DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (BAG LIMITS) BYE-LAW NO. 974, 2019

I, Seán Canney, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) and the Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2018 (S.I. No. 472 of 2018) (as adapted by the Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2016 (S.I. No. 421 of 2016)) hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-Law No. 974 of 2019.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 January 2020.

2. In this bye-law -

"catch and release", in relation to angling for salmon or sea trout in the waters to which this Bye-law applies, means the careful handling of any fish caught and the immediate return of such fish alive to the water from which it was taken;

"fish" means salmon or sea trout or both;

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

"sea trout" means fish of the migratory form *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 prohibiting the taking or having 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 in any year.

4. Subject to Article 6, it is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line in any year between 1 January and 11 May, more than 3 fish, and a person shall not take more than 1 fish on any day during that period, in the waters of a river mentioned in column (2) of Schedule 1 opposite the mention of a fishery district in column (1) of the Schedule.

5. Subject to Article 6, it is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line on any day in any year -

(a) between 12 May and 31 August, more than 3 fish, and

(b) between 1 September and the day immediately before the next annual close season for salmon and trout, more than 1 fish,

in the waters of a river mentioned in column (2) of Schedule 1 opposite the mention of a fishery district in column (1) of the Schedule.

6. Where a person has taken the number of fish permitted under this bye-law, he or she is prohibited, in the waters of a river mentioned in column (2) of Schedule 1opposite the mention of a fishery district in column (1) of the Schedule, to -

(a) take by rod and line any fish other than by catch and release, and

(b) in the course of angling, use or attempt to use worms as bait, or any fish hooks, other than single or double barbless hooks.

7. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 966, 2018 is revoked.

Schedule 1

Article 4, 5

Fishery District **(1)**	**River** **(2)**
No. 4 or Lismore District	Blackwater (Munster) including Glenshelane and Finisk
No. 5 or Cork District	Bandon Lower Lee Mealagh Owvane Coomhola Glengarriff Ilen
No. 7 or Kerry District	Roughty Sneem Watervillle/Cummeragh/Currane Caragh Laune including Cottoners Maine Owenmore R.

	Sheen Croanshagh Ferta
No. 9(1) or Galway District	Corrib
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	Ballynahinch (Owenmore) Cashla
No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	Bundorragha (Delphi) Erriff Culfin Dawros
No. 10(2) or Bangor District	Glenamoy Owenduff Newport R (Lough Beltra) Carrowmore Lake
No. 11 or Ballina District	Moy Easkey

No. 12 or Sligo District	Ballysadare Drumcliff
No. 13 or Ballyshannon District	Drowes
No. 14 or Letterkenny District	Gweebarra Clady Gweedore (Crolly) Tullaghobegley Crana

GIVEN under my hand,
18 December 2019.

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Seán Canney
Minister of State at the
Department of Communications,
Climate Action and Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bye-Law provides for an annual bag limit of 10 fish being either salmon or sea trout (over 40 cm) per angler and provides for a season bag limit of 3 fish in the period 1 January to 11 May, a daily bag limit of 3 fish from 12 May to 31 August and a daily bag limit of 1 fish from 1 September to the end of the season. The Bye-law also provides for the use of single or double barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified numbers of fish have been caught in the specified periods.

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.