

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**
INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010
NO. 2 OR WEXFORD DISTRICT
CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (RIVER SLANEY)

BYE-LAW NO. 893, 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 Slaney) Bye-law No. 893, 2011.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 26 February, 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*;

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the waters of the river 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;

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, angling for salmon and sea trout is prohibited in the waters of the River Slaney in the No. 2 or Wexford District during the period from 26 February to 16 March 2012.

4. Subject to Article 5, it is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line any salmon or sea trout from the waters of the River Slaney, other than by catch and release during the period 17 March to 30 September 2012.

5. A person angling for salmon or sea trout in accordance with Article 4 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 in that part of the River Slaney upstream from the old Bridge Enniscorthy, and

(b) use or attempt to use worms, prawn or shrimp as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks in angling for salmon and sea trout in that part of the River Slaney downstream from the old Bridge Enniscorthy to the mouth of the River Slaney.

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 annual close season for angling for salmon and sea trout in the River Slaney and its tributaries in the year 2012 from 26 February, to 16 March and provides for catch and release during the period 17 March to 30 September. The Byelaw also provides for the use of artificial fly with single barbless hook upstream of the old Bridge Enniscorthy Bridge and provides for single barbless hook and a ban on worms, prawn or shrimp as bait downstream of the old Bridge Enniscorthy.

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.