

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

**INLAND FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2010**

**CONSERVATION OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT (BAG LIMITS)**

**BYE-LAW NO. 944, 2016**

I, Sean Kyne, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) and the Energy and Natural Resources (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2016 (S.I. No.420 of 2016)(as adapted by the Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2016 (S.I. No. 421 of 2016)), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 944, 2016.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 January 2017.

2. In this Bye-law -

“catch and release” in relation to angling for salmon and sea trout in the waters of the rivers to which this Bye-law applies, means carefully handling any fish caught and immediately returning the fish alive to the waters;

“fish” mean either salmon or sea trout or a combination of both;

“salmon” means fish of the species *Salmo salar* (Atlantic salmon);

“sea trout” means fish of the migratory form of *Salmo trutta*, but does not include a sea trout which is 40 centimetres or less in length measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Bye-law prohibiting the taking or having possession of more than a specified number of salmon or sea trout, a person shall not take by rod and line more than 10 fish in any year.

4. Subject to Article 5, it is prohibited for a person to take by rod and line -

- (a) during any year from 1 January to 11 May, more than 3 fish, but not more than 1 fish on any day during that period, and

(b) on any day in any year -

(i) from 12 May to 31 August, more than 3 fish, and

(ii) from 1 September to the beginning of the close season, more than 1 fish.

5. It is prohibited for a person, in a river mentioned in column (2) of the Schedule opposite mention of a fishery district in column (1) of the Schedule, where he or she has taken the number of fish permitted under Article 3 or 4, to -

(a) take by rod and line any fish from the waters of the river, other than by catch and release, or

(b) use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single barbless hooks, in angling for fish in the waters of the river.

6. The Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout (Bag Limits) Bye-law No. 934, 2015 is revoked.

**Schedule**

**Article 5**

<b>Fishery District</b> <b>(1)</b>	<b>River</b> <b>(2)</b>
No. 4 or Lismore District	Blackwater (Munster) including Glenshelane and Finisk
No. 5 or Cork District	Bandon Lower Lee Ilen Mealagh Owvane Coomhola Glengarriff Argideen
No. 7 or Kerry District	Roughy Sneem Waterville/Cummeragh/Currane Inny Caragh Laune including Cottoners

	<p>Maine</p> <p>Owenmore R.</p> <p>Sheen</p> <p>Ferta</p> <p>Croanshagh</p>
No. 8 or Limerick District	Feale including Galey and Brick
No. 9(1) or Galway District	Corrib
No. 9(2) or Connemara District	<p>Ballynahinch (Owenmore)</p> <p>Cashla</p>
No. 10(1) or Ballinakill District	<p>Owenglin (Clifden)</p> <p>Bundorragha (Delphi)</p> <p>Erriff</p> <p>Culfin</p> <p>Dawros</p> <p>Bunowen</p>

No. 10(2) or Bangor District	Owenduff Newport R (Lough Beltra) Carrowmore Lake
No. 11 or Ballina District	Moy Easkey
No. 12 or Sligo District	Ballysadare Drumcliff Garvogue (R Bonet and L Gill)
No. 13 or Ballyshannon District	Drowes
No. 14 or Letterkenny District	Owenea and Owentocker Gweebarra Clady Gweedore (Crolly R)

No. 17(2) or Dundalk District	Glyde
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**GIVEN under my hand,  
20 December 2016.**

**Sean Kyne**

**Minister of State at the  
Department of Communications,  
Climate Action and Environment.**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This is not part of the Bye-law and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

This Bye-Law provides for an annual bag limit of 10 fish being either salmon or sea trout (over 40 cm) per angler and provides for a season bag limit of 3 fish in the period 1 January to 11 May, a daily bag limit of 3 fish from 12 May to 31 August and a daily bag limit of 1 fish from 1 September to the end of the season. The Bye-law also provides for the use of single barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified numbers of fish have been caught in the specified periods.

## **FOOTNOTE**

Section 57 (7) of the Inland Fisheries Act, 2010 provides that any person aggrieved by this Bye-law may within 28 days after its publication in the Iris Oifigiúil, appeal against same to the High Court.