
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2905

SEA FISHERIES

The Conservation of Seals (England) Order 1996

Made - - - - *13th November 1996*
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Coming into force - - *19th December 1996*

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3(1) of the Conservation of Seals Act 1970(1), and after consultation with the Natural Environment Research Council as required by that section, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Conservation of Seals (England) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 19th December 1996.

(2) Without prejudice to its earlier revocation this Order shall cease to have effect on the expiration of three years beginning with the date of its coming into force.

2. There is hereby prohibited, within the territorial limits set out in article 3 below, the killing, injuring or taking of seals of the species known as *Halichoerus grypus* (grey seals) and *Phoca vitulina* (common seals).

3. For the purposes of article 2 above, the territorial limits of this Order are:

(a) the counties of Durham, East Sussex, Essex, Greater London, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Northumberland, Suffolk, and Tyne and Wear and the non-metropolitan districts of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees, East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston-upon-Hull, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire.

(b) those territorial waters adjacent to England which are:

(i) to the south of a line drawn at 055° true from the point on the mainland at 55° 48'.67 North latitude and 02° 02'.0 West longitude; and

(ii) adjacent to any of the counties or non-metropolitan districts specified in paragraph (a) above and, in the case of East Sussex, not further west than a line drawn true south from Newhaven Breakwater Head Light which is at 50° 46'.5 North latitude and 00° 03'.6 East longitude.

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Tom Sackville
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits for three years with effect from 19th December 1996 the killing, injuring or taking of grey seals and common seals in counties and non-Metropolitan districts of England bordering the North Sea and adjacent territorial waters. The Conservation of Seals (England) Order 1993 (S.I.[1993/2876](#)) ceases to have effect on that date.