



INLAND FISHERIES ACT 1976

INLAND FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2000

Approved by Tynwald 18 February 2000

Coming into operation 18 February 2000

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry by section 14(1) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Inland Fisheries Act 1976(a), and of all other enabling powers, the following Regulations are hereby made:-

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Inland Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 1999, and, subject to section 14(3) of the Inland Fisheries Act 1976, shall come into operation on 18 February 2000.

Amendment of G.C. No. 18/83

2. In the Inland Fisheries Regulations 1983(b) -

(a) for regulation 10 substitute -

“Prohibition of use of certain fishing equipment

10. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), no person shall, for the purpose of catching or killing or attempting to catch or kill any freshwater fish or salmon in any waters, use any of the following equipment -

(a) a line any part of which has a breaking strain in excess of 4.5 kilograms (10 lb.);

(b) a line with more than one hook attached thereto; or

(a) 1976 c. 26

(b) G.C. No. 18/83 : regulation 10 was amended by G.C. No. 707/98; regulation 12 was amended by G.C. No. 59/86

(c) a hook larger than No. 6 Redditch scale,

nor have such equipment in his possession in such circumstances as to satisfy the court before which he is charged that he intended at the time to catch or kill any freshwater fish or salmon by means thereof;

(2) Paragraph (1)(b) shall not apply in respect of the following tackles -

(a) the tackle known as Pennal or Stuart tackles;

(b) tackle comprising a leader and point fly, with one or two dropper flies attached to the leader by a snell where the court before which the person is charged is satisfied that it was being used or was intended to be used for fly fishing only;

(c) the tackles known as a spinner, lure and spoon where the court before which a person is charged is satisfied that the tackle was being used in a manner consistent only with the proper use of a spinner, lure or spoon;

(i) in a reservoir, where the spinner, lure or spoon does not exceed 10 grams in weight and does not exceed 65 millimetres in length, inclusive of hook and dressing; or

(ii) in a river, where the spinner, lure or spoon does not exceed 15 grams in weight and does not exceed 100 millimetres in length, inclusive of hook and dressing.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), save as respects the tackle referred to in paragraph (2), more than one bend having a common shaft or the shafts of which are, by whatever method, joined together, shall be deemed to constitute more than one hook.

(4) Paragraph (1)(c) shall not apply in the case of a hook comprised in an artificial fly.

(5) No person shall, for the purpose of catching or killing or attempting to catch or kill any freshwater fish in a reservoir, use a rubber worm or similar artificial bait.”;

(b) for regulation 12 substitute -

“Prohibition of use of live or organic bait in Reservoirs

12. No person shall use in any reservoir, other than the Eairy Dam, any live bait, worms, ground bait or organic matters, including any substance with which artificial bait may be impregnated and which is designed to disperse through the water and attract fish by sense of smell.”.

MADE 13 January 2000

Alex F Downie

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Regulations refine the methods which may be used when angling. The Regulations -

- place the tackles known as a lure and a spoon within the same weight and length criteria as already apply to spinners (no more than 10 grams/65 millimetres in a reservoir; no more than 15 grams/100 millimetres in a river);
- prohibit the use of rubber worms or similar bait in reservoirs;
- include within the meaning of “organic matters” which may not be used in a reservoir any substance with which artificial bait may be impregnated and which is designed to disperse through the water and attract fish by sense of smell.

The Regulations come into operation on 18 February 2000.