

1983 No. 1881

## SEA FISHERIES

## CONSERVATION OF SEA FISH

## The Sea Fish Licensing (Variation) Order 1983

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	19th December 1983
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		20th December 1983
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		10th January 1984

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 on them by sections 4, 15(3) and 20(1) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Sea Fish Licensing (Variation) Order 1983, and shall come into operation on 10th January 1984.

*Variation of the Sea Fish Licensing Order 1983*

2. The Sea Fish Licensing Order 1983(b) is hereby varied—

(a) by substituting in article 3(2)(b) thereof for the words “12.19 metres (40 feet)” the words “10 metres”;

(b) by deleting from sub-paragraph (i) of the said article 3(2)(b) the words “north of 52°30' latitude and”;

(c) by substituting in column 2 of Schedule 2 thereto for the name “monkfish”, in each place where it occurs, the name “anglerfish”.

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(a) 1967 c. 84; section 4 was amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), section 3 and by the Fisheries Act 1981 (c. 29), section 20; section 15(3) was amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77), Schedule 1, paragraph 38(3) and by the Fishery Limits Act 1976, Schedule 2, paragraph 16(1); section 4 was applied in relation to British fishing boats registered in the Isle of Man and any of the Channel Islands by the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Manx Boats) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/281) and the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Channel Islands Boats) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/280); section 22(2)(a) which contains a definition of “the Ministers” for the purposes of sections 4 and 15(3) was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981, sections 19(2)(d) and 45(b).

(b) S.I. 1983/1206.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th December 1983.



*Michael Jopling,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

*George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

14th December 1983.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

8th December 1983.

*James Prior,*  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

13th December 1983.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order varies the Sea Fish Licensing Order 1983, which requires a licence to be obtained for fishing by British fishing boats in specified areas of sea for the principal species of sea fish. One of the exceptions from the requirement to obtain a licence is for boats whose length is under 12.19 metres; this order reduces the length below which the requirement does not apply to 10 metres.

Under the 1983 order fishing by British fishing boats whose length is less than 12.19 metres, or (after the amendment referred to above) 10 metres, is still subject to the requirement to obtain a licence if they fish for herring in ICES VIIa (*Irish Sea*) north of 52°30'; this order amends this requirement so that it applies throughout ICES VIIa, including the area south of 52°30'.

This order also substitutes for the name "monkfish" (which is sometimes used for *Lophius* spp), wherever it occurs in the 1983 order, the more appropriate name "anglerfish".



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