

1986 No. 150

FISHERIES

Scallops (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made 27th May 1986

Coming into operation 1st June 1986

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 124(1) and 124(2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) 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 Scallops (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1986.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“British fishery limits” has the same meaning as in the Fishery Limits Act 1976(b);

“British-owned fishing boat” means any fishing boat whose master, owner or, if appropriate, charterer is a British citizen;

“scallops” means fish of the species *Pecten maximus*.

Prohibition of fishing

3. From 31st May 1986 until 30th June 1986 fishing for scallops by British-owned fishing boats shall be prohibited in the area of sea described in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 27th May 1986.

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N. E. Morrison

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as substituted by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 6

(b) 1976 c. 86

That part of the waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland(a) bounded by the parallel of latitude of 55°00'N and a line running due south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks at approximately 54°00'N and which is not more than 12 miles from the Northern Irish baselines.

(a) See section 206(1) of Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (1966 c. 17 (N.I.)) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 10(2) and Schedule 4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations prohibit from 1st June 1986 to 30th June 1986, both dates inclusive, fishing for scallops by British-owned fishing boats in an area off the Northern Ireland coast. This area is within British fishery limits adjacent to Northern Ireland bounded to the north by the parallel of 55° North latitude, to the south by a line running south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately 54° North latitude) and extends to 12 miles from the baselines from which breadth of the territorial sea is measured or out to the median line with Scotland where this line is less than 12 miles from the baselines.

A person who contravenes these regulations or who brings to land, lands or sells, or offers or exposes for sale or has in his possession for the purpose of sale scallops caught in contravention of them is guilty of an offence for which a penalty is prescribed by sections 124 and 126 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (as amended by the Fisheries Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1981). The penalty is a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1,000. If the regulations are contravened in the case of a sea-fishing boat the master and the owner or, if appropriate, the charterer are each guilty of an offence for which the penalty is a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1,000 as also prescribed by section 124 of the Act.