

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

FISHERIES STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS: PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION

PART 2

SECRETARY OF STATE FISHERIES STATEMENT

Introductory

- 5 (1) This Part applies in relation to the preparation and publication by the Secretary of State of—
- (a) an SSFS, or
 - (b) amendments of an SSFS.
- (2) In this Part “the relevant document” means the document mentioned in sub-paragraph (1).

Consultation

- 6 (1) The Secretary of State must—
- (a) prepare a draft (“the consultation draft”) of the relevant document,
 - (b) publish the consultation draft in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (c) take such steps as the Secretary of State considers appropriate to secure that the consultation draft is brought to the attention of interested persons.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, in settling the final text of the relevant document, have regard to any representations made to the Secretary of State about the consultation draft.
- (3) In this paragraph “interested persons” means—
- (a) any persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the consultation draft, and
 - (b) members of the general public.

Requirement to lay consultation draft before Parliament

- 7 (1) The Secretary of State must—
- (a) specify a period (“the scrutiny period”) for scrutiny of the consultation draft by Parliament, and
 - (b) on or before the first day of that period lay a copy of the consultation draft before Parliament.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (3) applies if, during the scrutiny period—

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- (a) either House of Parliament passes a resolution with regard to the consultation draft, or
 - (b) a committee of either House of Parliament makes a recommendation with regard to the policies contained in the consultation draft.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement setting out the Secretary of State's response to the resolution or recommendation.
- (4) In this paragraph "the consultation draft" means the draft prepared and published under paragraph 6.

Publication of the relevant document

- 8 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the Secretary of State has—
- (a) complied with paragraphs 6 and 7, and
 - (b) decided on the final text of the relevant document.
 - (2) The Secretary of State must publish the relevant document as soon as reasonably practicable.