

**2003 No. 271**

**FISHERIES**

**Fisheries (Amendment) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made* - - - - - *15th May 2003*

*Coming into operation* *1st June 2003*

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 26(1) and 37(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 Culture, Arts and Leisure(b), hereby makes the following Byelaws:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st June 2003.

**Amendment of the Fisheries Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1997**

2. The Fisheries Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1997(c) shall be amended as provided in Byelaws 3 and 4.

**Interpretation**

3. In Byelaw 2(1) for the definition of “concessionary season fishing rod licence” there shall be substituted the following definition –

“ “concessionary season fishing rod licence” means a licence issued by the Board to a disabled angler, or to a person who has attained the age of 60 years, for one rod and line or hand line to fish for, take and kill salmon, freshwater fish and eels;”.

**Restriction on the killing of salmon**

4. For Byelaw 88 there shall be substituted the following Byelaw –

“88. In that part of Lough Melvin which is situate in County Fermanagh, where any person whilst angling during the period from 1st June to 30th September in any year, both dates inclusive, takes a salmon in excess of three on any day, then he shall, without avoidable injury, cause such salmon to be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken.”.

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(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.); section 26(1) was amended by Article 8(3) of the Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1466 (N.I. 13)) and by section 5 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (2001 c. 4 (N.I.)); section 37 was substituted by section 1 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (1968 c. 31 (N.I.)) and was amended by Article 9 of the Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and by section 6 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

(b) Functions transferred by virtue of S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 3 and Schedule 1

(c) S.R. 1997 No. 425 as amended by S.R. 1999 No. 12, S.R. 1999 No. 488, S.R. 2000 No. 364, S.R. 2001 No. 433, S.R. 2002 No. 11, S.R. 2002 No. 274 and S.R. 2002 No. 371

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 29th April 2003.

(L.S.)

*Dr. R. Hanna*  
Chairman

(L.S.)

*K. A. Simpson (Mrs.)*  
Secretary

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure on 15th May 2003.

(L.S.)

*N. Carson*  
A senior officer of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Byelaws amend the Fisheries Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1997 by –

- (a) reducing the age at which a man can receive a concessionary season fishing rod licence from 65 years to 60 years (Byelaw 3); and
- (b) increasing the daily bag limit that applies during the period 1st June to 30th September in that part of Lough Melvin which is situate in County Fermanagh from two salmon to three salmon (Byelaw 4).

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