

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

**CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT BALLYSDARE (CATCH AND
RELEASE) BYE-LAW NO. 1012, 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)), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Ballysadare (Catch and Release) Bye-Law No. 1012, 2024.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on the day after the day of its making and ceases to have effect on 31 December 2024.

2. In this Bye-law:

“catch and release”, in relation to angling for salmon or sea trout in the waters to which this Bye-law applies, means the careful handling of any fish caught and the immediate return of such fish alive to the water from which it was taken;

“fish” means salmon or sea trout or both;

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

“sea trout” means fish of the migratory form *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 River Ballysadare in the No. 12 or Sligo District.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-Law No. 1004 of 2023, it is prohibited for a person in relation to the specified waters to -

- (a) take by rod and line any fish other than by catch and release, or
- (b) in the course of angling for fish, use or attempt to use worms as bait, or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks.

7. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Ballysadare (Closed Rivers) Bye-Law No. 336, 2024 is revoked.

GIVEN under my hand,

21 August 2024.

EAMON RYAN

Minister for the Environment, Climate
and Communications.

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 Ballysadare river in the year 2024. The Bye-law also prohibits the use of any fish hooks other than single barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait in angling for salmon and sea trout (over 40 cm). The bye-law also revokes the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Ballysadare (Closed Rivers) Bye-Law No. 336, 2024

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.