1977 No. 209

FISHERIES

Prohibition of Introduction of Fish Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *15th July* 1977

Coming into operation . . *19th September* 1977

Whereas it is provided by section 13 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) that where the Department(b) of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") is satisfied that the introduction into any waters of fish of any particular kind would be detrimental to the fishery of those waters, the Department may make an Order prohibiting the introduction into such waters of any live fish of that kind or any eggs or young thereof, and whereas the Department is satisfied that the introduction of any fish of all kinds specified in article 2 or the eggs or young thereof would be detrimental to the fisheries of the inland waters of Northern Ireland, excluding the Londonderry Area:

Now therefore the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 13 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Prohibition of Introduction of Fish Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 19th September 1977.

Prohibition

2. The introduction into the inland waters of Northern Ireland, excluding the Londonderry Area, of any live fish of the following kinds or any eggs or young thereof is hereby prohibited:

Barbel	[Barbus barbus (L)]
Bleak	[Alburnus alburnus (L)]
Brook Trout	[Salvelinus fontinalis (Mitchill)]
Chub	[Leuciscus cephalus (L)]
Coho Salmon	[Oncorhynchus kisutch (Walbaum)]
Crucian Carp	[Carassius carassius (L)]
Dace	[Leuciscus leuciscus (L)]
Grayling	[Thymallus thymallus (L)]
Large Mouth Bass	[Micropterus salmoides (Lacepede)]
Pikeperch or Zander	[Stizostedion lucioperca (L)]
Pink Salmon	[Oncorhynchus gorbuscha (Walbaum)]
Silver Bream	[Blicca bjoerkna (L)]
Small Mouth Bass	[Micropterus dolomieu (Lacepede)]

(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(b) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 15th July 1977.

(L.S.) *E. G. Sherrard*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prohibits the general introduction of certain kinds of live fish into the inland waters of Northern Ireland, excluding the waters of the Londonderry Area. The Department is, however, empowered under section 13(3) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to issue permits to persons wishing to introduce fish of these kinds into these waters.

Persons acting in contravention of this Order commit an offence for which penalties are provided by section 201 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.