

### **Conditions of Issue (as printed on 2016 GAME licences)**

1. Licence holders are required by law to tag all wild salmon caught and retained, immediately on landing the fish. Licence holders are required by law to tag all sea trout over 40cm in length caught and retained, immediately on landing the fish. All salmon (and all sea trout over 40cm in length) retained shall be tagged with an appropriate gill tag (blue gill tags during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May, both dates inclusive, black gill tags from 1<sup>st</sup> June to the end of the season). No salmon, sea trout, or brown trout of less than 25.4cm (10 Inches) may be retained.
2. A bag limit of 4 brown trout, or sea trout of 40cm or less in length, or a combination of both on any one day during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October, both dates inclusive. These limits apply to all waters in the Foyle and Carlingford catchments, and may be subject to amendment during the season. (See below for river specific season dates).
3. It is prohibited to kill eels and coarse fish (except Pike to which a bag limit applies).
4. Possession of a licence confers no right of fishing in any place whatsoever which the holder does not enjoy in Law. The Commission reserves the right to suspend, by regulation, fishing for any period necessary for the conservation of stocks. Anglers should ascertain whether any suspension is in force before fishing any particular river.
5. PRAWN, SHRIMP and LIVE FISH are prohibited bait in the Foyle and Carlingford areas.
6. THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU SHALL FURNISH A RETURN OF CATCHES OF SALMON AND SEA TROUT to the Loughs Agency at 22 Victoria Road Londonderry within 21 days of the end of the period to which this your licence relates, along with all unused tags issued to this licence. The logbook included on this licence should be used for this purpose. Catch returns should be made on-line. If no fish are caught a Nil return should be made.
7. THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU PRODUCE THIS LICENCE ON DEMAND TO ANY FISHERY OFFICER OR TO ANY MEMBER OF THE POLICE.
8. A permit may be required along with your licence to fish in the Foyle and Carlingford areas.

### **Conditions of Issue (as printed on 2016 COARSE licences)**

1. This licence is issued by the Foyle Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission as an authority to fish. Possession confers no right of fishing in any place whatsoever which the holder does not enjoy in Law. The holder must ensure they have the necessary permission to fish in any particular waters.
2. Any Salmon, Sea Trout Brown Trout or Rainbow trout inadvertently caught must be returned immediately to the waters from which they were taken.
3. IT IS PROHIBITED TO KILL EELS AND COARSE FISH (except pike). Eels and all coarse fish (except pike) caught must be carefully handled and returned alive and unharmed to the water. Anglers are requested to follow the Loughs Agency catch and release guidance.
4. PIKE. A bag limit of 2 pike, each weighing less than 4 kilograms, on any one day.  
\*All pike weighing 4 kilograms or more and any pike caught in excess of the bag limit must be returned immediately to the water without avoidable injury.

\*EXCEPTION FOR SPECIMEN PIKE. A bag limit of 1 specimen pike in any one day may be retained. A specimen pike in a river is 9 kilograms or more and in a lake 13.6 kilograms or more. Note that this provision allows one specimen pike to be retained in addition to the daily bag limit for the pike of 4 kilograms or less.

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## **ANGLING SEASONS FOR THE WATERS OF THE FOYLE & CARLINGFORD AREAS**

- A. The River Foyle, Lough Foyle, the River Finn its lakes and tributaries; the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March to 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, both days inclusive.
- B. All remaining rivers in the Foyle Area the 1<sup>st</sup> day April to 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, both days inclusive.
- C. All remaining lakes or Loughs in the Foyle Area except Binevenagh Dam; the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, both days inclusive. Binevenagh Dam: 1<sup>st</sup> day of February to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, both days inclusive.
- D. Angling Clubs and Associations who have leased the fishing rights of rivers within the Foyle Area and Carlingford area may impose an opening date for angling later than 1st April.
- E. All Waters in the Carlingford Area 1<sup>st</sup> day of March to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Both days inclusive.

**NOTE: Angling may be suspended by Regulation during the Season**

**ANGLERS ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN GENTLY TO THE WATER ANY GRAVID HEN SALMON OR SEA TROUT THEY CATCH.**

## **CATCH AND RELEASE ADVICE**

Where an angler takes any salmon, sea trout or brown trout of less than the minimum length, or in excess of the maximum numbers specified by regulation such fish shall be returned to the water without avoidable injury.

An angler should make every effort to return the fish alive to the water. If this is unsuccessful, the fish must be tagged and the Loughs Agency informed immediately. As soon as practicable, the fish must be surrendered to the Loughs Agency, whereupon a replacement tag will be issued.

Anglers are requested to release fish without handling or removing them from water.

Where an angler retains the daily bag limit, period bag limit, or annual bag limit, angling is permitted only with a single barbless hook with a gape of 12mm or less. In this situation the use of earthworms, as bait, is prohibited.