

1973 No. 2084

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Sea Fishing (North-West Atlantic) Licensing Order 1973

Made - - - - 7th December 1973

Laid before Parliament 19th December 1973

Coming into Operation 10th January 1974

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, being satisfied that substantially equivalent measures are being taken by governments of other countries concerned, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Fishing (North-West Atlantic) Licensing Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 10th January 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order “the Act” means the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Appointed day

3. The appointed day for the purposes of section 4 of the Act (which prohibits the use of British fishing boats for fishing by way of trade or business in any area specified in an order made under that section as from a day appointed by the order except under the authority of a licence) in conjunction with this Order, is 10th January 1974.

(a) 1967 c. 84.

(b) 1968 c. 77.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

Area

4. This Order applies to fishing for all sea fish in the areas of sea specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Enforcement

5. For the purpose of the enforcement of section 4 of the Act in conjunction with this Order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th December 1973.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

7th December 1973.

Francis Pym,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

7th December 1973.

SCHEDULE

Specified areas to which the Order applies:—

- (a) All waters, except territorial waters, bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of Rhode Island in $71^{\circ} 40'$ west longitude; thence due south to 39° north latitude; thence due east to 42° west longitude; thence due north to 59° north latitude; thence due west to 44° west longitude; thence due north to the coast of Greenland; thence along the west coast of Greenland to $78^{\circ} 10'$ north latitude; thence southwards to a point in 75° north latitude and $73^{\circ} 30'$ west longitude; thence along a rhumb line to a point in 69° north latitude and 59° west longitude; thence due south to 61° north latitude; thence due west to $64^{\circ} 30'$ west longitude; thence due south to the coast of Labrador; thence in a southerly direction along the coast of Labrador to the southern terminus of its boundary with Quebec; thence in a westerly direction along the coast of Quebec; and in an easterly and southerly direction along the coasts of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Cape Breton Island to Cabot Strait, thence along the coasts of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island to the point of beginning; and
- (b) All waters, except territorial waters, bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of Rhode Island in $71^{\circ} 40'$ west longitude; thence due south to 39° north latitude; thence due east to $65^{\circ} 40'$ west longitude; thence due south to 35° north latitude; thence due west to the coast of North Carolina; thence in a northerly direction along the coasts of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to the point of beginning.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Section 4 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 provides that from a day appointed by an Order no British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom shall be used by way of trade or business for fishing in any area specified in the Order except under the authority of a licence granted by one of the fisheries Ministers.

This Order, which implements the recommendations of the International Commission for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries, appoints 10th January 1974 as the date from which no such fishing boat shall so fish for sea fish in specified areas of the North-West Atlantic except under the authority of such a licence. Waters referred to in paragraph (a) of the Schedule to the Order are the waters to which the International Convention for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries applies; and the waters referred to in paragraph (b) form part of the area known as the Statistical Area 6.

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