

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010

**CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (RIVER SUIR) BYE-
LAW NO. 889, 2011.**

I, Fergus O'Dowd, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) and the Energy and Natural Resources (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 631 of 2011), at the request of Inland Fisheries Ireland, and having complied with Regulations 27 and 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011), 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. 889, 2011.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 17 March 2012.

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” means 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 the permission contained in Article 4 (a) of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 885, 2011, from 17 March to 11 May during the year 2012, a person shall not -

- (a) take, from the specified waters, by rod and line any fish other than by catch and release, or
- (b) use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, in angling for salmon and sea trout in those waters.

4. Notwithstanding the permission contained in Article 3 of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 885, 2011, a person shall not take, from the specified waters, by rod and line during the period from 12 May 2012 to 30 September 2012 more than 3 fish, but not more than 1 fish on any day during that period.

5. Subject to Article 6, it is prohibited for a person where he or she has taken the number of fish permitted under Article 4, to take by rod and line any further fish from the specified waters other than by catch and release.

6. A person angling for fish in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 shall not use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks.

GIVEN under my hand,

21 December 2011.

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Minister of State at the Department of Communications,
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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 and sea trout (over 40cm) in the River Suir (including the waters of the Rivers Clodiagh, Lingaun and Blackwater) during the period 17 March to 11 May, 2012 and a bag limit of 3 fish during the period 12 May to 30 September subject to a daily bag limit of 1 fish during this period. The Bye-law also prohibits the use of worms as bait and any fish hooks other than single barbless hooks in angling for salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) in those waters.

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.