



# OYSTER FISHERIES.

## LOUGH SWILLY.

32 and 33 Vic., c. 92, and the Acts incorporated therewith.

### BYE-LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

WE, the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, acting under the authority of the above-named Acts, do make and ordain the following Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, to be observed by all persons engaged in the Oyster Fishery, or in Fishing for or taking Oysters in LOUGH SWILLY, in the County of Donegal:—

“FIRST.—That during the Close Season for Oysters in the said Lough Swilly, or in any of the Bays, Creeks, or Inlets thereof, no Boat, in the said Lough Swilly, or in any of the Bays, Creeks, or Inlets thereof, shall have on Board any Dredge or other Implement for the taking of Oysters; and if, during the period aforesaid, there shall be on board any Boat any such Dredge or other Implement for the taking of Oysters, the Master or Owner of such Boat shall, for each such Offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

“SECOND.—All persons engaged in fishing for or taking Oysters in said Lough Swilly, or in any of the Bays, Creeks, or Inlets thereof, shall cull all such Oysters as may be taken or caught; and shall not remove from any Fishing Ground or Oyster Bed any Oyster of less dimensions than Two Inches and One-half at the greatest diameter thereof; and shall immediately throw back into the Sea all Oysters of less dimensions than aforesaid, as well as all gravel and fragments of shells as shall be raised or taken while engaged in such fishing; and no person shall take from any Rock, Strand, or Shore of said Lough Swilly, or of any of the Bays, Creeks, or Inlets thereof, by any means whatsoever, any Oyster of less dimensions than Two Inches and One-half at the greatest diameter thereof, nor sell, expose for sale, give, transfer, or purchase, receive, carry, or have in his or her custody or possession any such Oysters of less dimensions than aforesaid; and any person offending in any respect against this Bye-Law, Rule, or Regulation, shall, for each offence forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

“THIRD.—All persons are hereby prohibited from throwing into the Water, on any Oyster Bed, or Oyster Fishing Ground, in said Lough Swilly, or in any of the Bays, Creeks, or Inlets thereof as aforesaid, the ballast of any Boat, or any other matter or thing injurious or detrimental to the Oyster Fishery; and all persons acting contrary hereto shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum of **TWO POUNDS.**”

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*Dated at the Office of Irish Fisheries, Dublin,  
this 15th day of February, 1876.*

By the LORD LIEUTENANT and PRIVY COUNCIL OF IRELAND.

ORDERED—That the said Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations be, and the same are, hereby approved.

*Given at the Council Chamber, in Dublin,  
this 4th day of October, 1876.*