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FISHERIES

Lough Neagh Draft Nets

BYE-LAWS DATED 8TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland in exercise of its powers under Section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) (hereinafter called "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture hereby makes the following Bye-Laws:

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Lough Neagh Draft Net Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1968.

2. In these Bye-Laws the expression "draft net" means a draft net the use of which is permitted by paragraphs (d) and (e) of sub-section 2 of Section 71 of the Act.

3. These Bye-Laws shall apply to the whole of Lough Neagh.

4. The mesh of any draft net shall be of a size not less than six-sevenths of one inch from knot to knot to be measured along the side of the square or three and three-sevenths inches to be measured all round each mesh, such measurements being taken in the clear when the net is wet.

5. A person lawfully using any draft net shall not take or have on board any boat on or from which any such draft net is used any trout of a size less than twelve inches measured from the tip of the snout to the fork or cleft of the tail.

6. Where any draft net is used in the course of any fishing operations conducted by means of a fishing boat and any trout of less than the minimum size prescribed by Bye-Law 5 hereof is taken on board the master, owner, charterer or other person in charge of the boat shall cause such trout to be returned immediately to the waters from which it was taken without avoidable injury.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April 1968.

(L.S.)

W. G. Malcolm,
Deputy Chairman.

R. G. Weaver,
Chief Inspector.

(a) 1966. c. 17 (N.I.).

The Ministry of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Bye-laws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 11th day of April 1968.

(L.S.) *J. V. Bateman,*
Assistant Secertary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bye-Laws but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Bye-Laws prescribe that the mesh of any draft net used in Lough Neagh shall be not less than six-sevenths of one inch from knot to knot, and that no trout of less than twelve inches in length shall be taken by them.