
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 2208

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

**The West Coast Herring (Licensing and Prohibition of Fishing)
Order 1974**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	30th December 1974
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	10th January 1975
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st February 1975

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 4, 5(1) and (2) 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, and being satisfied that substantially equivalent measures are being taken by Governments of other countries interested, hereby make the following order;

Citation and Commencement

1. This order may be cited as the West Coast Herring (Licensing and Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1975.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order:

“the Act” means the Sea Fish Conservation Act 1967;

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

Appointed Day

3. The appointed day for the purposes of section 4 of the Act (which provides for the licensing of British fishing vessels in relation to fishing by way of trade or business in specified areas) in relation to fishing for herring (*clupea harengus*) in waters off the West Coast being the area of sea described in Schedule I of this order is 1st February 1975.

Prohibition

4. The fishing for herring (*clupea harengus*) in the spawning areas described in Schedule 2 to this order from 15th August to 30th September (both dates inclusive) in every year commencing with the year 1975 is hereby prohibited.

(a) 1967 c. 84.

(b) 1968 c. 77.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

5. In accordance with section 5(3) of the Act it is hereby declared that this order is not made for the sole purpose of giving effect to such a convention or agreement as is mentioned in section 5(1) of the Act.

Enforcement

6. For the purposes of the enforcement of sections 4 and 5 of the Act in conjunction with this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under sections 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 30th December 1974.

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

17th December 1974

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland

19th December 1974

Merlyn Rees,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

ARTICLE 3

SCHEDULE 1

WATERS OFF THE WEST COAST

The area of sea bounded by lines drawn:

- (a) From a point on the North Coast of Scotland at 4° 00' west longitude northwards to 60° 30' north latitude; thence westwards to 5° 00' west longitude; thence southwards to 60° 00' north latitude; thence westwards to 12° 00' west longitude; thence southwards to 54° 30' north latitude; and thence eastwards to the coast of Ireland; and
- (b) At 55° 00' north latitude from a point on the East Coast of Northern Ireland to a point on the West Coast of Scotland.

SCHEDULE 2

ARTICLE 4

THE SPAWNING AREAS TO WHICH THE ORDER APPLIES

- (a) The area of sea contained within a line joining the following points and the UK Coast; Butt of Lewis to Cape Wrath; north to 58° 55'N 05° 00'W; west to 58° 55'N 07° 10'W; southwest to 58° 20'N 08° 20'W; south to 57° 40'N 08° 20'W; east to Hebrides; and
- (b) The area of sea inside the fishery limits of the British Islands lying within a line drawn from the Hebridean coast west along the meridian of 57° 40'N to 08° 00'W; south to 56° 25'N 08° 00'W; east to 56° 25'N 07° 00'W; north to 56° 45'W and thereafter in a westerly direction to Barra Head lighthouse.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that from 1st February 1975 no British fishing boats shall fish for herring in specified waters off the West Coast of Scotland except under licence and also prohibits herring fishing in two spawning areas from 15th August to 30th September (both dates inclusive).

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