

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

**FISHERIES ACTS, 1959 TO 2001**

**SHANNON FISHERIES REGION (CONTROL OF ANGLING IN LOUGH  
REE) BYE-LAW NO. 787 , 2003**

I, John Browne, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9 (as amended by section 3 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1962 (No. 31 of 1962)) of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 (No. 14 of 1959), section 33 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1962, the Fisheries (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1977 (S.I. No. 30 of 1977) (as adapted by the Marine (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 307 of 2002)) and the Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2002 (S.I. No. 374 of 2002), hereby make the following Bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Shannon Fisheries Region (Control of Angling in Lough Ree) Bye-law No. 787, 2003
  
- (2) This Bye-law shall come into operation on 11 February 2003.
  
2. In this Bye-law –  
  
“specified waters” means all the waters of Lough Ree in the No. 8 or Limerick District
  
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Bye-law controlling angling in the specified waters, a person shall not-
  - (a) take by rod and line in the specified waters any trout of less than 14 inches in length measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail,
  - (b) take by rod and line in the specified waters more than 4 trout in any day,
  - (c) fish or attempt to fish in the specified waters with more than 2 rods at any one time.
  
4. Any trout taken inadvertently in contravention of article 3 of this Bye-law shall be handled carefully and returned without avoidable injury to the specified waters immediately upon being taken.

5. The Shannon Fisheries Region (Lough Ree) Bye-law No C.S. 137, 1989 is hereby revoked.

GIVEN under my hand,  
this 11 day of February 2003.

John Browne  
Minister of State at the Department of Communications,  
Marine and Natural Resources

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bye-law introduces measures to control angling in Lough Ree as follows:

- (a) prohibits, the taking and possession of trout less than 14 inches in length,
- (b) prohibits a person from taking and possessing more than 4 trout in any day,
- (c) prohibits a person from using more than 2 rods at any one time,
- (d) revokes Bye-law No. C.S. 137, 1989 thereby extending the end of the close season for trout until and including the last day of February each year.

## FOOTNOTE

Section 11 of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act, 1959 provides that any person aggrieved by this Bye-law may within 28 days after its publication in the Iris Oifigiuil, appeal against same to the High Court.

