

1992 No. 357

FISHERIES

**Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Amendment
Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1992**

Made 6th August 1992

Coming into operation 1st October 1992

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 26(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Agriculture, hereby makes the following Byelaws:

Citation and commencement

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Amendment Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1992.

Amendment of the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1989

2. The Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1989(b) shall be amended as provided in Byelaws 3 to 6.

Prohibition of ground bait or maggots

3. In Byelaw 6 after the word "use" there shall be inserted the words "or possession."

Prohibition on angling in certain areas

4. For Byelaw 12(1) there shall be substituted—

"12.—(1) Angling shall be prohibited on the River Bush:

(a) between the two metal posts coloured yellow on both banks immediately downstream and upstream of the Salmon Leap at Walk Mill; and

(b) between Bushmills Church Street Road Bridge and the metal post coloured yellow on both banks immediately upstream of the hydrographic flow gauge."

(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as amended by Article 8(3) of S.I. 1991/1466 (N.I. 13)

(b) S.R. (N.I.) 1989 No. 482

Times for angling

5. For Byelaw 13(1) there shall be substituted—

“13.—(1) On that section of the River Bush between a point 452 metres downstream of Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and a point 686 metres upstream of the crest of the Salmon Leap Falls angling shall be permitted only between 0800 hours and either one hour after sunset or 2200 hours whichever is earlier.”

6. In the Schedule—

(a) For the entries relating to the River Bush and tributaries—

- (i) in the first column (“Department of Agriculture Waters”) for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—

“(a) On the River Bush between a point 457m downstream of Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and a point 686m upstream of the crest of the Salmon Leap Falls.”

- (ii) in the second column (“Methods of Angling”) for the words “When the water level” to “weighted”, there shall be substituted—

“Fly fishing, shrimp fishing, worm fishing and spinning; excepting that spinning shall be permitted *only* when the water level rises and obscures the colour red on the marker posts which are located between the points referred to in paragraph (a) of the first column”; and

- (iii) in the second column for the entries opposite paragraphs (b) and (c) in the first column there shall be substituted—

“Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing but fly fishing only from 1st March-30th June.”

(b) For the entries relating to Craigavon City Park Lakes (a) North Lake—

- (i) in the second column for the words “From the shore fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. From boats, fly fishing only,” there shall be substituted “All lawful methods from boat and shore;”

- (ii) in the third column (“Restriction on number and length of fish”) for the words “Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4cm” there shall be substituted—

“none”

(c) For the entries relating to River Ballinamallard—

- (i) in the second column for the words “All lawful methods” there shall be substituted—

“Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing”.

- (ii) in the third column for the word “None” there shall be substituted—

“Four fish with a minimum length of 25.4cm.”

(d) The entries in columns 1, 2 and 3 relating to “Coolyermer Lough” shall be deleted.

- (e) in the second column for the entry relating to Brantry Lough for the words "From the shore fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. Fly fishing from boats only" there shall be substituted—
"Fly fishing".

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board
for Northern Ireland on 6th August 1992.

(L.S.)

R. J. Jordan

Chairman

W. F. Smith

Secretary

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 17th
August 1992.

(L.S.)

L. Sinclair

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Byelaws.)

These Byelaws amend the Angling (Department of Agriculture Waters) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1989 as follows:—

1. Byelaw 3 extends the prohibition on the use of ground bait or maggots to prohibit any person from having them in his possession while fishing except on specified waters.

2. Byelaw 4 defines a second area where angling is prohibited on the River Bush in Co. Antrim.

3. Byelaw 5 amends the Schedule:—

(a) to re-define the length of the stretch on the River Bush where angling is permitted and to allow fly fishing, shrimp fishing and worm fishing on that stretch during the season, and spinning only when the red mark is not visible on the marker posts which are 457m downstream of Bushmills Lower Road Bridge and 686m upstream of the crest of Salmon Leap Falls;

(b) by amending the methods of angling permitted on the other two stretches of the River Bush to remove the dates when fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing is allowed. Fly fishing is still the only method permitted from 1st March-30th June but fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing is permitted for the rest of the fishing season;

(c) to allow all lawful methods of angling with no bag limits at the North Lake at Craigavon City Park Lakes so that game and coarse fishing can take place. The South Lake will remain a game fishery;

(d) to allow only fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing on a stretch of the River Ballinamallard with a bag limit of four fish per day per rod with a minimum length of 25.4cm;

(e) to delete reference to Coolyermer Lough as this fishery is no longer controlled by the Department;

(f) to make Brantry Lough a fly fishing only water.