

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2023 No. 135**

**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

*Made* - - - - *15th September 2023*

*Coming into operation* *15th October 2023*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs<sup>(1)</sup> in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1) and 124(1), (2) and (2A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966<sup>(2)</sup>, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and come into operation on 15th October 2023.

**Commencement Information**

II [Reg. 1](#) in operation at 15.10.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

**Amendment of the Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

2.—(1) The Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022<sup>(3)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 8 (The Maidens Special Area of Conservation) in the table (Area 3)—

- (a) in the longitude coordinate at Point B for “005° 42.010’W” substitute “005° 45.010’W”;
- (b) in the longitude coordinate at Point C for “005° 43.250’W” substitute “005° 42.250’W”.

(1) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see [S.I. 1999/283 \(N.I.1\)](#), Article 3(4); and [2016 c.5 \(N.I.\)](#), section 1(2).  
(2) [1966 c.17 \(N.I.\)](#); Section 124 was substituted by [S.I. 1981/227 \(N.I.7\)](#), Article 6, and relevant amendments were made by [2001 c.4 \(N.I.\)](#) section 1 and [S.I. 2002/790](#), Article 6(2). There is another amendment but it is not relevant.  
(3) [S.R. 2022 No. 292](#) as amended by [S.R. 2022 No. 303](#)

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023*. (See end of Document for details)

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** [Reg. 2](#) in operation at 15.10.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 15th September 2023.



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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations make minor corrections to two coordinates which provide for the Maidens Special Area of Conservation in Schedule 8 to the Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marine Protected Areas (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023.