

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS,**  
**INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017**  
**SLIGO DISTRICT - CONSERVATION OF TROUT ON LOUGH ARROW**  
**(INCLUDING THE UNSHIN RIVER) BYE-LAW NO. XXX, 2024/5.**

I, {Minister Name to be inserted}, 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. This Bye-law may be cited as the Sligo District - Conservation of Trout on Lough Arrow (including the Unshin River) Bye-law No. XXX, 2025.
2. This Bye-law comes into operation on the day after the day of its making.
3. In this bye-law –  
  
“specified waters” means the waters of Lough Arrow and the River Unshin and the tributaries flowing into them, in the No. 12 or Sligo District
4. In any one day, a person shall not take from the specified waters or have in his or her possession at any place in, on or near the said waters more than two brown trout.
5. (1) No person shall –  
  
(a) troll on, in, under or through the specified waters using more than one fishing line, or  
  
(b) fish from a boat so that there are more than two fishing lines used for trolling at the same time.

- (2) In this Bye-law "troll" means to fish from a boat, which is being rowed or mechanically propelled through water, by trailing or towing, on, in, under or through the water, a fishing line with a hook, bait or lure attached, and "trolling" shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) In respect of a prosecution to which Article 5 (1)(b) relates, it shall be presumed until the contrary is shown that any person found in the boat at the relevant time was fishing from the boat.
6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 of the 'Lough Arrow Close Season by-law No. C.S. 93, 1940, and Paragraph 3 of **Sligo District. Close Season Bye-law No. C.S. 6, 1871** or anything contained in any previous Bye-law regulating the seasons for angling for salmon or trout in the specified waters, the annual close season for angling for salmon or trout in the specified waters shall commence on the 1st day of October in any year and cease on the 31st day of March in the year following both said dates inclusive.
7. It is hereby prohibited to take and kill by any means whatsoever in the waters of Lough Arrow, in the No. 12 or Sligo District any brown trout of less than 14 inches (35.56 centimetres) in length measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail, or to have in possession on or near the said waters any such fish of less than the said length, and any such fish which may be taken shall be carefully handled and returned alive to the waters.
8. Article 7 does not apply to the waters of the River Unshin or the tributaries flowing into such river, in the No. 12 or Sligo District.
9. The following bye-laws are revoked;  
The North Western Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law No. 731, 1997,  
The North Western Fisheries Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law No. C.S. 172, 1991,  
The North-Western Fisheries Region (Lough Arrow) Bye-law No. C.S. 158, 1990,  
The Sligo District Bye-law No. 586, 1976.

GIVEN under my hand,  
[date to be inserted].

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Minister for the Environment, Climate  
and Communications.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Bye-law prohibits:

1. (a) the taking of more than 2 brown trout from the waters of Lough Arrow and the River Unshin as referred to in the bye-law, or have in possession in any place on or near the said waters.  
  
(b) the taking of any brown trout of less than 14 inches (35.56 centimetres) in length measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail from the waters of Lough Arrow.  
  
(c) a person shall not troll on the said waters using more than one fishing line, or  
  
(d) fish from a boat so that there are more than two fishing lines used for trolling at the same time.
2. This Bye-law provides that the annual close season for angling for salmon or trout in Lough Arrow and the River Unshin shall commence on the 1st day of October in any year and cease on the 31st day of March in the year following both said dates inclusive.

## **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.