

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010
NO. 4 OR LISMORE DISTRICT
CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT CLOSE SEASON BYE-LAW
NO. C.S. 310, 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 No. 4 or Lismore District Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Close Season Bye-law No. C.S. 310, 2011.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 October 2012.

2. In this Bye-law -

“salmon” means fish of the species *Salmo salar* (Atlantic salmon);

“sea trout” means fish of the migratory form of *Salmo trutta*, and includes all forms of trout caught in the sea;

“specified waters” means the waters of the rivers Blackwater (Munster) including Glenshelane and Finisk in the No. 4 or Lismore District.

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the specified waters to which this Bye-law applies, means carefully handling any fish caught and immediately returning the fish alive to the waters;

3. Notwithstanding the No. 4 or Lismore District Close Season Bye-law, No. C.S. 48, dated 8th day of December 1891, the annual close season for angling for salmon and sea trout in the specified waters, in the year 2012, shall be the period from 13 October to 31 January in the next following year both dates inclusive.

4. It is prohibited for a person, during the period 1 October to 12 October, to -

- (a) take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the specified waters, other than by catch and release, or
- (b) use or attempt to use any lure other than artificial fly using single barbless hooks in angling for salmon and sea trout in those waters during that period.

GIVEN under my hand,
21 December 2011.

Fergus O'Dowd
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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 angling season in the year 2012 from 1 October to 12 October i.e. the close season for angling for salmon and sea trout in the River Blackwater (Munster) including Glenshelane and Finisk commences in the year 2012 on 13 October and ends on 31 January in the next following year both dates inclusive. The Byelaw also provides for catch and release during the period from 1 October to 12 October and prohibits the use of any lure other than artificial fly using single barbless hooks in angling for salmon and sea trout in those waters during that period.

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.