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FISHERIES

Angling Bye-Laws

BYE-LAWS, DATED 30TH MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of its powers under section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter called "the Ministry") hereby makes the following Bye-laws:—

1. These Bye-laws may be cited as the Angling (Ministry of Agriculture Waters) Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2. These Bye-laws shall apply to fisheries in the waters specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto.

3. These Bye-laws shall come into effect on 16th April 1973.

4. In these Bye-laws—

"all lawful methods" in relation to angling means any method of angling with rod and line except a method forbidden by any statutory provision for the time being in force and applying to the waters in the first column of the Schedule to these Bye-laws;

"fish" means salmon, sea-trout, brown trout and rainbow trout;

"fly fishing" means the use of a single rod with a centre pin reel, fly line and a single cast carrying not more than three artificial or natural flies. For the purpose of the Bye-laws the use of a rod with a fixed spool reel or centre pin reel and bubble float used in conjunction with artificial flies or natural flies shall not be deemed to be construed as fly fishing;

"ground baiting" means the use of any fish, insect or the immature stage thereof or a worm or any part thereof whether fresh or preserved or any manufactured or prepared material used other than on a hook and designed to or being used to attract fish to a natural or artificial bait;

"length" in relation to fish means the measurement from the tip of the snout to the fork or cleft of the tail;

"spinning" means the use of a single rod, reel (including a fixed spool reel) and line designed to cast or throw an artificial or natural bait excluding the different species of earthworm (*Lumbriculus sp.*) and retrieve the bait by rewinding the line unto the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

"trolling" means the drawing of a fishing line with one or more hooks attached through the water from a moving boat;

"worm fishing" where specifically mentioned means the use of a single hook baited with one or more earthworms (*Lumbriculus sp.*);

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

5. For the purposes of angling for fish the methods of angling in a particular water shall subject to Bye-laws 6 and 7 only be as described in the Schedule to these Bye-laws.

6.—(1) In addition to the methods described in the Schedule and subject to Bye-law 7 the following methods of angling shall be permitted:—

(*a*) On the River Bush between Bushmills New Bridge and Seneirl Bridge worm fishing when the water level is at the colour red on the marker posts located beside the left bank of the river in the following positions:

(i) 70 yards upstream from Bushmills New Bridge;

(ii) immediately downstream for the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge;

(iii) 100 yards downstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Glebe and Walk Mill;

(iv) immediately below the Salmon Leap falls at Walk Mill and beside the anglers' path footbridge over the outflow from the Generating Station at Walk Mill;

(v) at the waterworks metal footbridge 240 yards downstream from Seneirl Bridge;

and worm fishing and spinning when the water level is at the colour green on the said marker posts;

(*b*) On the River Bush between Conagher Bridge and Bellisle Bridge and on the Stracam River between its confluence with the River Bush and Dervock all lawful methods of angling from 31st May to 30th September.

(2) In addition to the methods described in the Schedule and subject to Bye-law 7 all lawful methods of angling shall be permitted from 1st July until the end of the season at Castlewellan Lake, Co. Down, and from the 1st August until the end of the season on the under-named lakes:—

Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Co. Fermanagh;

Castledillon Lake, Co. Armagh.

7. Fly fishing shall be the only method of angling permitted throughout the season from boats on Castlewellan Lake and Mill Lough (Bellanaleck).

8. Only fish of a length equal to or greater than the length shown in the Schedule for that particular water may be retained by the angler.

9. All fish smaller than the minimum size must be returned gently and as soon as possible to the water.

10. Except on waters designated by the Coarse Fishing Rod Licences Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1973(b) ground baiting is not permitted on waters to which these Bye-laws apply.

11. Subject to the provisions of Bye-laws 12 and 13 boats are not permitted for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Bye-laws apply except Castlewellan Lake, Coolyermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck) and Roughan Lake.

12. Boats may be used for the purpose of angling on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 6.

13. Boats of a non-mechanised nature only may be used on Tullynawood Lake.

14. With the exception of Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne, trolling is prohibited on all waters named in the Schedule.

15. For the purpose of trolling in Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne fishing rods and lines or hand lines shall not be used in excess of

(*a*) four in a boat occupied by three or more persons;

(*b*) three in a boat occupied by two persons; and

(*c*) two in a boat occupied by one person.

16. No fishing shall be permitted in the River Bush between a metal post coloured yellow on the left bank immediately downstream of the Salmon Leap at Walk Mill and the upstream limit of the said Salmon Leap as designated by a further metal post coloured yellow on the left bank.

17. Any person who fishes on the River Bush between the Bushmills New Bridge and Seneirl Bridge may only retain two salmon in any one day and shall surrender to the Ministry's Fishery Manager at Bushmills any additional salmon which may be caught.

18.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Bushmills New Bridge and Bushmills Church Street Bridge angling shall be permitted only between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

(2) On that section of the River Bush between the weir at the junction of the boundaries of the townlands of Ballyness, Glebe and Ballaghmore or Bushmills and Seneirl Bridge angling shall be permitted only between 8.00 a.m. and one hour after sunset or 9.00 p.m. whichever is the earlier.

19. The Angling (Ministry of Agriculture Waters) Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland this 30th day of March 1973.

Savell Hicks,
Chairman.

(L.S.)

R. G. Weaver,
Chief Inspector.

The Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby approves the foregoing Bye-laws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 10th day of April 1973.

(L.S.)

J. Parke,
Assistant Secretary.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 88.

SCHEDULE

Ministry of Agriculture Waters	*Methods of angling*	*Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day*
Co. Fermanagh		
Lough Melvin	All lawful methods from boat and shore	None
Upper and Lower Lough Erne	All lawful methods from boat and shore	Minimum length of 12″
Eshcleagh Lake	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 8″
Lough Corry	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Meenameen Lough	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Glencreawan Lough	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Lough Achork	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Mill Lough (Killyfole)	Fly fishing and spinning	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck)	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Coolyermer Lake	Fly fishing	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Corranny Lake	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Tyrone		
Brantry Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Roughan Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Armagh		
Shaws Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Castledillon Lake	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Gentle Owens Lake	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Tullynawood Lake	Fly fishing	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Darkley Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Aughnagurgan Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Glasdrumman Lake	All lawful methods	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Down		
Castlewellan Lake	Fly fishing and spinning	6 fish with a minimum length of 10″
Lough Brickland	Fly fishing	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Spelga Reservoir	Fly fishing and spinning	6 fish with a minimum length of 8″
Fofanny Reservoir	Fly fishing and spinning	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
Co. Antrim		
Killylane Reservoir	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 9″
River Bush	Fly fishing	From the lower road bridge in Bushmills to Seneirl Bridge only 2 salmon per rod per day. No limit for trout.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Bye-laws which amend the Angling (Ministry of Agriculture Waters) Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1972 specify the methods of angling permitted on certain waters controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture and provide for a minimum length and number of fish which may be retained on any one day.

They also provide for certain restrictions on the use of boats and times of fishing.