DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (RIVER SUIR) BYE-LAW NO. 977, 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 Suir) Bye-law No. 977, 2019.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 17 March 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;

“fish” mean either salmon or sea trout or a combination of both;

“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 of the Rivers Suir, Clodiagh, Lingaun and Blackwater in the No. 3 or Waterford District.

3. Notwithstanding Article 3 of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 975, 2019, a person shall not, during any year from 17 March to 30 September by rod and line -

(a) take any fish other than by catch and release from the specified waters, or

(b) use or attempt to use worms, prawn, shrimp or any other crustacean or artificial forms thereof as bait or any fish hooks, other than single or double barbless hooks, in angling for fish in the specified waters.

4. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (River Suir) Bye-law No. 968, 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 Suir (including the waters of the Rivers Clodiagh, Lingaun and Blackwater) and also prohibits the use of worms, prawn, shrimp or any other crustacean or artificial forms thereof as bait and any fish hooks other than single or double barbless hooks during the period 17 March to 30 Sept.

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.