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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order prohibits fishing for, and landing of, lobsters and crawfish bearing a V notch or mutilated in such a manner as to obscure a V notch (articles 3 and 4). By virtue of sections 5(1) and 6(5) respectively of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (c. 84) it is an offence to fish for or land such lobsters or crawfish in contravention of this Order. Section 5(6) of that Act provides that any fish caught in contravention of the Order shall be returned to the sea forthwith. Section 5(7) provides that where subsection (6) is not complied with the master, the owner and the charterer (if any) of the fishing boat shall each be guilty of an offence.

The Order also confers upon British sea-fishery officers powers necessary for the enforcement of the Order (article 5).