EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the South Arran Marine Conservation Order 2014 ("the principal Order"). The principal Order designates a protected area within the South Arran Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area within which certain activities are prohibited and regulated.

This Order amends article 4 of the principal Order to provide that fishing with a rod and line, or with a handline, is not a prohibited activity within the protected area. A definition for a "handline" is inserted into article 2 of the principal Order.

Article 5 of the principal Order provides that the Scottish Ministers may issue permits authorising certain specified activities which would, apart from such permit, be unlawful within the protected area. This Order amends article 5 of the principal Order to provide that the Scottish Ministers may issue permits authorising additional activities: the deployment and use of a creel or a parlour creel within the protected area.