STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 39

SEA FISHERIES

The Inshore Fishing (Daily Close Time for Scallops) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made 29th February 2000 Coming into operation . . . 29th February 2000

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19(1), 124(1) and (2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Inshore Fishing (Daily Close Time for Scallops) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 29th February 2000.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"Northern Ireland inshore waters" means waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland and are not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines;

"scallops" means shell fish of the species *Pectem maximus*.

Prohibition of scallop fishing

- 3. Subject to regulation 4, fishing for scallops in Northern Ireland inshore waters is prohibited—
 - (a) during the period commencing at 9 p.m. on each weekday other than Saturday and ending at 5 a.m. on the next following weekday; and
 - (b) during the period commencing at 5 a.m. on each Saturday and ending at 5 a.m. on the next following Monday.

Exemption

- **4.** The prohibition contained in regulation 3 shall only apply to—
- (a) fishing by a British fisherman; or
- (b) fishing from a British fishing boat.

⁽a) Formerly the Department of Agriculture S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3 (b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 29th February 2000.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prohibit the fishing for scallops in Northern Ireland inshore waters during the hours specified.

These Regulations only apply to fishing by a British fisherman or from a British fishing boat.

A person who commits an offence under section 124 of the 1966 Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000).

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