

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (CONSERVATION OF WILD BIRDS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1996.**

I, MICHAEL D. HIGGINS, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purpose of giving further effect to Council Directive of 2nd April, 1979 on the conservation of wild birds No. 79/409/EEC<sup>1</sup> hereby make the following Regulations:

<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. L103/1,25/4/1979.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds) (Amendment) Regulations, 1996.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1996.

2. The European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds) Regulations, 1985 (S.I. No. 291 of 1985), is hereby amended in the Schedule, by the addition of the following paragraphs after paragraph 67:

"68. Akeragh Lough, Banna and Barrow Harbour in the county of Kerry

The area of land known as Akeragh Lough, Banna and Barrow Harbour and contiguous seashore situated in the county of Kerry enclosed on the map in Schedule 1 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black."

69. "Boyne Estuary in the counties of Louth and Meath

The area of foreshore known as the Boyne Estuary situated in the counties of Louth and Meath and contiguous seashore enclosed on the map in Schedules 2 and 3 of these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

70. Greers Island in the county of Donegal

The area of land known as Greers Island situated in the county of Donegal comprising of the main island known as Greers Island and adjacent islets and rocks and contiguous seashore enclosed on the map in Schedule 4 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

71. Inishbofin, Inishdooley and Inishbeg in the county of Donegal

The islands known as Inishbofin, Inishdooley and Inishbeg situated in the county of Donegal and adjacent islets and rocks and contiguous seashore enclosed on the map in Schedule 5 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

72. The islands of Inishglora and Inishkeeragh in the county of Mayo

The islands known as Inishglora and Inishkeeragh situated in the county of Mayo and adjacent islets and rocks and contiguous seashore enclosed on the map in Schedule 6 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

73. Lough Scannive in the county of Galway

The area of land known as Lough Scannive situated in the county of Galway enclosed on the map in Schedule 7 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

74. Rahasane Turlough in the county of Galway

The area of land known as Rahasane Turlough situated in the county of Galway enclosed on the map in Schedule 8 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

75. Sheskinmore Lough in the county of Donegal

The area of land known as Sheskinmore Lough situated in the county of Donegal enclosed on the map in Schedule 9 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

76. Stabannan - Braganstown in the county of Louth

The area of land known as Stabannan-Braganstown situated in the county of Louth enclosed on the map in Schedule 10 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black.

77. Termoncarragh Lake in the county of Mayo

The area of land known as Termoncarragh Lake situated in the county of Mayo enclosed on the map in Schedule 11 to these Regulations within the inner margins of the black line and hatched thereon in black."

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 11th day of September, 1996.

MICHAEL D. HIGGINS,

Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Council Directive of 2 April, 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (79/409/EEC) provides for the conservation of wild birds by, among other things, classifying important ornithological sites as Special Protection Areas for them. The effect of these Regulations is to classify an additional ten sites as Special Protection Areas in accordance with Article 4 of the Directive and to provide that contravention of the provisions of these Regulations shall constitute an offence.

(Schedule omitted)