



# Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966

## 1966 CHAPTER 17

### PART V

#### REGULATION OF FISHING FOR SALMON, EELS AND FRESHWATER FISH

#### PROHIBITION OF FISHING WEIRS AND FIXED ENGINES, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS

#### **77 Power of Ministry to authorise variation in characteristics of fixed engines.**

- (1) The owner of a fixed engine in respect of which a certificate has been granted under section 6 of the Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act 1863 may apply to the Ministry for permission to substitute for that fixed engine or for more than one such fixed engine a fixed engine of different characteristics from the characteristics specified in the certificate.
- (2) If the Ministry, after causing a local public inquiry to be held, is satisfied that such substitution will not unduly interfere with the reasonable and legitimate interests of any other person, the Ministry may accept the surrender of any certificate such as is referred to in subsection (1), and may grant a licence authorising the owner [<sup>F1</sup> and his successors in title] to erect and use—
  - (i) in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Ministry; and
  - (ii) at a place or in a position specified in the licence; and
  - (iii) subject to any conditions, or any limitations as to time or otherwise, contained in the licence,a fishing engine of such a kind as may be specified in the licence.
- (3) Upon the grant of a licence under subsection (2) any certificate surrendered to the Ministry in pursuance of that subsection shall cease to have effect, but without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (6) as to the revival of the certificate in the event of the licence being revoked under subsection (4) or (5).
- (4) If the Ministry is satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of the salmon fisheries to revoke a licence granted under this section or to vary the provisions of such a licence with respect to—

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- (a) the characteristics of a fixed engine the erection and use of which is authorised by the licence, or
  - (b) the place or position in which such a fixed engine is so authorised to be erected, or
  - (c) any conditions or limitations contained in the licence,
- the Ministry may revoke the licence, or, as the case may be, may make such variation in the terms of the licence as the case may require; but the Ministry shall not revoke or vary a licence under this subsection unless at least twenty-eight days' notice of the revocation or the proposed variation has been given to the holder of the licence, and, if the holder, before the expiration of the notice, so requires, the Ministry has caused a local public inquiry to be held.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsection (4), a licence granted under this section may be suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1.
- (6) When a licence granted under this section is revoked—
- (a) the provisions of—
    - (i) this Act and any [<sup>F2</sup>regulations] made under this Act, and
    - (ii) any certificate under section 6 of the said Act of 1863 with respect to a fixed engine such as is first mentioned in subsection (1),
 shall have effect with respect to any such fixed engine as if the licence had not been granted; and
  - (b) the Ministry shall return to the person who immediately before the revocation of the licence was the holder thereof any certificate under the said section 6 which had been surrendered to the Ministry under subsection (2) by that person or by a predecessor in title of his.
- (7) The provisions of sections 74 to 76, and of this section, shall have effect with respect to a licence granted under subsection (2) in like manner as they have effect with respect to a certificate under the said section 6, as if the licence were such a certificate; and for the purposes of section 74(1) the licence shall be deemed to have been granted before the commencement of this Act.
- (8) Section 79 shall not apply to the placing or continuance in accordance with the terms of a licence granted under subsection (2) of a fishing engine specified in such a licence.
- (9) Subsection (5) of section 76 shall apply for the purposes of this section as it applies for the purposes of that section.

**F1** 1968 c.31 (NI)

**F2** S. 77(6)(a)(i): word in Act substituted (1.6.2009) by [Public Authorities \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. 1(3)(b), 7(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3\(1\)\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 4\(3\)](#)); S.R. 2009/172, [art. 2\(a\)\(b\)](#)

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