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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 1989—

- (a) at article 8, by inserting a new prohibition on fishing in Scapa Flow, being the area specified in article 8(2), for squat lobsters (*Munida rugosa*), spiny lobsters (*Palinurus vulgaris*), green shore crabs (*Carcinus maenas*), brown crabs (*Cancer pagurus*), and velvet crabs (*Necora puber*) between 1st June and 15th September, each year;
- (b) in Schedule 1 at item 18, by deleting the existing prohibitions on the use of mobile gear between Gallan Head and Aird Barvas and substituting a prohibition on suction dredging only, between 1st January and 31st December each year (article 2(3)(a));
- (c) in Schedule 1 at item 26, by reducing the area subject to a restriction on the use of mobile gear between Mons Craig and Doolie Ness from two miles to one mile from the mean high water mark of ordinary spring tides (article 2(3)(b)); and
- (d) by deleting reference to “sea area” and “sea areas” and substituting reference to “area”(article 2(4)) as a consequence of amendments of the same kind made to the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 by the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1994.

The Compliance Cost Assessment relating to the Order is available in the library of each House of Parliament. A copy of it can be obtained from Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department, Sea Fisheries Division, Room 510, 47 Robb’s Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TW.