

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 552

SEA FISHERIES

CONSERVATION OF SEA FISH

The Immature Bass (Variation) Order 1983

<i>Made - - - -</i>	11th April 1983
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	18th April 1983
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	30th April 1983

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1(1) and (2) 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:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Immature Bass (Variation) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 30th April 1983.

Variation of the Immature Bass Order 1981

2. The Immature Bass Order 1981 (b) shall be varied by substituting for article 4 thereof the following article:—

“Minimum size for bass

4. For the purposes of section 1(1) and (2) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (which prohibits the landing or sale in Great Britain of any sea fish of any description, being a fish of a smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea fish of that description), a length of 32 centimetres is hereby prescribed in relation to bass of the species *Dicentrarchus labrax*.”

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 11th April 1983.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(a) 1967 c.84; section 1 was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981 (c.29), section 19(1); section 22(2)(b) which contains a definition of “the Ministers” for the purposes of section 1(1) and (2) was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981, sections 19(2)(d) and 45(c).
(b) S.I. 1981/535.

7th April 1983.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

11th April 1983.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order varies the Immature Bass Order 1981 which provided that the minimum size for bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), below which the fish may not be landed or sold in Great Britain, should be 32 cm in length until 30th April 1983 and 38 cm thereafter. By virtue of this variation order that increase in the prescribed minimum size to 38 cm will not take effect.

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