
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 430

Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Prohibition of fishing and fishing methods

3.—(1) Subject to regulation 4, fishing for scallops by any means within the defined area is prohibited—

- (a) during the period commencing at 8p.m. on each weekday other than Saturday and ending at 6a.m. on the next following weekday; and
 - (b) during the period commencing at 6 a.m. on each Saturday and ending at 6 a.m. on the next following Monday.
- (2) A person shall not use or carry on board any British fishing boat within the defined area—
- (a) a scallop dredge or system of scallop dredges with a width, or in the case of a system of scallop dredges, an aggregate width, of more than 915 cms;
 - (b) a scallop dredge with more than 9 teeth per dredge or tooth bar;
 - (c) a scallop dredge with a tooth spacing between the internal edges of less than 75 mm on the dredge or tooth bar;
 - (d) a scallop dredge with belly rings having a clear opening of less than 75 mm internal diameter;
 - (e) a scallop dredge with a mesh size of less than 100 mm in the netting cover; and
 - (f) a French dredge.
- (3) A person shall not use or carry on board any ^{F1}... fishing boat within the defined area—
- (a) a tow bar which exceeds 5.5 metres in length;
 - (b) a tow bar 5.5 metres or less in length which is constructed in such a way as to enable more than 6 scallop dredges to be attached to it at the same time.
- (4) A person shall not fish for scallops within the defined area using more than 6 scallop dredges from each side of any ^{F2}... fishing boat.
- (5) A person shall not, while diving, take scallops during the period 1st June to 31st October, both days inclusive, in any year, within the defined area.
- (6) Paragraph (5) shall not apply in relation to the taking of scallops in Strangford Lough.
- (7) A person shall not, within the defined area—
- (a) take by diving; or
 - (b) land, bring to land or retain on board any ^{F3}... fishing boat,
- scallops of a size less than 110mm.
- (8) A person who, within the defined area, catches fish by any means other than a scallop dredge shall not take and retain on board a ^{F4}... fishing boat, scallops which are more than 1% by weight of the total of all fish on board.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, Section 3. (See end of Document for details)

- F1** Word in [reg. 3\(3\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Fisheries Act 2020 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 54(3)(a), [Sch. 2 para. 34\(3\)](#) (with s. 50, [Sch. 4 para. 31](#))
- F2** Word in [reg. 3\(4\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Fisheries Act 2020 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 54(3)(a), [Sch. 2 para. 34\(3\)](#) (with s. 50, [Sch. 4 para. 31](#))
- F3** Word in [reg. 3\(7\)\(b\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Fisheries Act 2020 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 54(3)(a), [Sch. 2 para. 34\(3\)](#) (with s. 50, [Sch. 4 para. 31](#))
- F4** Word in [reg. 3\(8\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Fisheries Act 2020 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 54(3)(a), [Sch. 2 para. 34\(3\)](#) (with s. 50, [Sch. 4 para. 31](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 3 in operation at 17.11.2008, see [reg. 1](#)

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