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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 436**

**The Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods  
of Fishing) (Luce Bay) Order 2015**

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Luce Bay) Order 2015 and comes into force on 8th February 2016.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“beam trawl” means a type of demersal trawl which has its mouth extended by a beam, bar or other rigid device;

“boundary line” means a boundary delineated by a line as described in the Schedule;

“co-ordinate” means a co-ordinate of latitude and longitude according to the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum<sup>(1)</sup>;

“demersal seine net” means an encircling net, attached to ropes, which is laid on, and towed across, the seabed;

“demersal trawl” means a net which is towed along the seabed;

“dredge” means—

(a) a mechanical dredge; or

(b) a suction dredge which raises material and sea fish from the seabed by the use of a solids pump, air lift or water jets which dig into the seabed;

“First Excepted Area” means the area described in Part 2 of the Schedule;

“Luce Bay Protected Area” means the area described in Part 1 of the Schedule;

“Second Excepted Area” means the area described in Part 3 of the Schedule; and

“Third Excepted Area” means the area described in Part 4 of the Schedule.

**Prohibited methods of fishing in the Luce Bay Protected Area**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), fishing for sea fish with a dredge, beam trawl, demersal seine net or demersal trawl is prohibited in the Luce Bay Protected Area.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the prohibition in paragraph (1) does not apply to fishing for sea fish with a mechanical dredge in the First Excepted Area, the Second Excepted Area or the Third Excepted Area—

(a) between 1st January and 28th February in each year (both dates inclusive); and

(b) between 1st November and 31st December in each year (both dates inclusive).

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(1) The World Geodetic System 1984 datum is defined at paragraph 2.1 of the United States National Imagery and Mapping Agency Technical Report TR8350.2, third edition, amendment 1 of 3rd January 2000 entitled “Department of Defense World Geodetic System 1984” (<http://earth-info.nga.mil/GandG/publications/tr8350.2/wgs84fin.pdf>).

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(3) In relation to each leap year, the reference in paragraph (2)(a) to 28th February is to be read as a reference to 29th February.

**Revocation**

4. In Schedule 1 to the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 2004(2), the entry relating to Luce Bay, listed as item 1 in column 1, is revoked.

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