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PART XVII

**ANNUAL CLOSE SEASONS AND CLOSE
TIMES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING**

77. It shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill salmon with a fishing engine other than rod and line in the sea and tidal waters during the period beginning on 16th September in any year and ending on 17th March in the next following year, both dates inclusive.

78. The weekly close time in the sea and tidal waters is the period commencing at 8 o'clock a.m. on each Saturday and ending at 8 o'clock on the then next following Monday.

79.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill salmon or trout with a fishing engine other than rod and line in fresh water during the period beginning on 20th August in any year and ending on the last day of February in the next following year, both dates inclusive.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the River Bush where it shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill salmon or trout with a fishing engine other than rod and line during the period beginning on 16th September in any year and ending on 17th March in the next following year, both dates inclusive.

80. A person shall not have any net for the taking of salmon, trout or any coarse fish on board any boat in any waters during the annual close season or weekly close time for salmon, trout or that coarse fish.

81. A person shall not, on Lough Neagh –

- (a) take any coarse fish except pollen with a fishing engine, other than rod and line, during the period beginning on 1st March in any year and ending on 31st May in the same year, both dates inclusive; or
- (b) take any coarse fish with a fishing engine, other than rod and line, during the period commencing at 6 o'clock a.m. on any Saturday and ending 6 o'clock a.m. on the then next following Monday.

82.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on Upper and Lower Lough Erne, take any coarse fish, except pollen, by means of a single wall set net, trammel net or draft net during the period beginning on 17th March in any year and ending on 17th December in that year, both dates inclusive.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the taking of coarse fish by means of a bait net where such fish taken are for use solely as bait.