



Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966

1966 CHAPTER 17

PART V

REGULATION OF FISHING FOR SALMON, EELS AND FRESHWATER FISH

REGULATIONS AS TO FIXED ENGINES

78 Prohibition of erecting or using fixed engines at mouths of rivers.

- (1) If at or within^[F1] 1610 metres] in any direction from the mouth of any salmon river any person, other than the owner of a several fishery within the limits thereof, erects or uses any fixed engine, that person shall be guilty of an offence ...^{F2}.
- (2) Where an order under section 16 defines the mouth of a tributary river, the reference in subsection (1) to the mouth of any river shall be construed as including a reference to the mouth of that tributary river.

F1 SR 1983/100

F2 1981 NI 7

79 Prohibition of bag nets in certain places.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), no bag net shall be placed or allowed to remain in any river or estuary or within a distance of^[F3] 4830 metres] from the mouth of any river.
- (2) If any bag net is placed or allowed to remain in contravention of this section—
 - (a) it shall be deemed a common nuisance and may be taken possession of or destroyed; and
 - (b) the owner of the bag net shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F4} £500] or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

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(3) This section shall not apply to—

- (a) the placing or continuing, within^{F3} 4830 metres] of the mouth of a river, of a bag net, where the owner of the bag net has the exclusive right of catching salmon in the whole of that river, including all tributary rivers and lakes upon the course of that river, and where that owner or a predecessor in title of his had on or immediately before 28th July 1863 exercised that right by means of a bag net at the place where the first-mentioned bag net is placed; or
- (b) the placing or continuing, in accordance with the provisions of a licence granted under section 77(2), of a bag net the erection and use of which is authorised by the licence.

F3 SR 1983/100

F4 1981 NI 7

80 Regulations as to construction and user of bag nets.

If any person maintains or uses any bag net—

- (a) the meshes of the nets of any leader whereof are not stretched to their full opening; or
- (b) which is so constructed that the leaders thereof cannot be raised and kept out of the water;

he shall be guilty of an offence ...^{F5}.

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