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**Fisheries Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 2003**

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5. An application for a fishing licence, or for the renewal...
6. Subject to Part III of the Act, there shall be...
7. (1) A person who makes an application in writing to...
8. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), any person who has not...
9. The Board may issue one concessionary season fishing rod licence...
10. The Board shall issue a game fishing rod licence to...
11. Fishing licences issued under Byelaw 4 (2) in respect of...
12. All fishing licences issued under these Byelaws (other than fishing...
13. A licence issued under Byelaw 4, other than a concessionary...
14. Issue of drift net licences
15. Subject to Byelaw 17, where a drift net licence-holder dies...
16. The Board shall maintain a register in which applications from...
17. The Board shall not issue a drift net licence to...
18. A person who is eligible to be issued with a...
19. Where a person who is eligible under Byelaw 14 to...
20. The number of drift net licences which may be issued...
21. (1) A drift net licence shall be valid only when...
22. The written authorisation referred to in Byelaw 21 shall be...
23. Issue of tidal draft net licences

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24. Revocation of, or refusal to issue or renew, a fishing licence

### PART III

#### APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF THE BOARD TO ISSUE OR RESTORE A FISHING LICENCE

25. Where the Board proposes to revoke a fishing licence or...
26. Where the Board revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...
27. Where the Board revokes a fishing licence or refuses to...
28. An appeal under this Part shall be initiated by notice...
29. Where on an appeal under this Part, the Department reverses...
30. (1) Byelaws 25 to 29 shall not apply where the...
31. When a fishing licence has been revoked under these Byelaws...

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#### COARSE FISHING ROD LICENCES

32. A coarse fishing rod licence shall be valid only on...
33. A person fishing under the authority of a coarse fishing...

### PART V

#### USE OF SINGLE WALL SET NETS, TRAMMEL NETS, DRAFT NETS AND BAIT NETS

34. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Byelaws and...
35. Subject to the provisions of the Act, these Byelaws and...

### PART VI

#### GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FISHING ENGINES OTHER THAN ROD AND LINE OR HAND LINE

36. A person shall not use for the purpose of taking...
37. A bait net shall not exceed 50 metres in length...
38. A bait net shall not be used for catching salmon,...
39. The mesh of the wings of any draft net for...

### PART VII

#### RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FISHING ENGINES OTHER THAN ROD AND LINE OR HAND LINE ON LOUGH NEAGH AND UPPER AND LOWER LOUGH ERNE

40. A person shall not use a single wall set net...
41. A person shall not have in his possession or control...
42. Each net or row of nets of a single wall...
43. Each float referred to in Byelaw 42 shall have clearly...
44. A person other than the licence-holder or his servant or...

### PART VIII

#### ADDITIONAL AND SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN NETS ON LOUGH NEAGH

45. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
46. A person shall not use a draft net for the...
47. A person shall not use any net for the taking...

## PART IX

### ADDITIONAL AND SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF NETS AND BOATS ON UPPER AND LOWER LOUGH ERNE

48. (1) A person shall not use any net for the...
49. A person shall not use a single wall set net...
50. The maximum length of a single wall set net or...
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52. A person shall not in the freshwater portion of any...
53. For the purposes of section 51 of the Act “immature”...
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55. Where any draft net is used in the course of...

## PART XI

### MODE OF USE OF DRIFT NETS AND DRAFT NETS

56. Where a draft net or a tidal draft net is...
57. Where a draft net or a tidal draft net is...
58. The only permitted mode of using a drift net shall...

## PART XII

### RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIMENSIONS OF DRAFT NETS AND DRIFT NETS AND ON THE USE OF BOATS FOR DRIFT NETTING

59. A person shall not use for fishing a draft net...
60. A person shall not use for the taking of salmon...
61. A person shall not use for the taking of salmon...
62. A person shall not have on board any boat used...
63. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a boat...

## PART XIII

### RESTRICTIONS ON SALMON FISHING IN TIDAL WATERS

64. A person (other than the owner of a several fishery...
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66. A person shall not use a drift net within 1,610...

## PART XIV

### RESTRICTIONS ON METHODS OF FISHING FOR SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISH

67. A person shall not knowingly or wilfully foul-hook any salmon...
68. A person shall not use any instrument or device whatsoever,...
69. Any person who foul-hooks any salmon or freshwater fish whether...
70. A person shall not use ground bait or maggots whilst...
71. A person shall not use live fish as bait on...

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75. In Upper and Lower Lough Erne and all rivers flowing...  
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PART XVII

ANNUAL CLOSE SEASONS AND CLOSE TIMES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING

77. It shall be unlawful to fish for, take or kill...  
78. The weekly close time in the sea and tidal waters...  
79. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful to...  
80. A person shall not have any net for the taking...  
81. A person shall not, on Lough Neagh –  
82. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not, on...

PART XVIII

PROHIBITION ON ANY PERSON HAVING  
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85. A person shall not have in his possession any fish...

PART XIX

RESTRICTIONS ON THE KILLING OF SALMON

86. Subject to Byelaw 87, where any person whilst angling during...  
87. In that part of Lough Melvin which is situate in...  
88. Subject to Byelaws 89, 90 and 91, where any person...  
89. In that part of Lough Melvin which is situate in...  
90. In Upper and Lower Lough Erne and in the River...  
91. In the River Bush where any person whilst angling during...  
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  6. Callan.
  7. Clady (County Londonderry).
  8. Colebrooke upstream from Ballindarragh Bridge on the B.514 Road.
  9. Comber.
  10. Crumlin.
  11. Garvary.
  12. Glenavy.
  13. Kesh upstream from Kesh Bridge on the A.35 Road.
  14. Maine.
  15. Moyola.
  16. Quoile upstream from the disused Railway Bridge near Inch Abbey...
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