

BYE - L A W S

entitled

Conservation of Eel Fishing Bye-Law No. C.S. 319, 2015

I, Joe McHugh, 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) Order 2014(S.I. No. 585 of 2014), 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 bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Eel Fishing Bye-law No. C.S. 319, 2015.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on the day after the day of its making and ceases to have effect on 30 June 2018.

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

¹ OJ No. L248, 22.09.2007, p.17.

- (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. 312, 2012 is revoked.

GIVEN under my hand,

23 November 2015.

JOE MCHUGH

Joe McHugh,

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 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.

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.