the Ministry of Finance hereby prescribes that the rates at which Claims Fund Charges are to be levied in respect of all licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail granted or renewed during the year ending the 30th September 1968, shall be 11s. for each pound sterling of the maximum rates of charge authorised by Sub-Section (3)(*b*) of Section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, as amended as aforesaid.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Rules prescribe the rates at which Claims Fund Charges are to be imposed in respect of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail to be granted or renewed during the year ending 30th September 1968.

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FISHERIES

Eel Fishing

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH APRIL 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter called the "Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) (hereinafter called the "Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

ANNUAL LICENCE DUTIES

1. There shall be payable to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland by way of licence duties in respect of licences for the use of the fishing engines referred to in column 1 of the Schedule for the taking of eels, the amounts respectively specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

(**a**) 1966, c. 17 (N.I.).

PART II

MINIMUM APERTURES AND CONFORMATION IN FISHING ENGINES

2. There shall not be used for the purpose of taking eels any net with a mesh of less size than one-quarter inch from knot to knot, to be measured along the side of the square, or one-half inch to be measured on the stretched or diagonal mesh, such measurements being taken when the net is wet.

3. The apertures in the automatic eel weir at Portna shall be not less than one-quarter inch in diameter.

4. The apertures between the bars in the eel weir at Rademon shall be not less than one-quarter inch.

PART III

MINIMUM SIZES OF EELS

5.—(1) Subject to this Regulation, no person shall wilfully take, kill or destroy, or buy, sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in his custody or possession any undersized eels.

(2) Where, in the course of any fishing operations, any undersized eels are taken, those eels shall be returned immediately to the waters from which they were taken.

(3) The provisions of this Regulation shall not apply with regard to silver eels.

(4) In this Regulation the expression "undersized eels" means eels of a length less than sixteen inches measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail and the expression "silver eels" means physiologically maturing eels in spawning livery migrating or waiting to migrate to the sea.

PART IV

SIZE OF HOOK

6. No person shall use on any long line for the purpose of taking eels in any inland waters in Northern Ireland, other than the Londonderry Area, a hook the shank of which is less than twenty-three millimetres in length and the gape of which that is to say the distance between the point and the shank, is less than 7·75 millimetres.

7. The Bye-Laws made by the Ministry of Agriculture dated the 17th day of July 1964 entitled Eel Fishing (Size of Hook) Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1964(**a**) are hereby revoked.

PART V

TIMES OF FISHING

8.—(1) No person shall maintain any fixed wing net in fishing order during the daytime.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed as rendering liable to any penalty a person who satisfies the Court that he was prevented by floods, storm or stress of weather from complying with that paragraph.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 139.

PART VI

TAKING OF FISH OTHER THAN EELS

9. No person shall use a fishing engine licensed under these Regulations to fish for, take or kill fish other than eels unless that engine is licensed for the taking of such fish by a licence issued by the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland. Any such fish taken inadvertently shall be returned immediately to the waters from which they were taken without any avoidable injury.

PART VII

GENERAL

10. These Regulations may be cited as the Eel Fishing (Licence Duty and Limitations on Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 6th day of April 1967.

(L.S.) *W. G. Malcolm,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Fishing Engine	Duty £ s. d.
The existing eel weir at Toome	400 0 0
The existing eel weir at Upper Row, Portna	200 0 0
The existing eel weir at Lower Row, Portna	200 0 0
The existing automatic eel weir at Portna	100 0 0
The existing eel weir at Movanagher	100 0 0
The existing eel weir at Rademon	4 0 0
Fixed wing nets, not exceeding 500 yards in length, used in that part of Lower Lough Erne in the County of Fermanagh lying between Rosscor Viaduct and an imaginary line running directly from North to South and passing through the Western tip of Ferny Island in the Parish of Belleek, Barony of Lurg; for each batch of 10 or less	75 0 0
Long line used in the Erne system—containing not more than 1,200 hooks	4 0 0
Long line used in the Erne system—containing over 1,200 hooks	6 0 0
Long line used other than in the Erne system—containing not more than 1,200 hooks	6 0 0
Long line used other than in the Erne system—containing over 1,200 hooks	8 0 0
Eel draft net not exceeding 130 yards in length used in Lough Neagh or Lough Erne	8 0 0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe the description and form of fishing engines which may be used for the taking of eels, the amounts of licence duties payable in respect of these engines, the restrictions on their use and minimum size of eels which may be taken in them.