

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010

**CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (RIVER SHANNON)
(CATCH AND RELEASE) BYE-LAW NO. 918, 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 Sea Trout (River Shannon) (Catch and Release) Bye-law No. 918, 2014.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 March 2014.

2. In this Bye-law -

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the waters referred to in Article 3, means carefully handling any fish caught and immediately returning the fish alive to those 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.

3. Notwithstanding Article 3 of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Closed Rivers) Bye-Law No. C.S. 316, 2013 fixing the annual close season, it is permitted for a person from 1 March to 30 September during the year 2014, subject to Article 4, to take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the waters of the Lower Shannon in the Limerick or No. 8 District from O’Brien’s Bridge, downstream on the downstream face of the bridge, to Thomond Bridge, in the city of Limerick, by catch and release.

4. A person angling for salmon or sea trout in accordance with Article 3 shall not use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks.

GIVEN under my hand,
12 February 2014.

FERGUS O'DOWD

Fergus O'Dowd
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 provides for catch and release in respect of salmon and sea trout (over 40cm) in the portion of the Lower Shannon from O'Brien's Bridge downstream, on the downstream face of the bridge, to Thomond Bridge, Limerick City during the period 1 March to 30 September 2014. 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 trout 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.