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**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Conservation of Seals (England and Wales) Order  
1988**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>21st November 1988</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>28th November 1988</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>19th December 1988</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 3(1) of the Conservation of Seals Act 1970<sup>(a)</sup>, and after consultation with the Natural Environment Research Council as required by that section, I hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Conservation of Seals (England and Wales) Order 1988 and shall come into force on 19th December 1988.

(2) Without prejudice to its earlier revocation this Order shall cease to have effect on the expiration of two years beginning with the date of its coming into force.

2. There is hereby prohibited in England and Wales and within the seaward limits of the territorial waters adjacent thereto the killing, injuring or taking of the seals of the species known as *Halichoerus grypus* (grey seals).

3. For the purposes of article 2 above, the territorial waters adjacent to England and Wales shall be taken to be—

- (a) on the east coast, the territorial waters south of a line drawn at 055° true from the point on the mainland at 55° 48'.67 North latitude and 02° 02'.0 West longitude; and
- (b) on the west coast, the territorial waters south of a line drawn at 050° true from Point of Ayre light on the Isle of Man to the Barnkirk Point light near Annan: provided that any waters which are nearer to any point on the coast of Scotland than to any point on the coasts of England or Northern Ireland shall be deemed to be north of that line.

Home Office  
21st November 1988

*Douglas Hurd*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1970 c.30.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order prohibits for two years with effect from 19th December 1988 the killing, injuring or taking of grey seals in England and Wales and adjacent territorial waters.

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