

1980 No. 812

**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Northumberland Sea Fisheries District  
(Variation) Order 1980**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Made - - - - - 12th June 1980*

*Coming into Operation 1st July 1980*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, on the application of the local fisheries committee for the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District and after consultation with every county council concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 1 and 18(1) of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order, a draft of which has lain before Parliament for forty days prior to its being made:-

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.-(1) This order may be cited as the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

(2) In this order "the principal order" means the order made by the Board of Trade on 20th March 1890(b) (which created the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District and constituted a local fisheries committee for the regulation of the sea fisheries within that district).

*Variation of principal order*

2.-(1) For article 1 of the principal order (Creation of District) there shall be substituted the following:-

"1. Creation of District

A sea fisheries district is hereby created, comprising so much of the sea within the national waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to England, and so much of the sea within three nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom adjacent to England is measured, with the adjoining coast, as lies within the following limits, namely, on the north a line drawn true east from the seaward extremity of the northern boundary of the county of Northumberland and, on the south, a line drawn true east from the lighthouse at the seaward extremity of the South Pier at the southern side of the entrance to the River Tyne (being the northern boundary of the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District).

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(a) 1966 c. 38.

(b) Parliamentary Papers 1890 No. 105; varied by S.R. & O. 1906/846 and S.I. 1973/2201.

The sea fisheries district shall not extend above a line drawn at or near the mouth of every river or stream flowing into the sea, or into any estuary, or of any estuary, within the limits of the said district, as follows:—

A line drawn across the River Tweed, in a south-westerly direction on a bearing of 225° true from the lighthouse at the seaward extremity of Berwick Breakwater to the opposite shore in the vicinity of Spittal Point;

A line drawn across the River Coquet at Amble, from the seaward extremity of the south breakwater to the seaward extremity of the north breakwater;

A line drawn across the River Tyne, from the seaward extremity of the North Pier at Tynemouth to the seaward extremity of the South Pier at South Shields;

A line drawn across every such river, stream or estuary not hereinbefore specified, such line being in continuation of the general line of the coast at low water.

In respect of such of the rivers, streams and estuaries hereinbefore referred to as flow into or join the sea within that part of the sea fisheries district hereby created which lies between Howick Burn Mouth and the southern limit of the said district, the Northumbrian Water Authority shall have the powers of a local fisheries committee above the lines beyond which the sea fisheries district does not extend.

2. The sea fisheries district hereby created shall be called the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District.”

(2) Article 13 of the principal order (Definitions) shall be deleted.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 12th June 1980.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order varies the description of the limits of the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District (created in 1890 by order of the Board of Trade under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1888 (c. 54)). The district extends to three nautical miles seaward from the baselines from which United Kingdom territorial waters are measured, and includes the waters on the landward side of those baselines. The baselines in question were established by the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (published in Statutory Instruments 1965 at p. 6452A). The southern boundary of the district is also re-defined.

The Order draws lines across the rivers which flow into the sea within the district to define its landward boundary. In those rivers which flow into the sea between Howick Burn Mouth and the southern limit of the district, the Northumbrian Water Authority is given the powers of a local fisheries committee above the boundary lines so drawn.