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SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>21st September 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th September 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st October 1976</i>

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(1), (2) and (3) and 15(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967^(a) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of and paragraph 38(3) 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 Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1976.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order—

“specified North Sea waters” means the area described in the Schedule to this order.

(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.

Prohibition

3. During the period 1st October 1976 to 31st December 1976, both dates inclusive, fishing for herring (*Clupea harengus*) within the specified North Sea waters is hereby prohibited.

4. In accordance with section 5(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, 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 that Act.

Enforcement

5. 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) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

(a) 1967 c. 84.

(b) 1968 c. 77.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th September 1976.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

13th September 1976. *Bruce Millan,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

21st September 1976. *Roy Mason,*
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

AREA TO WHICH THE ORDER APPLIES

The area of the North Sea adjacent to England and Scotland within the fishery limits of the British Islands between the meridian 4°W longitude on the north coast of Scotland and the meridian 1°W longitude on the south coast of England under exception of that area of sea within the exclusive fishery limits of those limits between a line drawn in a north (true) direction from the Wells (Norfolk) Harbour Light and a line drawn in a south direction along the meridian of 1°W longitude.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits fishing for herring during the period 1st October 1976 to 31st December 1976, both dates inclusive, in waters within the fishery limits of the British Islands adjoining the North Sea apart from a small specified area lying within the six mile limit off the east and south east coasts of England.

By virtue of section 5(8) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 the Order applies to all fishing boats including foreign vessels.

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