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## FISHERIES

**Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws  
(Northern Ireland) 1975**

*Made* . . . . . 24th November 1975

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st February 1976

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 Department(b) of Agriculture, hereby makes the following Byelaws:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1976.

*Application*

2. These Byelaws shall apply to angling in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule.

*Interpretation*

3. In these Byelaws—

“all lawful methods” 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 Byelaws;

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture;

“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 and, in particular, does not include the use of a bubble float in conjunction with artificial or natural flies;

“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 on to the drum of the reel with the bait kept in motion throughout;

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

(b) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 3(1)

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

“worm fishing” means the use of a single hook baited with one or more earthworms (*Lumbriculus sp.*).

#### *Permitted methods of angling*

4. Subject to the provisions of these Byelaws, in the waters described in the first column of the Schedule the only methods of angling shall be those respectively specified for those waters in the second column of the Schedule and the exercise of those methods shall be subject to any restrictions as to number or minimum length of fish retained which may be specified in respect thereof in the third column of the Schedule.

#### *Return of surplus fish to water*

5. All fish not retained must be returned gently and as soon as possible to the water.

#### *Restrictions on ground baiting*

6. Ground baiting is prohibited on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

#### *Restrictions on the use of boats*

7. Boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Castlewella Lake, Coolyermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Roughan Lake, Tullynowood Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

8. Mechanically propelled boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Upper and Lower Lough Erne and Lough Melvin.

#### *Restrictions on trolling*

9. Trolling is prohibited on all waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Lough Melvin and Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

10. 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.

#### *Prohibition on angling on part of the River Bush*

11. Angling shall be prohibited in the River Bush between a metal post coloured yellow on the west 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 west bank.

#### *Times for angling*

12.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Bushmills lower road bridge and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North) angling shall be permitted only between 8.00 a.m. and either one hour after sunset or 9.00 p.m. whichever is earlier.

(2) Angling shall be permitted only between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on the undernamed waters :

Upper South Woodburn Reservoir  
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir  
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir  
North Woodburn Reservoir  
Copeland Reservoir  
Dorisland Reservoir  
Lough Mourne  
Stoneyford Reservoir  
Leathemstown Reservoir

*Revocation*

13. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1974(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 24th November 1975.

*Savell Hicks,*  
Chairman.

(L.S.)

*R. G. Weaver,*  
Chief Inspector.

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 1975.

(L.S.)

*W. H. Jack.*  
Senior Assistant Secretary.

## SCHEDULE

<i>Departure of Agriculture waters</i>	<i>Methods of angling</i>	<i>Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day</i>
CO FERMANAGH Lough Melvin	All lawful methods from boat and shore	None
Upper and Lower Lough Erne	All lawful methods from boat and shore	8 fish with a minimum length of 14"
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	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Lough Achork	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Mill Lough (Killyfoyle)	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck)	From the banks: (a) from the beginning of the season until 31 July, fly fishing and spinning; (b) from 31 July until the end of the season all lawful methods  From boats, fly fishing only	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Coolyermer Lake	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
Corranny Lake	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Keenaghan Lake	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
CO. TYRONE Brantry Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Roughan Lake	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
CO. ARMAGH Shaw's Lake	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"

<i>Department of Agriculture waters</i>	<i>Methods of angling</i>	<i>Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day</i>
Castledillon Lake	From the beginning of the season until 31 July, fly fishing and spinning. From 31 July until the end of the season all lawful methods.	" " " " " " " "
Gentle Owens Lake	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Tullynawood Lake	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
Darkley Lake	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Aughnagurgan Lake	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Glassdrumman Lake	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Craigavon City Park Lakes	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Co. DOWN Ballykeel Lougherne	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Castlewellan Forest Lakes	From the banks, fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats, fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
Lough Brickland	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
Portavoe Reservoir	Fly fishing and spinning	" " " " " " " "
Spelga Reservoir	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 8"
Fofanny Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
That Portion of the Shimna River which is bounded on both banks by Tollymore Forest Park	All lawful methods	2 salmon per rod. No limit for trout
Co. ANTRIM Killylane Reservoir	All lawful methods	6 fish with a minimum length of 9"
Dungonnell Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "

<i>Agriculture waters Department of</i>	<i>Methods of angling</i>	<i>Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day</i>
<p>River Bush and tributaries (a) On the River Bush between Bushmills lower road bridge and the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North)</p>	<p>When the water level on the marker posts located beside the west bank of the river in the following positions:</p> <p>(i) 70 yards upstream from Bushmills lower road bridge;; (ii) immediately downstream from 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; and (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; is at the colour red, fly fishing and worm fishing; and when it is at the colour green fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning</p>	<p>2 salmon per rod. No limit for trout</p>
<p>(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</p>	<p>From the beginning of the season until 30 June, fly fishing. From 30 June until 30 September all lawful methods</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>(c) On the River Bush and its tributaries upstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Walk Mill and Ballyclogh (North) but excluding that portion of the River defined in (b) above.</p>	<p>From the beginning of the season until 30 June, fly fishing. From 30 June until 30 September worm fishing and fly fishing</p>	<p>None</p>

<i>Agriculture waters Department of.</i>	<i>Methods of angling</i>	<i>Restriction on number and minimum length of fish which may be retained on any one day</i>
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
North Woodburn Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Copeland Reservoir	Fly fishing	" " " " " " " "
Dorisland Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Lough Mourne	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Stoneyford Reservoir	All lawful methods	" " " " " " " "
Leathemstown Reservoir	Fly fishing	6 fish with a minimum length of 10"
Margy River	All lawful methods	None
That portion of the Carey River from a point 53 yards upstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Broughanlea to its confluence with the Glenshesk River	All lawful methods	None
That portion of the Glenshesk River downstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Drumahaman	All lawful methods	None

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Byelaws, which replace the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Bye-Lays (Northern Ireland) 1974, specify the methods of angling permitted on certain waters controlled by the Department of Agriculture and provide for a minimum length and number of fish which may be retained on any one day. They also contain certain provisions restricting the use of boats and the times of fishing.