

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2006

SHANNON FISHERIES REGION

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT BYE-LAW NO. 818, 2007

I, John Browne, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9 (as amended by section 3 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1962 (No. 31 of 1962) of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 (No. 14 of 1959), section 33 for the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1962, the Fisheries (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1977 (S.I. No. 30 of 1977) (as adapted by the Marine and Natural Resources (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 307 of 2002)) and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 82 of 2006) and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 4) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 543 of 2006), and having complied with the requirements of Regulation 31 of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye-law No. 818, 2007.

- (2) This Bye-law comes into operation on the day of its making.

2. In this Bye-law -

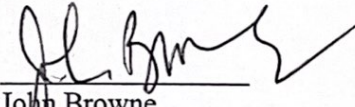
“salmon” means fish of the species *Salmo salar* (Atlantic salmon);

“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 the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye-law No. C.S. 290, 2007, it is prohibited for a person to –

- (a) take, or attempt to take, by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the waters of the Lower Shannon from O'Briens Bridge downstream to the Blackbridge in the county of Limerick, unless the fish is handled carefully and immediately returned alive to those waters, or
- (b) use or attempt to use any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, or worms as bait in angling for salmon or sea trout in those waters.

GIVEN under my hand,
30th April 2007.


John Browne,
Minister of State at the
Department of
Communications,
Marine and Natural Resources

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 portion of the Lower Shannon from O' Briens Bridge downstream to the Blackbridge. The Bye-law also prohibits the use of fish hooks other than barbless hooks and worms as bait.

FOOTNOTE

Section 11 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 provides that any person aggrieved by this Bye-law may within 28 days after its publication in the Irish Oifigiuil, appeal against same to the High Court.