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**The Red Rocks and Longay Urgent
Marine Conservation Order 2021**

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,

“creel” means a basket, small cage, pot, receptacle or container with one or more openings or entrances which may be baited and placed on the seabed for the purpose of catching fish or shellfish,

“demersal fishing gear” means any beam trawl, demersal seine net, demersal trawl or dredge, and any rope or wire associated with the gear,

“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, fish and shellfish from the seabed by the use of a solids pump, air lift or water jets which dig into the seabed,

“dredging” includes using any device to move any material (whether or not suspended in water) from one part of the sea or seabed to another part,

“fishing by hand” means the catching, or collection, of fish or shellfish (or any attempt to catch or collect fish or shellfish) without the deployment or use of any fishing gear or any passive gear, pelagic trawl, rod and line, or handline,

“handline” means a single fishing line which is held in a person’s hand,

“parlour creel” means a creel which has at least two compartments, entry to one or more of which is likely to be gained only through an internal connection from another compartment,

“passive fishing gear” means any gear or catch operation which does not require an active movement of the gear, including—

- (a) gillnets, trammel nets and trap nets,
- (b) drifting gillnets, and drifting trammel nets, any of which may be equipped with anchoring, floating or navigational gear,
- (c) long lines and lines,
- (d) creels and parlour creels,

and includes any rope or wire associated with the gear,

“pelagic trawl” means any trawl or encircling net which has no contact with the seabed during a fishing operation, and includes any rope or wire associated with the gear,

“the protected area” means the area described in article 3,

“the conservation objectives for the Red Rocks and Longay MPA” means the conservation objectives stated in article 5 of the Red Rocks and Longay Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area Order 2021⁽¹⁾,

“the Red Rocks and Longay MPA” means the area designated as a nature conservation marine protected area by, and described in article 3 of, the Red Rocks and Longay Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area Order 2021.

⁽¹⁾ The Red Rocks and Longay Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area Order 2021 was made by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 67(1)(a), 68, 69 and 79(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. By virtue of section 165(3) of that Act that Order is not a Scottish statutory instrument.