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**1981 No. 1662**

**SEA FISHERIES**

**BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING**

**The Herring (North Sea and Specified Western Waters) Licensing  
(Variation) Order 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>23rd November 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th November 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>21st December 1981</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4, 15(3) and 20(1) as read with section 22(2), but not as applied by any Order in Council made under section 24(1), of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Herring (North Sea and Specified Western Waters) Licensing (Variation) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1981.

2. The Herring (North Sea and Specified Western Waters) Licensing Order 1981(b) is hereby varied—

(a) by inserting at the beginning of paragraph (2) of Article 3 thereof the words “Subject to paragraph (3) below,”; and

(b) by adding to article 3 thereof the following paragraph:—

“(3) The exception provided for by paragraph (2) above shall not apply to fishing in the Thames and Blackwater coastal area, that is to say the area of sea adjacent to England which lies between a line drawn due east from Landguard Point, Felixstowe and a line drawn due east from North Foreland Lighthouse and within 6 miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.”.

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(a) 1967 c. 84; the relevant amendments are as follows: sections 4 and 15(3) are amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), sections 3 and 9(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 16(1); section 4 is also amended by the Fisheries Act 1981 (c. 29) section 20; section 15(3) is also amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77), section 22(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 38(3); and section 22(2) is amended by section 45 of the Act of 1981.

(b) S.I. 1981/1295.

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In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 9th November 1981.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

11th November 1981.                      *George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

13th November 1981.                      *Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

23rd November 1981.                      *James Prior,*  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order varies the Herring (North Sea and Specified Western Waters) Licensing Order 1981, which imposes licensing requirements on British fishing boats (other than those registered in the Isle of Man or Channel Islands) when fishing for herring in ICES Area IV, VII d- h (excluding Channel Islands waters) or VII a.

The variation made by this order provides that the exemption from those requirements for fishing by handline or by British fishing boats having a registered length of less than 40 ft. shall not apply in the Thames and Blackwater coastal area, ie. the area between Landguard Point, Felixstowe and North Foreland Lighthouse and within six miles off the coast.

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