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Part I

Introductory

1. Citation and commencement
2. Interpretation
3. Revocations

Part II

Licences, Duties and Fees

4. Subject to Part III of the Act there shall be...
5. (1) A person who makes application in writing to the...
6. Any person who has not attained the age of 18...
7. The Board shall issue a game fishing rod licence to...
8. Issue of drift net licences
9. Where a drift net licence holder dies or retires from...
10. The Board shall maintain a register in which applications from...
11. A person who is eligible to be issued with a...
12. Where a person who is eligible under Byelaw 8 to...
13. The number of drift net licences which may be issued...
14. (1) A drift net licence shall be valid only when...
15. The written authorisation referred to in Byelaw 14 shall be...
16. Issue of tidal draft net licences
17. General rules on fishing licences
18. All fishing licences issued in pursuance to these Byelaws shall...
19. Fishing licences issued under these Byelaws in respect of any...
20. All fishing licences issued under these Byelaws (other than coarse...
21. A fishing licence for angling shall be in the form...
22. A commercial fishing licence shall be in the form and...
23. A licence mentioned in Byelaw 21 or 22 may be...

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24. Where a person has been convicted of any offence under...

Part III

Appeal to the Department against the Refusal of the Board to issue or restore a Fishing Licence

25. Where the Board proposes to revoke a fishing licence or...
26. Where the Board revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...
27. Where the Board revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...
28. An appeal under this Part shall be initiated by notice...
29. Where on an appeal under this Part, the Department reverses...
30. When a fishing licence has been revoked under these Byelaws...

Part IV

Coarse Fishing Rod Licences

31. A coarse fishing rod licence shall be valid only on...
32. The holder of a coarse fishing rod licence shall, without...

Part V

Use of Single Wall Set Nets, Trammel Nets, Draft Nets and Bait Nets

33. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Byelaws and...
34. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Byelaws and...

Part VI

General Restrictions on the use of Fishing Engines other than Rod and Line or Hand Line

35. A person shall not use for the purpose of taking...
36. A bait net shall not exceed 50 metres in length...
37. A bait net shall not be used for catching salmon,...
38. The mesh of the wings of any draft net for...

Part VII

Restrictions on the use of Fishing Engines other than Rod and Line or Hand Line on Lough Neagh and Upper and Lower Lough Erne

39. A person shall not use a single wall set net...
40. A person shall not have in his possession or control...
41. Each net or row of nets of a single wall...
42. Each float referred to in Byelaw 41 shall have clearly...
43. A person other than the licence-holder or his servant or...

Part VIII

Additional and Specific Restrictions on the use of certain Nets on Lough Neagh

44. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
45. A person shall not use a draft net for the...
46. A person shall not use any net for the taking...

Part IX

Additional and Specific Restrictions on the use of Nets and Boats on Upper and Lower Lough Erne

47. (1) A person shall not use any net for the...
48. A person shall not use a single wall set net...
49. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
50. A boat used for commercial fishing on Upper and Lower...

Part X

Takeable size and Sale of Trout and Pollen (Commercial Fishing and Angling)

51. A person shall not in the freshwater portion of any...
52. For the purposes of section 51 of the Act “immature”...
53. For the purposes of section 52 of the Act “undersized”...
54. Where any draft net is used in the course of...

Part XI

Mode of use of Drift Nets and Draft nets

55. Where a draft net or a tidal draft net is...
56. Where a draft net or a tidal draft net is...
57. The only permitted mode of using a drift net shall...

Part XII

Restrictions on the Dimensions of Draft Nets and Drift Nets and on the use of Boats for Drift Netting

58. A draft net and a tidal draft net shall not...
59. A person shall not use for the taking of salmon...
60. A person shall not use for the taking of salmon...
61. A person shall not have on board any boat used...
62. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a boat...

Part XIII

Restrictions on Salmon Fishing in Tidal Waters

63. A person (other than the owner of a several fishery...
64. A person shall not use a drift net or trawl...
65. A person shall not use a drift net within 1,610...

Part XIV

Restrictions on Methods of Fishing for Salmon and Freshwater Fish

66. A person shall not knowingly or wilfully foul-hook any salmon...
67. A person shall not use any instrument or device whatsoever,...
68. Any person who foul-hooks any salmon or freshwater fish whether...
69. A person shall not use ground bait or maggots whilst...
70. A person shall not use live fish as bait on...

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Part XV

Restrictions on Numbers and Weights of Pike to be taken by Angling

71. Where any person, whilst angling takes— (a) any pike in...

Part XVI

Annual Close Seasons for Angling for Salmon or Trout

72. Subject to Byelaws 73 to 76 the annual close season...
73. In that part of Lough Melvin which is situate in...
74. In Upper and Lower Lough Erne and all rivers flowing...
75. In the River Bush and all rivers flowing into it,...
76. In all waters listed in Schedule 4 (Rainbow Trout Waters)...

Part XVII

Annual Close Seasons and Close Times for Commercial Fishing

77. A person shall not fish for, take or kill salmon...
78. A person shall not fish for, take or kill salmon...
79. A person shall not have any net for the taking...
80. A person shall not, on Lough Neagh—
81. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) the annual close season for...

Part XVIII

Prohibition on any person having undersized Pike or Perch in their possession

82. A person shall not in any fisheries to which section...
83. A person shall not have on board any boat on...
84. A person shall not have in his possession any fish...
Signature

SCHEDULE 1 Fishing Engines and Licence Duties

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- Part I — Licences to Fish with Rod and Line and Hand Line
Part II — Licences for Fishing Engines other than Rod and Line or Hand Line
Part III

SCHEDULE 2 List of Waters on which a Coarse Fishing Rod Licence is Valid

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- County Antrim:
County Armagh:
County Down:
County Fermanagh:
Rivers:
County Londonderry:
County Tyrone:

SCHEDULE 3 List of rivers on which the use of Ground Bait or Maggots is Prohibited whilst Angling

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1. Agivey.
2. Ballinamallard upstream from Ballycassidy Bridge on the B.3 Road.

3. Ballinderry (County Tyrone and County Londonderry) upstream from the footbridge...
 4. Ballymoney.
 5. Blackwater (County Armagh and County Tyrone) upstream from the bridge...
 6. Callan.
 7. Clady (County Londonderry).
 8. Colebrooke upstream from Ballindarragh Bridge on the B.514 Road.
 9. Comber.
 10. Crumlin.
 11. Garvary.
 12. Glenavy.
 13. Kesh upstream from Kesh Bridge on the A.35 Road.
 14. Maine.
 15. Moyola.
 16. Quoile upstream from the disused Railway Bridge near Inch Abbey...
 17. Ravarnette.
 18. Six Mile Water upstream from the Antrim Forum in Antrim...
 19. Torrent upstream from the B.28 road bridge.
 20. Upper Bann upstream from the B.2 road crossing.
- SCHEDULE 4 Rainbow Trout Waters where there is no Annual Close Season for Angling for Rainbow Trout
- SCHEDULE 5 Angling Licence
- SCHEDULE 6 Commercial Fishing Licence
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