

## 1986 No. 111

## FISHERIES

**Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws  
(Northern Ireland) 1986**

*Made* . . . . . 29th April 1986  
*Coming into operation* . . . . . 2nd June 1986

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of their powers under section 26(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf with the approval of the Department 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) 1986 and shall come into operation on 2nd June 1986.

*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;

“fish” means salmon, brown trout and rainbow trout;

“fly fishing” means the use of a single rod, reel (including a fixed spool reel), fly line or blow line and a single cast carrying not more than three artificial or winged natural flies but does not include the use of a bubble float in conjunction with artificial or winged natural flies;

“ground bait” means 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;

“maggots” means any larvae of the house fly of the Genus *Musca* and the blue-bottle or blowfly of the Genus *Galliphora* and any other insect larvae of the Order *Diptera*;

“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 to cast or throw an artificial or natural bait (except the different species of earthworm (*Lumbricus* species) and maggots) and retrieve the bait by rewinding the line onto the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

“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 (*Lumbricus* species).

#### *Permitted methods of angling*

4. Subject to the provisions of these Byelaws the only methods of angling in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule shall be those specified in the second column of the Schedule and the use of those methods shall be subject to any restrictions as to number or minimum length of fish which may be retained as specified in respect thereof in the third column of the Schedule.

#### *Return of fish to water*

5. All fish of less than the minimum length which may be retained or fish in excess of the maximum number which may be retained as specified in the third column of the Schedule must be returned to the water.

#### *Prohibition on use of ground bait and maggots*

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw 7 the use of ground bait or maggots is prohibited on the waters to which these Byelaws apply.

#### *Exception from prohibition*

7. The prohibition imposed by Byelaw 6 shall not apply to the use of ground bait or the use of maggots as bait on the River Ballinamallard, River Blackwater, Upper and Lower Lough Erne, River Erne and the Quoile Basin.

#### *Restrictions on the use of boats*

8. Boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling except on Lough Achork, Brantry Lough, Coolyermer Lough, Lough Corry, Craigavon (North) Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne, River Erne, Lough Glencreawan, Lough Keenaghan, Lough Meenameen, Lough Melvin and Mill Lough (Bellanaleck).

9. Mechanically propelled boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne, River Erne, Craigavon (North) Lake and Lough Melvin.

#### *Restrictions on trolling*

10. Trolling is prohibited except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

11. For the purpose of trolling on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin the number of fishing rods and lines or hand lines which may be used shall not exceed—

- (a) four in the case of a boat occupied by three or more persons;
- (b) three in the case of a boat occupied by two persons; and
- (c) two in the case of a boat occupied by one person.

#### *Prohibition on angling in certain areas*

12.—(1) Angling shall be prohibited in the River Bush between the two metal posts coloured yellow on the west bank immediately downstream and upstream of the Salmon Leap at Walk Mill.

(2) Angling shall be prohibited in the following areas of the Quoile Basin:

- (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*

13.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Lower Road Bridge, Bushmills and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North) angling shall be permitted only between 0800 hours and either one hour after sunset or 2200 hours whichever is earlier.

(2) Angling shall be permitted only between the hours of 0800 and 2200 on the undermentioned waters:

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

*Revocation*

14. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981(a) and the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (Amendment) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1984(b) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 29th April 1986.

(L.S.)

*R. T. Jordan*

Chairman

*R. G. Weaver*

Secretary

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 29th April 1986.

(L.S.)

*N. E. Morrison*

Assistant Secretary

<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 in respect of each rod fished under permit</i>
<p><b>Co. Antrim</b> Altnahinch</p> <p>River Bush and tributaries (a) On the River Bush between a point 457 m (500 yards) downstream of Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North).</p>	<p>Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.</p> <p>When the water level on the marker posts located beside the west bank of the river in the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 64 m (70 yards) upstream from Bushmills Lower Road Bridge;</li> <li>(ii) immediately downstream from the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge;</li> <li>(iii) 92 m (100 yards) downstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Glebe and Walk Mill; and</li> <li>(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;</li> </ul> <p>is at the colour red, fly fishing, worm fishing and shrimp fishing and when it is at the colour green, fly fishing, worm fishing, shrimp fishing and spinning.</p> <p>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>Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.</p> <p>Minimum length 25.4 cm for trout.</p>

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(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.	Fly fishing 1 March-30 June. Fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning 1 July-30 September.	Minimum length 25.4 cm for trout.
(c) On the River Bush 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 25.4 cm for trout.
That portion of the Carey River from a point 49 m (53 yards) upstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Broughanlea to its confluence with the Glenshesk River.	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None
Copeland Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Dungonnell Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
That portion of the Glenshesk River downstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Drumahaman to its confluence with the Carey River.	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
Killylane Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
Leathemstown Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
(a) 1707 c. 17 (Ir.) (b) 1712 c. 5 (Ir.) (c) 1744 c. 34 (d) 1824 c. 83 (e) 1835 c. 41	Fly fishing 1. (f) 1845 c. 109 Fly fishing, s. (g) 1880 c. 20 worm fishing (h) 1892 c. 9 (i) 1935 c. 13 (N.I.) October. (j) 1969 c. 16 (N.I.)	

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Lough Mourne	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Stoneyford Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
North Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
<b>Co. Armagh</b>		
Craigavon City Park Lakes		
(a) North Lake	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
(b) South Lake	From boats, fly fishing only.	
	From the shore; fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Clay Lake Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
<b>Co. Down</b>		
Ballykeel Lougherne	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Brickland	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Castlewellan Forest Lake	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing 1 April-31 October. Fly fishing 1-31 March.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Cowey Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
Hillsborough Lake	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From the dam shores and the footbridge at the southern point of the lake, spinning and worm fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.

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Portavoë Reservoir	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Quoile Basin	All lawful methods.	None.
That portion of the Shimna River which is bounded on both banks by Tollymore Forest Park.	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Two salmon or sea trout.*
Spelga Reservoir	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
<b>Co. Fermanagh</b> Lough Achork	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Department of Agriculture waters in the River Ballinamallard.	All lawful methods.	None.
Coolyermer Lough	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Corranny Lake	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Corry	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Upper and Lower Lough Erne	All lawful methods from boat and shore.	Six fish with a minimum length of 30.0 cm.
Lough Glencreawan	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Keenaghan	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Meenameen	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.
Lough Melvin	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.	None.
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck)	Fly fishing.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.

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River Erne	All lawful methods. From boats fly fishing only.	None.
<b>Co. Tyrone</b> Department of Agriculture waters in the River Blackwater	All lawful methods.	None.
Brantry Lough	Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats fly fishing only.	Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Byelaws.)*

These Byelaws which replace the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981 and the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (Amendment) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1984 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.

The waters listed in the Schedule to the Byelaws differ from those listed in earlier Byelaws in that two additional waters have been added namely Altnahinch Reservoir, Co. Antrim and Hillsborough Lake, Co. Down, while two waters have been deleted namely Dorisland Reservoir, Co. Antrim, and Gentle Owens Lake, Co. Armagh.

A person who contravenes these Byelaws is guilty of an offence under Section 26(5) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 for which the penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £500.