EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order confers on the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation ("the Organisation") the right of regulating a fishery for oysters, mussels, cockles, clams, lobsters, scallops, queens, crabs, whelks and razorshells ("the prescribed species") on the bed of the sea adjacent to the Shetland Islands for a period of 10 years (article 2).

The situation and extent of the area within which the right is conferred is illustrated on the map which is described in article 1(2) of the Order. A copy of the map is held by the Scottish Executive Rural Affairs Department, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh, EH14 1TW and by the Organisation at SFA Shetland Seafood Centre, Stewart Building, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 OLL. A representation of the map for illustrative purposes only is appended to this Note.

Article 4 confers on the Organisation the power, with the consent of the Scottish Ministers to impose restrictions on and make regulations respecting dredging, fishing for and taking the prescribed species.

Under Article 5 it is prohibited to dredge, fish for or take any of the prescribed species without a licence from the Organisation.

Article 6 makes provision for tolls payable to the Organisation in respect of dredging, fishing for or taking any of the prescribed species.

Article 7 confers on the Organisation power to create reserves in the fishery for certain purposes.

Article 8 gives the Organisation power to remove juvenile shellfish from one part of the fishery to another.

Article 9 makes provision for the Organisation to exempt any person from provisions of the Order, for scientific purposes.

Article 10 makes provision in connection with accounts of the Organisation relating to income and expenditure.

Article 11 makes provision in connection with the rights of the Crown.

