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Net Making Materials Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 3*rd February* 1977

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The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, in exercise of its powers under Section 26 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department(b) of Agriculture hereby makes the following Byelaws:

Citation and commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Byelaws may be cited as the Net Making Materials Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1977, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

(2) In these Byelaws "the 1969 Bye-Laws" means the Fisheries Consolidated, Amendment and Licence Duties Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1969(c).

Amendment of interpretation provisions of the 1969 *Bye-Laws*

2. The following definitions shall be inserted in Bye-law 65 of the 1969 Bye-Laws at the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

"braided" in relation to a net making material means the interlacing of three or more multifilament yarns so as to form a net making material;

"multifilament yarn" means a yarn constructed from a group of continuous filaments each filament of which has a diameter not greater than .0019685 inches.

"twisted and plied" in relation to a net making material means the forming of a net making material by wrapping a number of multifilament yarns round each other in such a way that there are not less than 92 turns per yard in the material.

Prohibition of the use of certain materials for net making

3. For Bye-law 25 of the 1969 Bye-Laws there shall be substituted the following Bye-Law:

"**25.** A person shall not use for the purpose of taking or with intent to take salmon or freshwater fish, any net made from synthetic fibres (except a landing net used solely as an auxiliary to lawful angling with rod and line), which contains any material not constructed of either two or more multifilament yarns twisted and plied together or three or more multifilament yarns braided together."

(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(b) Formerly Ministry; *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 91 (p. 377)

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland on 3rd February, 1977.

(L.S.) *Savill Hicks*
Chairman

R. G. Weaver
Secretary

The Department of Agriculture hereby approves the foregoing Byelaws.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 2nd March 1977.

(L.S.) *J. C. Chalmers*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Byelaws amend the Fisheries Consolidated, Amendment and Licence Duties Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1969.

They control the use of materials used in the construction of nets for the capture of salmon and freshwater fish. They further restrict the type of synthetic material used for making such nets by prohibiting the use of all materials other than netting twines constructed of multifilament yarns either twisted and plied together or braided together. In practical terms the use of nets known as monoplied nets is now prohibited in addition to the use of monofilament nets being prohibited. They do not apply to a landing net auxiliary to lawful angling.

Under section 26(5) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 a contravention of these Byelaws constitutes an offence penalties for which are provided for by section 201 of the Act.