



# Fisheries Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 22

### *Discard prevention charging schemes*

#### **30 Catches subject to a charge ignored for certain regulatory purposes**

- (1) A charging scheme may provide that if—
  - (a) a charge is payable in respect of an unauthorised catch of sea fish, and
  - (b) such other conditions as may be prescribed by or in accordance with the scheme are met,the catch is to be ignored in determining (for any purpose) whether a relevant regulatory breach has occurred.
- (2) For this purpose “a relevant regulatory breach” means the catching by a fishing boat of a quantity of sea fish which—
  - (a) by virtue of a limit imposed under section 15(2) on the authority conferred by the fishing boat’s sea fishing licence, constitutes a contravention of the prohibition in section 14(1), or
  - (b) constitutes a breach of a condition attached under paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the fishing boat’s sea fishing licence.
- (3) The conditions which may be prescribed by virtue of subsection (1)(b) include any condition that could be contained in an English sea fishing licence.