

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2006

NORTH WESTERN FISHERIES REGION

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT BYE-LAW NO. 831, 2007.

I, Eamon Ryan, Minister for Communications, Energy 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 of 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 Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 706 of 2007)) 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 North Western Fisheries Region Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye law No. 831, 2007.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 January 2008.

2. This Bye-law applies to the waters of the –

- (a) Newport River (Lough Beltra) in the No. 10 (2) or Bangor District, and
- (b) Garravogue River (Lough Gill and River Bonnet) in No. 12 or Sligo District.

3. 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,

“specified waters” means the waters to which this Bye-law applies.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in any bye-law prohibiting the taking or having in possession of more than a specified number of salmon or sea trout, a person shall not take by rod and line more than 10 fish (being either salmon or sea trout or a combination of both) in any year.

5. Notwithstanding article 4 (a) of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye-law No. 829, 2007 a person shall not take by rod and line during the year 2008 from 1 January to 11 May –

- (a) any salmon or sea trout from the specified waters unless the fish is handled carefully, not removed from 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 in those waters.

6 Subject to Article 7, a person shall not take by rod and line on any one day in any year-

- (a) from 12 May to 31 August, more than 3 fish, or
- (b) from 1 September to the end of the season, more than one fish,

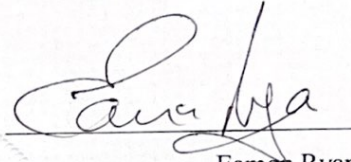
being either salmon or sea trout.

7. It is prohibited for a person, in the specified waters, where he or she has taken the number of fish permitted under Article 4 or 6 to -

- (a) take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the specified waters, unless the fish is handled carefully, not removed from 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 the specified waters.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

21 December 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eamon Ryan', written over a horizontal line.

Eamon Ryan
Minister for Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources.

