
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 3193

SEA FISHERIES

CONSERVATION OF SEA FISH

**The Haddock, Hake, Nephrops, Plaice and Sole
(Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1993**

Made - - - - 20th December 1993

Laid before Parliament 20th December 1993

Coming into force - - 21st December 1993

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 5(1), 15(3) and 22(2)(a) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Haddock, Hake, Nephrops, Plaice and Sole (Specified Sea Areas) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1993 and shall come into force on 21st December 1993.

(2) In this Order—

“British fishing boat” means a fishing boat which is registered in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands or which, not being so registered, is British-owned;

“length”, in relation to a boat, means the length calculated in accordance with the rules specified in Article 2(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No.2930/86 defining characteristics for fishing vessels(2);

“sea area” means a statistical sub-area or division of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea(3) or the area known as CECAF Division 34.1.1 (EC Zone) specified in the Schedule hereto.

(1) 1967 c. 84; section 5(1) was substituted by section 22(1) of the Fisheries Act 1981 (c. 29); section 15(3) was substituted by paragraph 38(3) of Schedule 1 to the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77) and amended by paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 to the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86); section 22(2)(a) which contains a definition of “the Ministers” for the purposes of sections 5 and 15(3) was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981, sections 19(2)(d) and 45(b).

(2) OJNo. L274, 25.9.86, p. 1.

(3) Cmnd. 2586.

Prohibition and exception

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, fishing for—

- (a) haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in sea areas ICES Sub-Areas VII, VIII, IX, X or CECAF 34.1.1 (EC Zone);
- (b) hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) in sea areas ICES Division Vb, Sub-Areas VI, VII, XII or XIV;
- (c) nephrops (*Nephrops norvegicus*) in sea area ICES Sub-Area VII;
- (d) plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*) in sea area ICES Division VIIa; or
- (e) sole (*Solea solea*) in sea area ICES Division VIIa,

by

- (i) any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom within any part of a sea area; or
- (ii) any other British fishing boat within any part of a sea area which lies within British fishery limits,

is prohibited during the period beginning with the date of coming into force of this Order and ending immediately before 1st January 1994.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) above shall not apply to any boat whose length exceeds 10 metres, except in the case of any boat used wholly for the purpose of conveying persons wishing to fish for pleasure with rod and line or by handline.

Powers of British sea-fishery officers in relation to fishing boats

3.—(1) For the purpose of the enforcement of this Order a British sea-fishery officer may exercise the powers conferred by paragraphs (2) to

(4) below—

- (a) anywhere in relation to any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in any waters adjacent to the United Kingdom and within British fishery limits in relation to any other British fishing boat.

(2) He may go on board the boat, with or without persons assigned to assist him in his duties, and for that purpose may require the boat to stop and do anything else which will facilitate the boarding of the boat.

(3) He may require the attendance of the master and other persons on board the boat and may make any examination and inquiry which appears to him to be necessary for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) above and, in particular—

- (a) may examine any fish on the boat and the equipment of the boat, including the fishing gear, and require persons on board the boat to do anything which appears to him to be necessary for facilitating the examination;
- (b) may require any person on board the boat to produce any document relating to the boat to its fishing operations or other operations ancillary thereto or to the persons on board which is in his custody or possession and may take copies of any such document;
- (c) for the purpose of ascertaining whether the master, owner or charterer of the boat has committed an offence under section 5(1) or (6) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967⁽⁴⁾ as read with this Order, may search the boat for any such document and may require

(4) Subsection (6) was amended by section 22(2) of the Fisheries Act 1981. By virtue of subsection (7), where subsection (6) is not complied with in the case of any fishing boat, the master, the owner and the charterer (if any) are guilty of an offence under that subsection.

any person on board the boat to do anything which appears to him to be necessary for facilitating the search; and

- (d) where the boat is one in relation to which he has reason to suspect that such an offence has been committed, may seize and detain any such document produced to him or found on board for the purpose of enabling the document to be used as evidence in proceedings for the offence;

but nothing in sub-paragraph (d) above shall permit any document required by law to be carried on board the boat to be seized and detained except while the boat is detained in a port.

(4) Where it appears to a British sea-fishery officer that a contravention of this Order has at any time taken place within British fishery limits, he may—

- (a) require the master of the boat in relation to which the contravention took place to take, or may himself take, the boat and its crew to the port which appears to him to be the nearest convenient port; and
- (b) detain or require the master to detain the boat in the port;

and where such an officer detains or requires the detention of a boat he shall serve on the master a notice in writing stating that the boat will be or is required to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the service on the master of a further notice in writing signed by a British sea-fishery officer.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on

20th December 1993. *Gillian Shephard*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

15th December 1993 *Hector Monro*
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish
Office

15th December 1993 *Gwilym Jones*
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh
Office

16th December 1993 *Arran*
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Northern Ireland Office

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SCHEDULE

Regulation1(2)

SEA AREAS ICES

Statistical Division Vb (Faroes Grounds)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point in 63 degrees 00' north latitude, 4 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due west to 15 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 60 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to 5 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to 60 degrees 30' north latitude; thence due east to 4 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area VI (Rockall and West of Scotland)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the north coast of Scotland in 4 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to 60 degrees 30' north latitude; thence due west to 5 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 60 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 54 degrees 30' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence in a northerly and easterly direction along the coasts of the Republic of Ireland and of Northern Ireland to a point on the east coast of Northern Ireland in 55 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of Scotland; thence in a northerly direction along the west coast of Scotland to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area VII (Irish Sea, West of Ireland and Porcupine Bank, South Coast of Ireland, British Channel and English Channel)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the west coast of the Republic of Ireland in 54 degrees 30' north latitude; thence due west to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 48 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of France; thence in a northerly and north-easterly direction along the coast of France to a point in 51 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to the south-east coast of England; thence in a westerly and northerly direction along the coasts of England, Wales and Scotland to a point on the west coast of Scotland in 55 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to the coast of Northern Ireland; thence in a northerly and westerly direction along the coasts of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Division VIIa (Irish Sea)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the west coast of Scotland in 55 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to the coast of Northern Ireland; thence in a southerly direction along the coasts of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to a point on the south-east coast of the Republic of Ireland in 52 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of Wales; thence in a north-easterly and northerly direction along the coasts of Wales, England and Scotland to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area VIII (Bay of Biscay)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of France in 48 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 43 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of Spain; thence in a northerly direction along the coasts of Spain and France to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area IX (Portuguese Waters)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of Spain in 43 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 36 degrees 00' north

latitude; thence due east to a point on the coast of Spain (Punta Marroqui isthmus) in 5 degrees 36' west longitude; thence in a north-westerly direction along the south-west coast of Spain, the coast of Portugal, and the north-west coast of Spain to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area X (Azores Grounds)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point in 48 degrees 00' north latitude, 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due west to 42 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 36 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area XII (North of Azores)

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point in 62 degrees 00' north latitude, 15 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due west to 27 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 59 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due west to 42 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 48 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due to 18 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to 60 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to 15 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to the point of beginning.

ICES Statistical Sub-Area XIV (East Greenland)

The waters bounded by a line from the geographic North Pole along the meridian of 40 degrees 00' west longitude to the north coast of Greenland; thence in an easterly and southerly direction along the coast of Greenland to a point in 44 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 59 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to 27 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to 68 degrees 00' north latitude; thence due east to 11 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due north to the geographic North Pole.

CECAF Division 34.1.1. (EC Zone)

The waters commonly known as the Moroccan coast bounded by a line drawn from a position on the coast of Spain in 36 degrees 00' north latitude and 5 degrees 36' west longitude (isthmus of Punta Marroqui); thence due west to 13 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due south to 29 degrees 00' north latitude; thence in a southerly and westerly direction to a position in 26 degrees 00' north latitude and 16 degrees 00' west longitude; thence due east to a point on the coast of the continent of Africa in 26 degrees 00' north latitude; thence in a northerly and easterly direction along the coast of the continent of Africa to a point in 5 degrees 36' west longitude; thence due north to the point of commencement.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits, subject to an exception, fishing for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) nephrops (*Nephrops norvegicus*) and plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*) during the period beginning with the date of coming into force of the Order and ending immediately before 1st January 1994.

The prohibition applies to fishing for—

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- (a) haddock in ICES Sub-Areas VII, VIII, IX, X or CECAF 34.1.1.(EC Zone);
- (b) hake in ICES Division Vb, Sub-Areas VI, VII, XII or XIV;
- (c) nephrops in ICES Sub-Area VII;
- (d) plaice in ICES Division VIIa; or
- (e) sole in ICES Division VIIa,

by

- (i) any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom within any part of a sea area; or
- (ii) any other British fishing boat within any part of a sea area which lies within British fishery limits (article 2).

This Order does not apply to any boat over 10 metres in length, except in the case of any boat used wholly for the purpose of conveying persons wishing to fish for pleasure with rod and line or by handline (article 2(2)).“Length” is defined in article 1(2).

By virtue of section 5(6) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (as amended by section 22(2) of the Fisheries Act 1981), where, in the course of any fishing operations conducted in any of the above-mentioned sea areas, haddock, hake, nephrops and plaice are taken on board a boat to which this Order applies, those fish shall (subject to section 9 of that Act) be returned to the sea forthwith.

British sea-fishery officers are given certain enforcement powers for the purpose of the enforcement of the Order (article 3).