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PART 1

INTRODUCTORY

1. Citation and commencement
2. Interpretation
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PART 2

LICENCES, DUTIES AND FEES

4. General
5. An application for a fishing licence, or for the renewal...
6. Subject to Part III of the Act, there shall be...
7. (1) A person who makes an application in writing to...
8. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), any person who has not...
9. The Department may issue one concessionary season fishing rod licence...
10. The Department shall issue a game fishing rod licence to...
11. Fishing licences issued under regulation 4 (2) in respect of...
12. All fishing licences issued under these Regulations (other than fishing...
13. A licence issued under regulation 4, other than a concessionary...
14. Revocation of, or refusal to issue or renew, a fishing licence

PART 3

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15. Where the Department proposes to revoke a fishing licence or...
16. Where the Department revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...

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17. Where the Department revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...
18. An appeal under this Part shall be initiated by notice...
19. Where on an appeal under this Part, the magistrates court...
20. Regulations 15 to 19 shall not apply where the licence-holder...
21. When a fishing licence has been revoked under these Regulations...

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22. A coarse fishing rod licence shall be valid only on...
23. A person fishing under the authority of a coarse fishing...

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24. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Regulations and...
25. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Regulations and...

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GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FISHING ENGINES OTHER THAN ROD AND LINE OR HAND LINE

26. A person shall not use for the purpose of taking...
27. A bait net shall not exceed 50 metres in length...
28. A bait net shall not be used for catching salmon,...
29. The mesh of the wings of any draft net for...

PART 7

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FISHING ENGINES OTHER THAN ROD AND LINE OR HAND LINE ON LOUGH NEAGH AND UPPER AND LOWER LOUGH ERNE

30. A person shall not use a single wall set net...
31. A person shall not have in their possession or control...
32. Each net or row of nets of a single wall...
33. Each float referred to in regulation 32 shall have clearly...
34. A person other than the licence-holder or their agent previously...

PART 8

ADDITIONAL AND SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN NETS ON LOUGH NEAGH

35. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
36. A person shall not use a draft net for the...
37. A person shall not use any net for the taking...

PART 9

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38. (1) A person shall not use any net for the...
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40. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
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43. For the purposes of section 51 of the Act “immature”...
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48. A person shall not use for fishing a draft net...

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49. Subject to regulation 50, the only permitted method of angling...
50. Regulation 49 shall not apply to the waters specified in...
51. A person shall not knowingly or wilfully foul-hook any salmon...
52. A person shall not use any instrument or device whatsoever,...
53. Any person who foul-hooks any salmon or freshwater fish whether...
54. A person shall not use ground bait or maggots whilst...
55. A person shall not use live fish as bait on...
56. A person shall not use or attempt to use–

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RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS AND WEIGHTS OF PIKE TO BE TAKEN BY ANGLING

57. Where any person, whilst angling takes –

PART 15

ANNUAL CLOSE SEASONS FOR ANGLING FOR SALMON OR TROUT

58. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful to...
59. In that part of Lough Melvin which is situated in...
60. In Upper and Lower Lough Erne and all rivers flowing...
61. In the River Bush and all rivers flowing into it,...

PART 16

ANNUAL CLOSE SEASONS AND CLOSE TIMES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING

62. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful to...
63. A person shall not have any net for the taking...
64. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on...
65. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on...

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PART 17

PROHIBITION ON ANY PERSON HAVING
UNDERSIZED PIKE OR PERCH IN THEIR POSSESSION

- 66. A person shall not take by any mode other than...
 - 67. A person shall not have on board any boat on...
 - 68. A person shall not have in their possession any fish...
- Signature

SCHEDULE Angling Licence

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