



# Conservation of Seals Act 1970

## 1970 CHAPTER 30

### 9 General exceptions

- (1) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under section 2 or 3 of this Act by reason only of—
  - (a) the taking or attempted taking of any seal which had been disabled otherwise than by his act and was taken or to be taken solely for the purpose of tending it and releasing it when no longer disabled;
  - (b) the unavoidable killing or injuring of any seal as an incidental result of a lawful action;
  - (c) the killing or attempted killing of any seal to prevent it from causing damage to a fishing net or fishing tackle in his possession or in the possession of a person at whose request he killed or attempted to kill the seal, or to any fish for the time being in such fishing net, provided that at the time the seal was in the vicinity of such net or tackle.
- (2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under section 1, 2 or 3 of this Act by reason only of the killing of any seal which had been so seriously disabled otherwise than by his act that there was no reasonable chance of its recovering.