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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**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 purpose of taking any coarse fish in the following areas of Upper and Lower Lough Erne –

- (a) between an imaginary line drawn from the most north-westerly point of Inish Dacharneon, Lower Lough Erne, through the most north-westerly point of Long Island to the nearest point on the shore of Ely Island, and an imaginary line drawn across the Inishmore Viaduct thence by the southern shore of the townland of Lusty Beg to the most easterly point of the townland of Lusty beg, thence to the most southerly point of the island of Killygown and thence to the nearest point on the shore in the townland of Corrad;
- (b) within 1,610 metres of the defined mouths of the following rivers flowing into Upper and Lower Lough Erne: the Termon River, the Waterfoot River, the Garvary River, the Ballycassidy River, the Bannagh River, the Kesh River, the Dunmany or Colebrooke River, the Cladagh or Swanlibar River, the Arney River and the Sillees River.

(2) Within the area of Lower Lough Erne which lies westward of an imaginary line drawn from Hills Island to Eagle Island, thence to the most westerly point of Boa Island, thence along the line of the western shore of Boa Island to the county road and thence along the line of the said county road to where the said road meets the shore of Lower Lough Erne in the townland of Rosscrannagh a person shall not use any net for the taking of coarse fish save a net used for the taking of pike which is placed in the water not more than 10 metres from any bed composed of emergent water plants.

**49.** A person shall not use a single wall set net or trammel net for the taking of coarse fish, except pollen, on Upper or Lower Lough Erne unless that net has a mesh of 63 millimetres or more from knot to knot or 252 millimetres to be measured all round each mesh.

**50.** The maximum length of a single wall set net or trammel net used for the taking of coarse fish on Upper and Lower Lough Erne which may be used at any time by any one licence-holder shall be 460 metres of net as hung whether used as one or more nets.

**51.** A boat used for commercial fishing on Upper and Lower Lough Erne shall not exceed –

- (a) 6.1 metres in length, such length to be measured from the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure to the aftmost part of the stern or transom; and
- (b) a beam measurement of 2.2 metres at the widest point.