new Barrier; and
 - (b) the eastern shore from Steamboat Quay to the most southerly point of Castle Island.

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 townland 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:

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

Requirements to hold licences and permits

13. These Byelaws do not authorise a person who is required under any other statutory provision to hold a licence or a permit to fish on any of the waters to which these Byelaws apply without holding such a licence or such a permit.

Revocation

14. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 30th January 1979.

(L.S.)

C. Fox,

Chairman

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 31st January 1979.

(L.S.)

K. F. Parkin,

Senior Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

<i>Department of Agriculture waters</i>	<i>Methods of Angling</i>	<i>Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day</i>
<p>CO. ANTRIM</p> <p>River Bush and tributaries (a) On the River Bush between Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North).</p> <p>(b) On the River Bush between Conagher Bridge and Bellisle Bridge and on the Stracam River between its confluence with the River Bush and Dervock.</p>	<p>When the water level on the marker posts located beside the west bank of the river in the following positions: (i) 70 yards upstream from Bushmills Lower Road Bridge; (ii) immediately downstream from the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge; (iii) 100 yards downstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Glebe and Walk Mill; and (iv) immediately below the Salmon Leap Falls at Walk Mill and beside the angler's path footbridge over the outflow from the Generating Station at Walk Mill; is at the colour red, fly fishing and worm fishing and when it is at the colour green, fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning. When fly fishing, only flies tied on single hooks which shall not exceed No. 4 (10 mm between point and shank) may be used. Such flies shall be dressed and shall not be leaded or otherwise artificially weighted.</p> <p>Fly fishing 1 March—30 June; Fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning 1 July—30 September.</p>	<p>Minimum length 8" for trout.</p> <p>Minimum length 8" for trout.</p>

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(c) On the River Bush and its tributaries upstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North) but excluding that portion of the River defined in (b) above.	Fly fishing 1 March—30 June. Fly fishing and worm fishing 1 July—30 September.	Minimum length 8" for trout.
That portion of the Carey River from a point 53 yards upstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Broughanlea to its confluence with the Glenshesk River	All lawful methods.	None.
Copeland Reservoir.	Fly fishing.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Dorisland Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Dungonnell Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 9".
That portion of the Glenshesk River downstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Drumahaman.	All lawful methods.	None.
Killylane Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 9".
Leathemstown Reservoir.	Fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Lower Bann Navigation Canal.	All lawful methods.	None.
Margy River.	Fly fishing 1 March—30 June; all lawful methods, 1 July—31 October.	None.
Lough Mourne.	All lawful methods.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Stoneyford Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir.	Fly fishing.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".

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Middle South Woodburn Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
North Woodburn Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir.	Fly fishing.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
CO. ARMAGH		
Craigavon City Park Lakes.	Fly, spinning and worm fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Gentle Owens Lake.	Fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Upper Bann River.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
CO. DOWN		
Ballykeel Lougherne.	Fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Lough Brickland.	Fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Castlewellan Forest Lakes.	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Fofanny Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
Portavoë Reservoir.	Fly fishing and spinning.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Quoile Basin.	All lawful methods.	None.
That portion of the Shimna River which is bounded on both banks by Tollymore Forest Park.	All lawful methods.	2 salmon or sea trout.
Spelga Reservoir.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
CO. FERMANAGH		
Lough Achork.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
Arney River.	All lawful methods.	None.
Ballinamallard River.	All lawful methods.	None.
Cam River.	All lawful methods.	None.
Colebrooke River.	All lawful methods.	None.
Coolyérmer Lough.	Fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".

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Corranny Lake.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Lough Corry.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
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".
Glencreawan Lough.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
Keenaghan Lake.	Fly fishing from shore only.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Meenameen Lough.	Fly fishing and spinning.	6 fish with a minimum length of 8".
Lough Melvin.	All lawful methods.	None.
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck).	From the shore, all lawful methods. From boats, fly fishing.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Mill Lough (Killyfole).	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".
CO. TYRONE		
River Blackwater.	All lawful methods.	None.
Brantry Lake.	Fly fishing.	4 fish with a minimum length of 10".
Enagh Lough.	All lawful methods.	None.
Roughan Lake.	All lawful methods.	6 fish with a minimum length of 10".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Byelaws but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Byelaws, which replace the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977, specify the methods of angling permitted on waters controlled by the Department of Agriculture and provide for a minimum length and number of fish which may be retained on any one day. They also contain certain provisions restricting the use of boats and the times of fishing.