

1978 No. 277

FISHERIES

Herring (Restriction of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made 18th September 1978

Coming into operation 20th September 1978

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19 and 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 Herring (Restriction of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 20th September 1978.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“British fishery limits” has the same meaning as that expression is given in section 1(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976(c);

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

“registered length” in relation to a sea fishing vessel means the length as calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1970(d).

Restriction of fishing

3. Between 20th September 1978 and 31st December 1978, both dates inclusive, no fishing boat of a registered length of 35 feet or more shall be used for the purpose of catching herring in the area of sea described in Schedule 1.

4. Except as provided in regulation 5 between 20th September 1978 and 31st December 1978, both dates inclusive, no fishing boat of a registered length of under 35 feet shall be used for the purpose of catching herring in the area of sea described in Schedule 1.

5. Between 20th September 1978 and 27th October 1978, both dates inclusive, a fishing boat of under 35 feet registered length may be used for the purpose of catching herring in the area of sea described in Schedule 2 (being part of the area described in Schedule 1) during any period beginning at 1900 hours on each Sunday and ending at 0700 hours on the following Friday.

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

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

(c) 1976 c.86

(d) 1894 c.60, 1964 c.47, 1970 c.36

Revocation

6. The Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(e) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 18th September 1978.

(L.S.)

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Senior Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1

That part of the waters within British fishery limits which is adjacent to Northern Ireland and which lies between $55^{\circ}00'N$ and a line running due south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately $54^{\circ}00'N$) and is—

- (a) not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines; and
- (b) not more than 12 miles from the Northern Irish baselines.

SCHEDULE 2

That part of the waters within British fishery limits which is adjacent to Northern Ireland and 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 $54^{\circ}00'N$) and is not more than a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Northern Irish baselines.

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 catching herring during the period 20th September 1978 and 31st December 1978, off the Northern Ireland coast in the area which lies between $55^{\circ}N$ and a line running south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately $54^{\circ}N$) and extends from the coast out to 12 miles from baselines or out to the median line with Scotland where this line is less than 12 miles from the baselines.

They also prohibit the use of fishing boats of under 35 feet registered length for catching herring in the same area during the same period except that these boats may fish for herring during the period 20th September 1978 and 27th October 1978, both dates inclusive, between 1900 hours each Sunday and 0700 hours on the following Friday, within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off the Co. Down coast in the area which lies between a line running due east from the Roaring Rock (approximately $54^{\circ}10'N$) and a line running south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately $54^{\circ}N$).

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