
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Byelaws.)

These Byelaws—

- (a) require every person who is licensed pursuant to byelaws made under the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (“the Act”) to fish for wild salmon and sea trout to affix a gill tag to every wild salmon or sea trout captured and retained by him (Byelaw 3);
- (b) provide for the issue of gill tags to such persons (Byelaw 4);
- (c) provide for the removal of a tag which is affixed to a wild salmon or sea trout only in specified circumstances (Byelaw 5(1)(a) and (5));
- (d) prohibit the affixing of a tag to any wild salmon or sea trout which has been unlawfully captured (Byelaw 5(1)(b));
- (e) prohibit the sale, export or transhipment at sea of any wild salmon or sea trout which has not had a tag affixed to it (Byelaw 5(1)(c));
- (f) prohibit the possession of any captured and retained wild salmon or sea trout which does not have a tag affixed to it (Byelaw 5(1)(d));
- (g) prohibit the forging or alteration of tags (Byelaw 5(1)(e));
- (h) prohibit the sale of wild salmon or sea trout as being farmed salmon or sea trout (Byelaw 5(1)(f));
- (i) prohibit the giving of false information to obtain a tag (Byelaw 5(1)(g));
- (j) prohibit the importation of a wild salmon or sea trout into Northern Ireland (other than into the Londonderry Area or the Newry Area) for the purpose of sale unless a tail tag is affixed to that salmon or sea trout (Byelaw 5(1)(h));
- (k) provide for the keeping of logbooks by the holders of fishing licences issued under the Act and the issue and return of such logbooks (Byelaws 6, 7 and 8);
- (l) impose requirements on authorised agents (as defined in Byelaw 2) who have possession of gill tags and logbooks for issue by them under these Byelaws (Byelaw 9);
- (m) make transitional provision in relation to stocks of wild salmon and sea trout held by dealers and others at the coming into operation of these Byelaws (Byelaws 10 and 11).