DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (CATCH AND RELEASE) BYE-LAW NO. 975, 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 (Catch and Release) Bye-Law No. 975 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, it is prohibited for a person, in relation to a river mentioned in column (2) of Schedule 1 opposite the mention of a fishery district in column (1) of that Schedule to -

(a) take by rod and line any fish from the waters of the river, other than by catch and release, or

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

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in any bye-law, it is prohibited for a person, in any year from 12 May to the end of the season, in relation to a river mentioned in column (2) of Schedule 2 opposite the mention of a fishery district in column (1) of that Schedule to -

(a) take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout, other than by catch and release, or

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

6. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-Law No. 967, 2018 is revoked.

Schedule 1

Article 3

Fishery District **(1)**	**River** **(2)**
No. 1 or Dublin District	Lower Liffey (downstream of Leixlip Dam)
No. 3 or Waterford District	Barrow and Pollmounty Nore Suir including Clodiagh, Lingaun and Waterford Blackwater
No. 4 or Lismore District	Bride
No. 5 or Cork District	Adrigole Argideen
No.7 or Kerry District	Inny Blackwater Owenascaul Cloonee Miltown

No. 8 or Limerick District	Mulkear Feale Doonbeg Lower Shannon
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	Screebe
No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	Carrownisky Owenwee Owenglin Bunowen
No. 10 (2) or Bangor District	Shramore Owenmore
No. 11 or Ballina District	Cloonaghmore (Palmerstown)
No. 12 or Sligo District	Garvogue (including R Bonet and L Gill)

No. 13 or Ballyshannon District	Eske Owenwee (Yellow) Bungosteen Oily Eany Glen Duff
No. 14 or Letterkenny District	Owenea/Owentocker Lackagh
No. 17(1) or Drogheda District	Boyne
No. 17(2) or Dundalk District	Glyde Castletown Fane

Schedule 2

(Catch and Release from 12th May)

Article 4

Fishery District (1)	River (2)
No. 17(2) or Dundalk District	Dee
No. 14 or Letterkenny District	Leannan

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 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 or double 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.