
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1873

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Specified Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing and of Fishing Methods) Order 1981

Made - - - - - 30th December 1981

Laid before Parliament 31st December 1981

Coming into Operation 1st January 1982

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 5(1) and 15(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Specified Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing and of Fishing Methods) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order “mile” means an international nautical mile of 1,852 metres.

(2) Any reference in this order to a numbered Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the Schedule to this order which bears the number so indicated.

Prohibition of fishing for salmon

3. There is hereby prohibited the fishing by any fishing boat for salmon (*Salmo salar*) in any waters within British fishery limits, but excluding any part of those waters which are within 12 miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man is measured.

Prohibition of fishing methods

4. There is hereby prohibited the fishing by any fishing boat for—

- (a) herring (*Clupea harengus*) in the area of sea specified in Part I of Schedule 1 with a purse seine net;
- (b) Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarkii*) in the area of sea specified in Part II of Schedule 1 with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 80 mm;

(a) 1967 c.84; section 5(1) was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981 (c.29), section 22(1) and section 15(3) was amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c.77), section 22(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 38(3) and by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c.86), section 9(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 16(1).

- (c) blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) in the area of sea specified in Part III of Schedule 1 with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 80 mm;
- (d) Bastard sole (*Dicologlossa cuneata*), shrimp (*Crangon crangon*) and prawn (*Pandalus* spp) in the area of sea specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 65 mm;
- (e) any description of sea fish in the areas of sea specified in Part V of Schedule 1 with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net, or a purse-seine or ring net;
- (f) mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in the area of sea specified in Part VI of Schedule 1 with a purse seine net or with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 75 mm after 1st March 1982;
- (g) mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in the area of sea specified in Part VII of Schedule 1 with a purse seine net or with a trawl, Danish seine or similar net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 80 mm after 1st March 1982;
- (h) salmon (*Salmo salar*) and migratory trout (*Salmo trutta*) in any waters which are within 12 miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom is measured with a purse seine net;
- (i) any of the descriptions of sea fish specified in Schedule 2 in any waters adjacent to the United Kingdom and within British fishery limits with a purse seine net.

Enforcement

5. For the purpose of the enforcement of this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer all the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(a).

Duration

6. This order shall cease to have effect on 31st March 1982.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 30th December 1981.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

23rd December 1981. *George Younger,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

23rd December 1981. *Nicholas Edwards,*
Secretary of State for Wales.

23rd December 1981. *James Prior,*
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1968 c. 77; section 8(3) and (4) was amended by the Fisheries Act 1981 (c. 29), section 26(2) and (3).

SCHEDULE 1

(Article 4(a) - (g))

SPECIFIED AREAS OF SEA

PART I

The waters within British fishery limits and bounded by a line beginning at a point in 52° 30' North latitude on the west coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence due west to 18° 00' West longitude; thence due south to 48° 00' North latitude; thence due east to 5° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 49° 30' North latitude; thence due west to 7° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 50° 30' North latitude; thence due east to 6° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 51° 00' North latitude; thence due east to 5° 00' West longitude; thence due north to the south coast of Wales; thence in a northwesterly direction along the coast of Wales to a point in 52° 00' North latitude; thence due west to the southeast coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence in a southwesterly direction along the coast of the Republic of Ireland to the point of beginning.

PART II

The waters within British fishery limits and bounded on the south by a line running due east from the point of intersection of the east coast of Scotland by the parallel of 56° 00' North latitude to 2° 00' East longitude; thence due north to 58° 00' North latitude; thence due west to 0° 30' West longitude; thence due north to 59° 15' North latitude; thence due east to 1° 00' East longitude; thence due north to 60° 00' North latitude; thence due west to the meridian; thence due north to 60° 30' North latitude; thence due west to the east coast of the Shetland Isles; thence due west from the west coast of the Shetland Isles at 60° 00' North latitude to 3° 00' West longitude; thence due south to 58° 30' North latitude; thence due west to the coast of Scotland.

PART III

The waters within British fishery limits and bounded by a line beginning at a point on the west coast of Ireland in 52° 30' North latitude; thence due east to 12° 00' West longitude; thence due south to 48° 00' North latitude; thence due west to 7° 00' West longitude; thence due north to the coast of Ireland.

PART IV

The waters within British fishery limits and bounded by a line beginning at the point of intersection of 48° 00' North latitude and 11° 00' West longitude; thence due south to 47° 00' North latitude; thence due east to 8° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 48° 00' North latitude; thence due west to the point of beginning.

PART V

Loch Laxford

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 58° 25.7' North and longitude 05° 07' West (Dughail Point) at 220° True to a point on the mainland at latitude 58° 24.7' North and longitude 5° 08.5' West (Rudha Ruadh).

Loch Cairnbaan

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 58° 20.5' North and longitude 05° 10.5' West (Rùbh Aird an t-Sionnach) at 211° True to a point on Oldany Island at latitude 58° 16' North and longitude 5° 15.5' West.

Enard Bay

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 58° 09.25' North and longitude 05° 18.5' West (Rhuba Rodha) at 223° True to a point on the mainland at latitude 58° 06.25' North and longitude 05° 26' West (Rhu Coigach).

Little Loch Broom and Gruinard Bay

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 57° 55.75' North and longitude 05° 24' West (Cailleach Head) at 263° True to a point on the mainland at latitude 57° 55' North and longitude 5° 33.75' West (Rudha Beg).

Loch Gairloch

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 57° 44.8' North and longitude 05° 47.2' West (Big Sands) at 188° True at a point on the mainland at latitude 57° 40' North and longitude 5° 48.5' West (near Red Point).

The Inner Sound including Lochs Torridon, Carron, Kishorn, Duich, Alsh and Hourn

The area of waters lying within a straight line drawn from a point on the mainland at latitude 57° 38.4' North and longitude 5° 48.8' West (Red Point) at 230° True to a point on the island of Rona at latitude 57° 34.5' North and longitude 5° 57.5' West (Rona Light). Following the eastern coast of Rona and Raasay to a point at latitude 57° 19.8' North and longitude 6° 2.8' West (Rudh na Cloiche); from there a straight line drawn at 180° True to meet the mainland of Skye at a point at latitude 57° 18.7' North and longitude 6° 2.8' West; thence along the eastern coast of Skye to a point at latitude 57° 8.6' North and longitude 5° 46.7' West (Oronsay Light); from there a straight line drawn at 129° True to a point (Rudh ard Slisneach) on the mainland at latitude 57° 7' North and longitude 5° 43.3' West.

PART VI

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the southwest coast of England in 5° 00' West longitude; thence due south to 49° 30' North latitude; thence due west to 7° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 50° 00' North latitude; thence due west to a point on the southwest coast of England in 50° 00' North latitude.

PART VII

The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the southwest coast of England in 50° 00' North latitude; thence due east to 7° 00' West longitude; thence due north to 50° 30' North latitude; thence due west to a point on the southwest coast of England in 50° 30' North latitude.

(Article 4(i))

SCHEDULE 2

DESCRIPTIONS OF SEA FISH

Cod (*Gadus morrhua*)
 Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*)
 Hake (*Merluccius merluccius*)
 Plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*)
 Witch (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*)
 Lemon sole (*Microstomus kitt*)
 Sole (*Solea solea*)
 Turbot (*Psetta maxima*)
 Brill (*Scophthalmus rhombus*)
 Megrim (*Lepidorhombus spp*)
 Whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*)
 Dab (*Limanda limanda*)
 Saithe (*Pollachius virens*)
 Common sea bream (*Pagellus cantabrichus*)
 Red mullet (*Mullus surmuletus*)
 Bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*)
 Conger eel (*Conger conger*)
 Pollack (*Pollachius pollachius*)
 Ling (*Molva molva*)
 Shad (*Alosa spp*)
 Sturgeon (*Acipenser sturio*)
 Grey mullet (*Mugil spp*)
 Flounder (*Platichthys flesus*)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which applies throughout the United Kingdom, prohibits fishing for salmon throughout British fishery limits except for any waters within 12 miles of the baselines of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man (article 3). The following fishing methods are also prohibited—

- (a) the use of a purse seine net when fishing for—
 - (i) herring in that part of the Celtic Sea which is within British fishery limits (article 4(a));
 - (ii) the principal white fish species (as specified in Schedule 2) anywhere within United Kingdom fishery limits (article 4(i));
 - (iii) salmon and trout in any waters within 12 miles of the baselines of the United Kingdom (article 4(h));
- (b) the use of a trawl net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 80mm when fishing for Norway pout in a specified area of the North Sea within British fishery limits or for blue whiting in a specified area of the southwestern approaches within those limits (article 4(b) and (c));
- (c) the use of a trawl net having anywhere meshes of which the size is less than 65mm when fishing for Bastard sole, shrimps or prawn in a specified area of the southwestern approaches within British fishery limits (article 4(d));
- (d) the use of a trawl, purse seine or ring net when fishing for any description of sea fish in specified coastal waters adjacent to the west coast of Scotland (article 4(e)); and
- (e) the use between 1st March and 31st March 1982 of a purse seine net, or of a trawl net having anywhere meshes below the relevant specified minimum size, when fishing for mackerel in two areas of sea adjacent to the coast of Cornwall (article 4(f) and (g)).

The order, which applies both to British and to foreign fishing boats, confers on British sea-fishery officers powers of inspection for the purposes of enforcement. If the order is contravened in the case of any fishing boat, the master, the owner and the charterer (if any) are each liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50,000 and on conviction on indictment to an unlimited fine.

The order will cease to have effect on 31st March 1982.

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