

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010
CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (CATCH AND RELEASE)
BYE-LAW NO. 935, 2015

I, Joe McHugh, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) and the Energy and Natural Resources (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2014 (S.I. No. 585 of 2014), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 935, 2015.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 January 2016.

2. In this Bye-law –

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the waters of the rivers to which this Bye-law applies, means carefully handling any fish caught and immediately returning the fish alive to the waters;

“fish” means salmon, sea trout or a combination of both;

“salmon” means fish of the species *Salmo salar* (Atlantic salmon);

“sea trout” means fish of the migratory form of *Salmo trutta*, but does not include a sea trout which is 40 centimetres or less in length measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Bye-law, it is prohibited for a person, in a river mentioned in column (2) of the Schedule opposite mention of a fishery district in column (1) of the Schedule, to -

- (a) take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the waters of the river, other than by catch and release, or
- (b) use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, in angling for salmon or sea trout in the waters of the river.

4. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 929, 2014 is revoked.

Schedule

Article 3

Fishery District (1)	River (2)
No. 1 or Dublin District	Lower Liffey (downstream of Leixlip Dam)
No. 2 or Wexford District	Slaney
No. 3 or Waterford District	Barrow and Pollmounty Nore Colligan Corock R Suir including Clodiagh, Lingaun and Waterford Blackwater
No. 4 or Lismore District	Bride
No. 5 or Cork District	Adrigole
No.7 or Kerry District	Blackwater Owenascaul Cloonee Croanshagh
No. 8 or Limerick District	Mulkear

No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	Carrownisky
No. 10 (2) or Bangor District	Shramore (Burrishoole) Owenmore
No. 11 or Ballina District	Cloonaghmore, Palmerstown
No. 13 or Ballyshannon District	Bungosteen Oily Eany Eske Duff Owenwee (Yellow)
No. 14 or Letterkenny District	Lackagh Leannan Tullaghobegley Crana
No. 17(1) or Drogheda District	Boyne
No. 17(2) or Dundalk District	Castletown Fane Dee

GIVEN under my hand,

14 December 2015.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This is not part of the Bye-law and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

This Bye-law provides for catch and release in respect of salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm) in the rivers mentioned in the Bye-law. The Bye-law also provides for the use of single barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait in angling for salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm).

FOOTNOTE

Section 57 (7) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 provides that any person aggrieved by this Bye-law may within 28 days after its publication in the *Iris Oifigiúil*, appeal against same to the High Court.