
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 823

SEA FISHERIES

The South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation *1st July 1980*

The Secretary of State for Wales, on the application of the local fisheries committee for the South Wales Sea Fisheries District and after consultation with every county council concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 18(1) of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966(a) and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order, a draft of which has lain before Parliament for forty days prior to its being made:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

(2) In this order “the principal order” means the order made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries on 27th June 1912(c) (which created the South Wales Sea Fisheries District and constituted a local fisheries committee for the regulation of the sea fisheries within that district).

Variation of principal order

2.—(1) For articles 2 to 4 (inclusive) of the principal order (Creation of District) there shall be substituted the following:—

“ Creation of District

1. A Sea Fisheries District is hereby created comprising so much of the sea within the national waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to Wales and so much of the sea within three nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom adjacent to Wales is measured, with the adjoining coast, as lies within the following limits, namely:— the Estuary of the River Severn, the Bristol Channel and the sea adjacent to the coast of Wales to the southward of a line drawn true north-west from the northern extremity of Cemaes Head in the county of Dyfed (being the southern boundary of the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries District) and to the westward of a line drawn from a point on the eastern side

(a) 1966 c. 38.

(b) By the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

(c) S.R. & O. 1926/1121 as varied by S.I. 1973/2203.

of the mouth of the Rhymney River in the county of South Glamorgan true north of the lighthouse on Flat Holm, thence to the said lighthouse, and thence true east to the coast of the county of Avon, such lines being shown on a map marked A.825/1912 as subsequently amended on a map marked FGB 34450/1980, both of which are deposited at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The District shall not include any part of the sea which lies to the southward of the equi-distant line drawn between the coast of Wales and the opposite coast of England.

The sea fisheries district shall not extend above a line drawn at or near the mouth of every river or stream flowing into the sea or into any estuary within the limits of the said district, as follows:—

A line drawn across the River Gwaun, from Castle Point to Saddle Point;

A line drawn across the Western Cleddau River, true south-west from the southernmost extremity of Picton Point to the opposite shore;

A line drawn across the Eastern Cleddau River, true south-east from the southernmost extremity of Picton Point to the opposite shore;

A line drawn across the River Taf, between Laugharne Castle and Black Scar;

A line drawn across the River Tywi, true east from the south-easternmost corner of Llanstephan Castle to the opposite shore;

A line drawn across every river or stream flowing into the sea or into any estuary between Ferryside and Gowerton railway stations, along the seaward side of the bridges carrying the railway between these two stations respectively;

A line drawn across the River Tawe, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A483 road at Swansea;

A line drawn across the River Neath, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A48 road at Briton Ferry;

A line drawn across the River Severn, from a point on the eastern side of the mouth of the Rhymney River in the county of South Glamorgan true north of the lighthouse on Flat Holm, thence to the said lighthouse, and thence true east to the coast of the county of Avon;

A line drawn across every river or stream not hereinbefore specified, such line being drawn at the limit of mean high water springs.

In respect of the rivers, streams and estuaries above the lines beyond which the district does not extend, the Severn-Trent Water Authority and the Welsh Water Authority shall within their respective areas have the powers of a local fisheries committee. The sea fisheries district hereby created shall be called the South Wales Sea Fisheries District.”

(2) Article 5 of the principal order shall be deleted.

(3) Article 18 of the principal order (Definitions) shall be deleted.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State.

13th June 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order varies the description of the limits of the South Wales Sea Fisheries District (created in 1912 by order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1888 (c. 54)). The district extends to three nautical miles seaward from the baselines from which the territorial waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to Wales are measured, and includes the waters on the landward side of those baselines, but does not include any part of the sea which lies to the south of the equi-distant line drawn between the coasts of England and Wales. The baselines in question were established by the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (published in Statutory Instruments 1965 at p. 6452A).

The Order draws lines across the rivers which flow into the sea within the district to define the boundary between the district and the areas in which the Severn-Trent Water Authority and the Welsh Water Authority respectively have the powers of local fisheries committees.

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