

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Carlingford Area (Definition of the Mouth of the Clanrye River) Regulations 2016**

#### **SR 2016 No. 346**

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division on behalf of 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 section 13(1)(j) of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and section 13(1)(j) 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 Regulations introduce a defined mouth of the Clanrye River.

2.2 The Regulations will define a point on the County Down side of the Clanrye River using the standard Irish Grid Reference, marked O on a map provided, which will be one side of the mouth of the river.

2.3 The Regulations will define a point on the County Louth side of the Clanrye River using the standard Irish Grid Reference, marked P on a map provided, which will be one side of the mouth of the river.

2.4 The two points marked O and P as defined using the Irish Grid Reference will represent the two sides of the river mouth. A line marked M will run between these two points. This will thereby be considered the mouth of the Clanrye River.

#### **3. Consultation**

3.1 The Regulations were subject to a full public consultation which included local stakeholders and a total of 4 responses were received.

#### **4. Territorial Extent and Application**

4.1 This Statutory Rule applies to the Carlingford Area.

## **5. European Convention on Human Rights**

5.1 The proposed 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.

7.2 A Full Regulatory Impact Assessment was issued to the DAERA Committee and signed off by the Minister on 20 June 2016.

## **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