

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

FISHERIES ACTS 1959 TO 2017

CONSERVATION OF SEA TROUT BYE-LAW NO. 1016, 2024

I, Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 57 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) (as adapted by the Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 373 of 2020)), hereby make the following bye-law:

1. (1) This Bye-law may be cited as the Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 1016 of 2024.

(2) This Bye-law comes into operation on 1 January 2025.

2. In this Bye-law -

“catch and release” in relation to angling for sea trout in the waters of a river in any fishery district, means carefully handling the sea trout caught and immediately returning the sea trout alive to the waters from which they have been taken;

“sea trout” means the migratory form of *salmo trutta L.* 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. Subject to the prohibitions contained in Angling Bye-Law No. 1017, 2024 and the Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 834, 2008, a person shall not take by rod and line from the waters of a river in any fishery district more than 3 sea trout on any day in any year.

4. It is prohibited for a person, where he or she has taken the number of sea trout permitted under Article 3, to -

- (a) take by rod and line any sea trout from the waters of a river in any fishery district, other than by catch and release, or
- (b) use or attempt to use worms as bait or any fish hooks, other than single or double barbless hooks, in angling for sea trout in the waters of a river in any fishery district.

5. The following bye-laws are revoked;

- Conservation of Sea Trout Bye-law No. 1007, 2023.
- Eastern Fisheries Region No. 2 or Wexford District (River Slaney) Bye-law No. 854, 2009
- Sea Trout Bye-law No. C.S. 217, 1994.

GIVEN under my hand,

19 December 2024.

EAMON RYAN

Minister for the Environment, Climate
and Communications

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bye-law provides for a daily bag limit of 3 sea trout (less than 40 cm in length) and provides for the use of single or double barbless hooks and prohibits the use of worms as bait once the specified number of sea trout have been caught.

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.