

## 1981 No. 8

## FISHERIES

**Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws  
(Northern Ireland) 1981**

*Made* . . . . . 9th January 1981

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st March 1981

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of their powers under section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf with the approval of the Department(b) of Agriculture, hereby make the following Byelaws:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1981.

*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;

“fish” means salmon, brown trout and rainbow trout;

“fly fishing” means the use of a single rod, reel (including a fixed spool reel), fly line or blow line and a single cast carrying not more than three artificial or winged natural flies but does not include the use of a bubble float in conjunction with artificial or winged natural flies;

“ground bait” means 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 for the purpose of attracting fish to a natural or artificial bait;

“maggots” means any larvae of the house fly of the Genus *Musca* and the blue-bottle or blowfly of the Genus *Galliphora* and any other insect larvae of the Order *Diptera*;

“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 except the different species of earthworm (*Lumbricus* species) and maggots 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. 8(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 (*Lumbricus* species).

*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 specified 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 which may be retained as specified in respect thereof in the third column of the Schedule.

*Return of fish to water*

5. All fish smaller than the minimum length which may be retained or fish in excess of the maximum number which may be retained as specified in the third column of the Schedule must be returned to the water as soon as possible without undue harm.

*Prohibition on use of ground bait and maggots*

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw 7 the use of ground bait or maggots is prohibited on the waters to which these Byelaws apply.

*Exception from prohibition*

7. The prohibition imposed by Byelaw 6 shall not apply to the use of ground bait or the use of maggots as bait on the Ballinamallard River, Blackwater River and Upper and Lower Lough Erne.

*Restriction on the use of boats*

8. Boats shall not be used for the purpose of angling on the waters to which these Byelaws apply except on Coolymermer Lake, Lough Brickland, Lough Cowey Reservoir, Mill Lough (Bellanaleck), Roughan Lake, Upper and Lower Lough Erne, Lough Melvin, Craigavon (North) Lake, Lough Achork, Lough Glencreawan and Lough Meenameen.

9. 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*

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

11. 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 in certain areas*

12.—(1) 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.

- (2) Angling shall be prohibited in the Quoile Basin in the following areas:
- (a) the western shore from Shooter's Island to the new Barrier, and
  - (b) the eastern shore from Steamboat Quay to the most southerly point of Castle Island.

*Times for angling*

13.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between Lower Road Bridge, Bushmills 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 10.00 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:

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

*Requirements to hold licences and permits*

14. These Byelaws do not authorise a person who is required under any other statutory provision to hold a licence or a permit to fish on any of the waters to which these Byelaws apply without holding such a licence or such a permit.

*Revocation*

15. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1979(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 9th January 1981.

(L.S.)

*C. Fox*

Chairman

*R. G. Weaver*

Secretary

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 9th January 1981.

(L.S.)

*K. F. Parkin*

Senior Assistant Secretary

## SCHEDULE

| <i>Department of<br/>Agriculture Waters</i>   | <i>Methods of Angling</i>   | <i>Restriction on number and<br/>minimum length of fish<br/>which may be retained<br/>on any one day</i>                                  |
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| <p>Co. ANTRIM</p> <p>River Bush and tributaries<br/>(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>(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>(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>When the water level on the marker posts located beside the west bank of the river in the following positions:</p> <p>(i) 64 m (70 yards) upstream from Bushmills Lower Road Bridge;</p> <p>(ii) immediately downstream from the west pier of Bushmills Church Street Bridge;</p> <p>(iii) 92 m (100 yards) downstream of the outlet of the boundary drain between the townlands of Glebe and Walk Mill; and</p> <p>(iv) immediately below the Salmon Leap Falls at Walk Mill and beside the angler's path footbridge over the outflow from the Generating Station at Walk Mill;</p> <p>is at the colour red, fly fishing and worm fishing and when it is at the colour green, fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning. When fly fishing, only flies tied on single hooks which shall not exceed No. 4 (10 mm between point and shank) may be used. Such flies shall be dressed and shall not be leaded or otherwise artificially weighted.</p> <p>Fly fishing 1 March—30 June.</p> <p>Fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning 1 July—30 September.</p> <p>Fly fishing 1 March—30 June.</p> <p>Fly fishing and worm fishing 1 July—30 September.</p> | <p>Minimum length 20.3 cm (8") for trout.</p> <p>Minimum length 20.3 cm (8") for trout.</p> <p>Minimum length 20.3 cm (8") for trout.</p> |

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| That portion of the Carey River from a point 49 m (53 yards) upstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Broughanlea to its confluence with the Glenshesk River. | All lawful methods.  | None   |
| Copeland Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Dorisland Reservoir.   | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Dungonnell Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 6 fish with a minimum length of 22.9 cm (9").  |
| That portion of the Glenshesk River downstream of the boundary between the townlands of Bonamargy and Drumahaman to its confluence with the Carey River.                             | All lawful methods.  | None.  |
| Killylane Reservoir.   | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 6 fish with a minimum length of 22.9 cm (9").  |
| Leathemstown Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Margy River.   | Fly fishing 1 March—30 June; all lawful methods 1 July—31 October. | None.  |
| Lough Mourne.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Stoneyford Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Lower South Woodburn Reservoir.  | Fly fishing.   | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Middle South Woodburn Reservoir.   | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| North Woodburn Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.                            | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Upper South Woodburn Reservoir.  | Fly fishing.   | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |

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| <b>CO. ARMAGH</b>  |  |  |
| Craigavon City Park<br>Lakes.  |  |  |
| (a) North Lake.  | During March fly fishing<br>only; remainder of season<br>fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.<br>From boats; fly fishing only<br>at all times. | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| (b) South Lake.  | From the shore; fly fishing,<br>spinning and worm fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| Gentle Owens Lake.   | Fly fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| Clay Lake Reservoir.   | Fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.   | None.  |
| <b>Co. DOWN</b>  |  |  |
| Ballykeel Lougherne.   | Fly fishing.   | 4 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| Lough Brickland.   | Fly fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| Castlewellan Forest Lake.  | Fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.   | 4 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| Lough Cowey Reservoir.   | Fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.   | None.  |
| Portavogie Reservoir.  | Fly fishing and spinning.  | 4 fish with a minimum length<br>of 25.4 cm (10").  |
| That portion of the Shimna<br>River which is bounded<br>on both banks by<br>Tollymore Forest Park. | All lawful methods.  | 2 salmon or sea trout.   |
| Spelga Reservoir.  | Fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 20.3 cm (8").   |
| <b>CO. FERMANAGH</b>   |  |  |
| Lough Achork.  | Fly fishing, spinning and<br>worm fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length<br>of 20.3 cm (8").   |

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| Department of Agriculture waters in the Ballinamallard River. | All lawful methods.  | None.  |
| Coolyermer Lough.   | Fly fishing.   | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Corranny Lake.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Lough Corry.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 20.3 cm (8").  |
| Upper and Lower Lough Erne.                                   | All lawful methods from boat and shore.  | 8 fish with a minimum length of 35.6 cm (14").   |
| Glencreawan Lough.  | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 20.3 cm (8").  |
| Keenaghan Lake.   | Fly fishing from shore only.   | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Meenameen Lough.  | Fly fishing and spinning.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 20.3 cm (8").  |
| Lough Melvin.   | All lawful methods.  | None.  |
| Mill Lough (Bellanaleck).                                     | From the shore; fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.<br>From boats; fly fishing only. | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Mill Lough (Killyfole).                                       | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| <b>CO. TYRONE</b>   |  |  |
| Department of Agriculture waters in the River Blackwater.     | All lawful methods.  | None.  |
| Brantry Lake.   | Fly fishing.   | 4 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |
| Roughan Lake.   | Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing.  | 6 fish with a minimum length of 25.4 cm (10").   |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Byelaws.)*

These Byelaws which replace the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) (No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1979 specify the methods of angling permitted on 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.