#### SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2003 No. 560

# The Prohibition of Keeping or Release of Live Fish (Specified Species) (Scotland) Order 2003

#### Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Prohibition of Keeping or Release of Live Fish (Specified Species) (Scotland) Order 2003.
  - (2) Articles 1, 2 and 4 of this Order shall come into force on 10th December 2003.
  - (3) Article 3 of this Order shall come into force—
    - (a) in relation to fish specified in Schedule 1 first kept before 10th December 2003 on 10th June 2004;
    - (b) in relation to fish specified in Schedule 2 first kept before 10th December 2003, on that date; and
    - (c) in relation to fish specified in Schedules 1 and 2 first kept or released on or after 10th December 2003, on that date.

#### Interpretation

**2.** In this Order "Scotland" has the same meaning as in section 126(1) of the Scotland Act 1998(1).

### Prohibition of keeping or release of specified fish

**3.** No person shall keep or release in Scotland any live fish or the live eggs of fish of the species specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order, except under the authority of a licence granted by the Scottish Ministers.

#### **Revocations and savings**

- **4.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Orders specified in Schedule 3 to this Order are hereby revoked.
- (2) The Orders specified in Schedule 3 to this Order shall continue to apply for the purposes of the legal process of such charges as may be brought for contravening the provisions of the Orders prohibiting the keeping or release of live fish or live eggs of fish without a valid licence.

Pentland House, Edinburgh 18th November 2003

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