



# Fisheries Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 22

### *Access to British fisheries and regulation of foreign fishing boats*

#### **12 Access to British fisheries by foreign fishing boats**

- (1) A foreign fishing boat must not enter British fishery limits except—
  - (a) for the purpose of fishing in accordance with a sea fishing licence, or
  - (b) for a purpose recognised by international law or by any international agreement or arrangement to which the United Kingdom is a party.
- (2) A foreign fishing boat that enters British fishery limits for a purpose mentioned in subsection (1) must return outside British fishery limits as soon as the purpose has been fulfilled.
- (3) Where a fishing boat is used in contravention of subsection (1) or (2), the master, the owner and the charterer (if any) are each guilty of an offence.
- (4) For further provision about an offence under subsection (3) (including provision as to penalties), see—
  - (a) sections 19 to 21, and
  - (b) section 12 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (recovery of fines) and section 13 of that Act (compensation in Scotland for damage caused by offence).