

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010**  
**NO. 2 OR WEXFORD DISTRICT**  
**CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND TROUT (RIVER SLANEY) BYE-LAW NO.**  
**XXX, 2014.**

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 Trout (River Slaney) Bye-law No. XXX, 2014.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 26 February, 2014.

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 salmon, sea trout or brown trout or a combination of these;

“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.

“brown trout” means fish of the non-migratory form of *Salmo trutta*

“specified waters” means the waters of the River Slaney and its tributaries in the No. 2 or Wexford District.

3. Notwithstanding the Wexford District Close Season Bye-law No. C.S.96, 1944, or anything contained in any bye-law fixing the annual close season, it is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line any salmon, sea trout (any size) or brown trout from the specified waters during the period from 26 February to 16 March and from 17 September to 30 September.

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 17 March to 16 September.

5. A person angling for salmon or sea trout (any size) shall not:

(a) use or attempt to use any lure other than artificial fly using single barbless hooks in angling for salmon and sea trout (any size) in that part of the River Slaney upstream from the old Bridge Enniscorthy, 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 (any size) in that part of the River Slaney downstream from the old Bridge Enniscorthy to the mouth of the River Slaney.

GIVEN under my hand,  
XX March 2014.

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Minister of State at the Department of Communications,  
Energy and Natural Resources.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This is not part of the Bye-law and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

This Bye-law extends the annual close season in angling for salmon, sea trout (any size) and brown trout in the River Slaney and its tributaries from 26 February to 16 March and from 17 September to 30 September. The bye-law provides for catch and release during the period 17 March to 16 September in angling for salmon and sea trout (over 40cm). The Byelaw also provides for the use of artificial fly only with single barbless hook upstream of the old Bridge Enniscorthy and provides for single barbless hook and a ban on worms as bait downstream of the old 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.