

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS
INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017
CONSERVATION OF EEL FISHING BYE-LAW NO. C.S. 335, 2024

I, Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) (as adapted by the Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 373 of 2020)), at the request of Inland Fisheries Ireland, and for the purpose of giving full effect to the State's Eel Management Plan under Council Regulation (EC) No. 1100/2007 of the 18 September 2007¹, hereby make the following byelaw::

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Eel Fishing Bye-law No. C.S. 335, 2024.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on the day of its making.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any bye-law fixing the annual close season, it is prohibited for a person –

(a) to take, or attempt to take, or to fish for or to attempt to fish for, or to aid or assist in the taking or fishing for, eel, or

(b) to be in possession of or sell or offer for sale or reward, or to purchase eel caught or taken by any means,

in any fishery district.

(2) In this Article “eel” means eel of the species *Anguilla anguilla*.

3. The Conservation of Eel Fishing Bye-Law No. C.S. 319, 2015 is revoked.

GIVEN under my hand,

28 March 2024.

EAMON RYAN

Minister for the Environment,
Climate and Communications.

¹ OJ No. L248, 22.09.2007, P.17

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bye-law prohibits the taking, or attempting to take, fishing for or attempting to fish for, aiding or assisting the taking of or fishing for, eel in any fishery district in the State. It also prohibits being in possession of, selling or offering for sale or reward, or purchasing eel caught or taken by any means in any fishery district in the State. This bye-law applies to eel and all of its life stages.

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.