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FISHERIES**Lough Erne Commercial Fishing Control**

BYE-LAWS, DATED 1st MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

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 Ministry of Agriculture hereby makes the following Bye-laws:

1. These Bye-laws may be cited as the Lough Erne Commercial Fishing Control Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2. These Bye-laws apply only to Upper and Lower Lough Erne, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1973.

3. No person shall use any long line for the purpose of taking pike or use any net for the purpose of taking any coarse fish or pollen in the area of Upper and Lower Lough Erne lying between —

(a) an imaginary line drawn from the most easterly point in the townland of Tullydevenish, thence by the western shore of Devenish Island to the most northerly point of Devenish Island and thence to the nearest point on the northern shore of Lough Erne, and

(b) an imaginary line drawn across Innishmore Viaduct thence by the southern shore of the townland of Lusty Beg to the most easterly point of the townland of Lusty Beg, thence to the most southerly point of the Island of Killygowan and thence to the nearest point on the shore in the townland of Corrad,

except in Tamlaght Bay, north and east of an imaginary line drawn through the navigational markers at the entrance to Tamlaght Bay to the nearest point in the townland of Kilmalanophy on the west shore and the nearest point in the townland of Drumcullion on the east shore, where netting for coarse fish is permitted.

4. Subject to Bye-law 3 of these Bye-laws and save as hereinafter provided it shall be lawful to take or capture coarse fish by means of nets and to use long lines for the capture of pike in Upper and Lower Lough Erne, except:

(a) within that portion of Lower Lough Erne westwards and northwards of an imaginary line drawn from Hills Island to Eagle Island and thence to the most westerly point of Boa Island;

(b) within one mile of the defined mouth of any river flowing into Upper or Lower Lough Erne.

5. The prohibited netting area referred to in Bye-law 4(a), shall not apply to netting for pike provided that no part of any net used for the capture of pike in those areas shall be placed in the water more than ten yards from any bed composed of emergent water plants.

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

6. Boats used for commercial fishing shall not exceed 18 feet length overall and 5 feet 6 inches beam.

7. Save as hereinafter provided the annual close season for using long lines for the capture of pike, and for using single wall set nets or trammel nets and draft nets for the capture of coarse fish shall be from the 15th day of April to the 30th day of September in each year.

8. There shall be no close season for using bait nets for the capture of coarse fish used solely for bait.

9. In these Bye-laws:

"coarse fish" means freshwater fish other than trout and rainbow trout;

"commercial fishing" means fishing by persons holding fishing licences (other than eel licences) or their agents previously authorised in writing by them to fish otherwise than by rod and line or hand line;

"defined mouth" means the mouth of a river as defined by an Order of the Ministry of Agriculture under section 16 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

Sealed with the common seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland this 1st day of March 1973.

(L.S.)

Savell Hicks,
Chairman.

R. G. Weaver,
Chief Inspector.

The Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby approves the foregoing Bye-laws.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 14th day of March 1973.

(L.S.)

J. Parke,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bye-laws, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Bye-laws specify the areas within which commercial fishing is prohibited and permitted on Upper and Lower Lough Erne. They also place limits on the length and beam of boats which may be used for commercial fishing and specify dates for the close season for commercial fishing.