
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Fisheries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

PART 16

**ANNUAL CLOSE SEASONS AND CLOSE
TIMES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING**

62.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill trout with a fishing engine other than rod and line in fresh water during the period beginning on 20th August in any year and ending on the last day of February in the next following year, both dates inclusive.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the River Bush where it shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill trout with a fishing engine other than rod and line during the period beginning on 16th September in any year and ending on 17th March in the next following year, both dates inclusive.

63. A person shall not have any net for the taking of trout or any coarse fish on board any boat in any waters during the annual close season or weekly close time for trout or that coarse fish.

64.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on Lough Neagh –

(a) take any coarse fish except pollen with a fishing engine, other than rod and line, during the period beginning on 1st March in any year and ending on 31st May in the same year, both dates inclusive; or

(b) take any coarse fish with a fishing engine, other than rod and line, during the period commencing at 6 a.m. on any Saturday and ending 6 a.m. on the next following Monday.

(2) Paragraph (1)(a) shall not apply to the taking of coarse fish by means of a bait net by the holder of a licence for a long line for the taking of eels where such fish are for use solely as bait.

65.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on Upper and Lower Lough Erne, take any coarse fish, except pollen, by means of a single wall set net or trammel net during the period beginning on 1st March in any year and ending on 30th November in the same year, both dates inclusive.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the taking of coarse fish by means of a bait net where such fish taken are for use solely as bait.