DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SEA TROUT BYE-LAW NO. 978, 2019

I, Seán Canney, Minister for 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 Sea Trout Bye-law No. 978, 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 sea trout in the waters of a river in any fishery district, means carefully handling the sea trout caught and immediately returning the sea trout alive to the waters from which they have been taken;

"sea trout" means the migratory form of *salmo trutta L.* 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. Subject to the prohibitions contained in Angling Bye-Law No. 973, 2019 and the Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 834, 2008, a person shall not take by rod and line from the waters of a river in any fishery district more than 3 sea trout on any day in any year.

4. It is prohibited for a person, where he or she has taken the number of sea trout permitted under Article 3, to -

(a) take by rod and line any sea trout from the waters of a river in any fishery district**,** other than by catch and release, or

(b) use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single or double barbless hooks, in angling for sea trout in the waters of a river in any fishery district.

5. The Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 969, 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 a daily bag limit of 3 sea trout (less than 40 cm in length) and provides for the use of single or double barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified number of sea trout have been caught.

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.