
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 346

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Sea Fishing (North-West Atlantic) Order 1973*Made* - - - 28th February 1973*Laid before Parliament* 9th March 1973*Coming into Operation* 1st April 1973

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 5 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Fishing (North-West Atlantic) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1973.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order “demersal fish” means all sea fish other than salmon, migratory trout, mackerel, clupeoid fish, sand eels, Norway pout, smelts, eels, great weevvers, crustaceans and molluscs excepting squids.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Prohibition

3. During the period 1st April 1973 to 31st May 1973, both dates inclusive, fishing for demersal fish in those waters of the North-West Atlantic Ocean which are specified in the Schedule to this Order (being parts of the waters to which the International Convention for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries(d) applies) is hereby prohibited:

Provided that this Article shall not apply to fishing with hooks having a gape of not less than 3 centimetres.

Enforcement

4. For the purpose of the enforcement of this Order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

(a) 1967 c.84.

(b) 1968 c.77.

(c) 1889 c.63.

(d) Cmd. 8071.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 27th February 1973.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

26th February 1973.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

28th February 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Those two parts of the North-West Atlantic Ocean which are respectively bounded by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates in the order listed:—

- (a)
- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 69° 55' W, | 42° 10' N; |
| 69° 10' W, | 41° 10' N; |
| 68° 30' W, | 41° 35' N; |
| 68° 45' W, | 41° 50' N; |
| 69° 00' W, | 41° 50' N. |
- (b)
- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 67° 00' W, | 42° 20' N; |
| 67° 00' W, | 41° 15' N; |
| 65° 40' W, | 41° 15' N; |
| 65° 40' W, | 42° 00' N; |
| 66° 00' W, | 42° 20' N. |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which implements a recommendation of the Commission established under the International Convention for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries, prohibits fishing for demersal fish in specified parts of the North-West Atlantic for the period 1st April 1973 to 31st May 1973, both dates inclusive.

The prohibition does not apply to fishing with hooks having a gape of not less than 3 centimetres.

By virtue of section 5(8) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, the Order applies to all British fishing boats registered in the United Kingdom.

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