

2004 No. 100

FISHERIES

**Eel Fishing (Licence Duties) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2004**

Made - - - - - *8th March 2004*

Coming into operation *5th April 2004*

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15(1) and 19(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and now exercisable by it(c), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Eel Fishing (Licence Duties) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 5th April 2004.

Licence Duties

2. There shall be payable to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland by way of licence duties in respect of licences for the use of fishing engines for the taking of eels referred to in column 1 of the Schedule the amounts respectively specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

Revocation

3. The Eel Fishing (Licence Duties) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(d) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure on 8th March 2004.

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(a) Established by the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)), Article 3(1)
(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(c) See S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 3 and Schedule 1
(d) S.R. 2000 No. 363

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

<i>Fishing Engine</i> (1)	<i>Duty</i> (2) £
Fyke net	8-00
The existing eel weir at Toome	1,500-00
The existing eel weir at Upper Row, Portna	1,500-00
The existing eel weir at Lower Row, Portna	1,500-00
The existing automatic eel weir at Portna	1,500-00
The existing eel weir at Movanager	1,500-00
The existing eel weir at Belleek	49-50
Long line used in the Erne Catchment Area or Lough Neagh, excluding its tributaries and their branches, containing not more than 1,200 hooks	80-00
Long line used in the Erne Catchment Area or Lough Neagh, excluding its tributaries and their branches, containing more than 1,200 hooks	110-00
Eel draft net not exceeding 118 metres in length used in Lough Neagh	110-00

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the licence duties payable to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in respect of licences for the use of fishing engines for the taking of eels. The new duties, and the size of the increases or decreases, where applicable, are set out below.

	<i>Previous Rates</i>	<i>New Rates</i>	<i>Increase + or Decrease –</i>
	£	£	£
Fyke net . . .	7.00	8.00	+ 1.00
The existing eel weir at Toome . . .	5,096.50	1,500.00	– 3,596.50
The existing eel weir at Upper Row, Portna . . .	2,552.50	1,500.00	– 1,052.50
The existing eel weir at Lower Row, Portna . . .	2,552.50	1,500.00	– 1,052.50
The existing automatic eel weir at Portna . . .	1,274.00	1,500.00	+ 226.00
The existing eel weir at Movanager . . .	1,274.00	1,500.00	+ 226.00
The existing eel weir at Belleek . . .	49.50	49.50	0.00
Long line used in the Erne Catchment Area – containing not more than 1,200 hooks . . .	49.50	80.00	+ 30.50
Long line used in the Erne Catchment Area – containing over 1,200 hooks . . .	75.00	110.00	+ 36.00
Long line containing not more than 1,200 hooks used in Lough Neagh excluding its tributaries and their branches . . .	75.00	80.00	+ 5.00
Long line containing over 1,200 hooks used in Lough Neagh excluding its tributaries and their branches . . .	101.00	110.00	+ 9.00
Eel draft net not exceeding 118 metre in length used in Lough Neagh . . .	101.00	110.00	+ 9.00

The Regulations no longer prescribe duties in respect of licences for the following fishing engines which will not now be issued by the Fisheries Conservancy Board:

- (a) the existing eel weir at Rademon;
- (b) the existing eel weir at Drumnaconagher, Crossgar;
- (c) fixed wing nets, used in the River Erne in the County of Fermanagh between Roscor Viaduct and a point 800 metres downstream of Roscor Viaduct, or in the River Quoile in the County of Down between the floodgates at the Old Quoile Bridge and the tidal barrier at Hare Island, and having a leader and a wing or wings each not exceeding 23 metres in length, for each batch of 5 or less;
- (d) fixed wing nets used in that part of Lower Lough Erne in the County of Fermanagh lying between Roscor Viaduct and an imaginary line running directly from North to South and passing through the Western tip of Ferny Island in the Parish of Belleek, Barony of Lurg and having a leader and wing or wings, each not exceeding 230 metres in length, for each batch of 10 or less.

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