



Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966

1966 CHAPTER 17

PART XII

SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

186 Complaints.

[^{F1}(1)] A complaint charging the commission of a summary offence under any provision of this Act may be heard and determined by a court of summary jurisdiction whether or not the complainant is an authorised person for the purposes of Part XI.

[^{F1}(2) Notwithstanding anything in Article 19(1)(a) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, summary proceedings for an offence under section 45 (including that section as applied by section 7A), or Part VII may be brought at any time within the period of six months from the date on which evidence, sufficient in the opinion of [^{F2}the Department] to justify a prosecution for the offence, comes to the knowledge of [^{F2}the Department] ; but no such proceedings shall be brought by virtue of this section more than two years after the commission of the offence.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) a certificate purporting to be signed [^{F3}on behalf of the Department] , as to the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to the knowledge of [^{F2}the Department] , shall be conclusive evidence thereof.]

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F2 S. 186(2)(3): words in Act substituted (1.6.2009) by [Public Authorities \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. 1(3)(b), 7(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2009/172, [art. 2\(a\)\(b\)](#)

F3 Words in s. 186(3) substituted (1.6.2009) by [Public Authorities \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. 1(3)(b), 7(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3\(39\)](#) (with Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2009/172, [art. 2\(a\)\(b\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, Section 186.