

1976 No. 282

FISHERIES

**Mourne Coast (Restriction of Fishing) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1976**

Made 27th September 1976

Coming into operation 4th October 1976

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 124 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mourne Coast (Restrictions of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 4th October 1976.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“exclusive fishery limits of the British Islands” has the same meaning as that expression is given in section 1(1)(a) of the Fishery Limits Act 1964(c);

“fishery limits of the British Islands” has the same meaning as that expression is given in section 1(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1964;

“herring” means fish of the species *Clupea harengus*;

“registered length” in relation to a vessel means the length in relation to which its tonnage is calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(d).

Restriction of fishing

3. Between 4th October 1976 and 17th October 1976, both dates inclusive, no fishing boat of 35 feet or greater registered length shall be used for the purpose of catching herring in the area of sea described in Schedule 1.

4. Between 4th October 1976 and 17th October 1976, both dates inclusive, no fishing boat of 35 feet or greater registered length shall be used for the purpose of catching any species of fish whatsoever in the area of sea described in Schedule 2, and such fishing boats while within this area shall keep their trawl doors unshackled and lashed, their trawl warps unshackled and their nets stowed and lashed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for
Northern Ireland on 27th September 1976.

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E. G. Sherrard

Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)

(c) 1964 c. 72

(d) 1894 c. 60

SCHEDULE 1

The area of sea adjacent to Northern Ireland within the fishery limits of the British Islands which lies between a line running due east from the Roaring Rock (approximately $54^{\circ} 10' N$) and a line running due south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately $54^{\circ} 00' N$).

SCHEDULE 2

The area of sea adjacent to Northern Ireland within the exclusive fishery limits of the British Islands which lies between a line running due east from the Roaring Rock (approximately $54^{\circ} 10' N$) and a line running due south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately $54^{\circ} 00' N$).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations prohibit the use of fishing boats of 35 feet or greater registered length for fishing for herring between 4th October 1976 and 17th October 1976 within the 12 mile fishery limit off the County Down coast between a line running east from the Roaring Rock and a line running south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks. They also prohibit the use of such fishing boats for fishing for any species of fish whatsoever within the 6 mile fishery limit between the same two lines and impose certain requirements on such fishing boats while they are in such area of the sea.