
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Fisheries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

PART 13

**RESTRICTIONS ON METHODS OF FISHING
FOR SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISH**

49. Subject to regulation 50, the only permitted method of angling for salmon is catch and release.

50. Regulation 49 shall not apply to the waters specified in column 1 of Schedule 7, during the period specified in column 2 of that Schedule but any salmon caught in excess of the number specified in column 3 of that Schedule shall be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the water from which it was taken.

51. A person shall not knowingly or wilfully foul-hook any salmon or fresh-water fish.

52. A person shall not use any instrument or device whatsoever, whether used with or as an auxiliary to a rod and line or hand line or otherwise, in a manner likely or calculated to foul-hook any salmon or freshwater fish.

53. Any person who foul-hooks any salmon or freshwater fish whether accidentally or otherwise shall cause it to be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the water from which it was taken.

54. A person shall not use ground bait or maggots whilst angling on the rivers listed in Schedule 5 and where the prohibition applies to part of a river the prohibition shall also apply to all upstream tributaries, branches, streams or any other watercourses which flow into or form part of that river.

55. A person shall not use live fish as bait on a hook for the purpose of attracting and taking fish whilst angling in fresh water.

56. A person shall not use or attempt to use—

- (a) earthworms as bait during the period beginning with 1st February and ending with 30th June in any year; or
- (b) any hooks, other than single or double barbless hooks,

whilst angling for salmon.