EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Foyle Area (Greenbraes Fishery Angling Permits) Regulations 2012

SR 2012 No. 95

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)(k) and 14B(1)(b) of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and sections 13(1)(k) and 14B(1)(b) 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 the fees payable to the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission for the issue of Greenbraes Fishery angling permits.

3. Matters of special interest to the Examiner of Statutory Rules

3.1 These regulations are laid in breach of the 21 day rule. It is the view of the Loughs Agency that it was necessary for these regulations to be in operation by 26 March 2012, and it was not possible for the regulations to be laid earlier as the North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) meeting in Aquaculture and Marine sectoral format on 1 March was the earliest opportunity for NSMC approval of the regulations.

4. Consultation

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

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This Statutory Rule applies to the Foyle Area.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

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

7. 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.

8. Regulatory Impact

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

9. Financial Implications

9.1 None.

10. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

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

11. EU Implications

11.1 None

12. Additional Information

12.1 None