

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment) Regulations 2009**

#### **S.R. 2009 No. 381**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under section 13(1) of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 and section 13(1) of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 (as amended by S.I. 1999/859 and S.I. 2007/915 (N.I. 9)) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The Loughs Agency is responsible for the conservation and protection of inland fisheries in the Foyle and Carlingford Areas. These regulations amend the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling Regulations) 2001 to prohibit angling in waters near weirs where salmon are vulnerable to capture.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling Regulations) 2001 list areas near weirs where angling is prohibited in order to protect salmon stocks, as they are vulnerable in these areas. The Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 amend the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling Regulations) 2001 by prohibiting angling around additional weirs.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The regulations were the subject to a full public consultation which included local stakeholders.

#### **5. Equality Impact**

- 5.1. These regulations have been subject to equality screening, carried out by the Loughs Agency, which found that a full EQIA is not necessary as the proposals apply equally to, and will have no disproportionate effect on, the section 75 groups.

#### **6. Regulatory Impact**

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment on these proposed regulations was the subject of full public and stakeholder consultation. The cost of implementation of the regulations was deemed to be negligible.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. None.

**8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

8.1. These regulations comply with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

**9. EU Implications**

9.1. Not applicable.

**10. Parity or Replicatory Measure**

10.1. Not applicable.

**11. Additional Information**

11.1. None.