

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Foyle Area (Complimentary Angling Permit) (River Finn and River Foyle) Regulations 2014

SR 2014 No. 299

1. Introduction

1.1 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2 The Statutory Rule is made under sections 13(1) and 14B(1) and (2) of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and sections 13(1) and 14B(1) and (2) of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 (as amended by S.I. 1999/859 and S.I. 2007/915 (N.I. 9)) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Description

2.1 The proposed Regulation allows for the legitimate issue of complimentary permits to fish those waters managed by the Loughs Agency on behalf of the governments of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and restricts their issue to schools, those persons or bodies involved in promotional events on behalf of the Agency, and those persons or bodies who manage waters on behalf of the Loughs Agency.

3. Consultation

3.1 The Regulations were subject to a full public consultation and included local stakeholders.

4. Territorial Extent and Application

4.1 This Statutory Rule applies to the Foyle Area.

5. European Convention on Human Rights

5.1 The legislation has been screened for these issues and none were identified.

6. Equality Impact

6.1 These Regulations have been subject to equality screening, carried out by the Loughs Agency, which found that a full EQIA is not

necessary as the proposals apply equally to, and will have no disproportionate effect on, the section 75 groups.

7. Regulatory Impact

7.1 A Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment was prepared for this instrument and circulated to stakeholders with the consultation papers.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

9.1 These regulations comply with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

10. EU Implications

10.1 None.

11. Additional Information

11.1 None.