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FISHERIES

Lough Neagh Trout Single Wall Set Net or Trammel Net Licences

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 (hereinafter called "the Board") 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 Trout Single Wall Set Nets or Trammel Nets Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1968.

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

3. In these Bye-Laws the word "net" means a single wall set net or trammel net, the word "licence" means a licence issued by the Board authorising the use on Lough Neagh of a single wall set net or trammel net for the purpose of taking trout and the word "Licensee" shall be construed accordingly.

4. The amount of duty payable in respect of any licence shall be the sum of £1 per 100 yards of net as hung.

5. The maximum length of net which may be used from or by any boat shall be 1,350 yards of net as hung whether used as one or more nets.

6. The maximum length of net which may be used at any time by any one Licensee shall be 1,350 yards of net as hung.

7. Each net or row of nets while fishing shall be marked at each end with a spherical float of not less than four inches in diameter on the surface of the water.

8. Each float referred to in Bye-Law 7 shall have clearly and legibly painted or otherwise fixed thereon in figures of not less than one-half inch in height such number as the Board may allocate to the Licensee (or such number as the Board may allocate to the net or row of nets of which the float shall be a mark) and at all times when the net or row of nets shall be fishing such number shall be clearly legible on each float.

9. No person other than the Licensee or the servant or agent of the Licensee shall use or cause or permit to be used on any float the number referred to in Bye-Law 8.

10. Until the first day of March 1971 the Board may if it thinks fit permit a Licensee to use a net with a mesh of a size less than that prescribed by

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

Section 72(1)(b) of the Act. So however that any such permission shall not extend to the use of a net with a mesh of less size than one and one-half inches from knot to knot to be measured along the side of the square or six inches to be measured all round each mesh, such measurement being taken in the clear when the net is wet.

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.

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 Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Bye-Laws provide that single wall set nets or trammel nets up to 1,350 yards in length may be used for taking trout in Lough Neagh. The nets shall have a mesh size of not less than one and three-quarter inches, although until the 1st March 1971, the Board may permit nets with a mesh of not less than one and a half inches. All nets shall be marked with numbered floats.

The Bye-Laws also prescribe that the licence duty for these nets shall be £1 per 100 yards.