DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (RIVER SLANEY) BYE-LAW NO. 976, 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) (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)) and the Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2018 (S.I. No. 472 of 2018), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 976, 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 and sea trout in the specified waters, means carefully handling any fish caught and immediately returning the fish alive to the waters from which it was taken;

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

"sea trout (any size)" means fish of the migratory form of *Salmo trutta;*

"sea trout (over 40cm)" 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 of the River Slaney and its tributaries in the No. 2 or Wexford District.

3. It is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout (over 40cm) from the specified waters during the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 and from 1st September 2020 to the end of the year.

4. It is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout (over 40cm) from the specified waters other than by catch and release during the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 August 2020.

5. A person angling for salmon or sea trout (any size) shall not use or attempt to use -

(a) any lure other than artificial fly using single or double barbless hooks in that part of the River Slaney upstream from the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy, or

(b) worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, in that part of the River Slaney downstream from the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy to the mouth of the River Slaney.

6. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 970, 2018 is revoked.

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 angling for salmon (any size) and sea trout (over 40cm) in the River Slaney, during the period 1st April to 31st August, otherwise closed. The bye-law also provides for the use of artificial fly only using single or double barbless hooks upstream of the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy and provides for the use of single barbless hooks and a ban on worms as bait downstream of the Railway Bridge Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford when angling for salmon or sea trout (any size).

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 Irish Oifigiúil, appeal against same to the High Court.