

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010

CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (NEWPORT RIVER)

BYE-LAW NO. 917, 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 (Newport River) Bye-law No. 917, 2014.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 20 March 2014.

2. In this Bye-law -

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the waters of the rivers to which this Bye-law applies, 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 Newport River, including Lough Beltra and the Crumpaun River, in the No. 10(2) or Bangor District.

3. Notwithstanding the permission contained in Article 4(a) of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 915 2013, a person shall not take, from the specified waters, by rod and line during the period from 20 March until 11 May in the year 2014 -

- (a) 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.

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 40 cm) in the Newport River including the waters of Lough Beltra and the Crumpaun River, Co Mayo during the period 20 March to 11 May, 2014.

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.