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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prohibit fishing for sea-fish by demersal mobile and static fishing gear in the waters in a number of marine protected areas which were designated under The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Regulation 3 prohibits fishing within the respective marine protected areas using demersal fishing gear and static fishing gear.

Regulation 4 provides for exceptions to the prohibitions in regulation 3.

Regulation 5 revokes some Statutory Rules as a consequence of the Regulations.

Contravention of these Regulations is an offence under section 124(3) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966. The penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000).