EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Prohibition of Unlicensed Fishing) (Prescribed Species) Regulations 2011

SR 2011 No. 263

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2 The Statutory Rule is made under sections 13(1) and 35A of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and sections 13(1) and 35A of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 (as amended by S.I. 1999/859 and S.I. 2007/915 (N.I. 9)) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Description

2.1 These Regulations prescribe certain kinds of fish for the purposes of section 35A of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and section 35A of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 and make consequential amendments of the Foyle and Carlingford Area (Licensing of Fishing Engines) Regulations 2001.

3. Consultation

3.1 The regulations were the subject to a full public consultation which included local stakeholders.

4. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This Statutory Rule applies to the Foyle Area and the Carlingford Area.

5. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 The proposed legislation has been screened for these issues and none were identified.

6. Equality Impact

7.1 These regulations have been subject to equality screening, carried out by the Loughs Agency, which found that a full EQIA is not necessary as the proposals apply equally to, and will have no disproportionate effect on, the section 75 groups.

7. Regulatory Impact

8.1 A Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment was prepared for this instrument and circulated to stakeholders with the consultation papers.

8. Financial Implications

9.1 None.

9. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

10.1 These regulations comply with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

10. EU Implications

11.1 None

11. Additional Information

12.1 None