
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits fishing, by means of any type of dredge, for razor shells, trough shells and carpet shells in an area of the Wash (article 2 and the Schedule).

British sea-fishery officers are given certain powers for the purpose of the enforcement of the Order (article 3).

Other enforcement powers, together with criminal offences and penalties, are set out in the Sea Fisheries (Conservation) Act 1967 (“the Act”) (see in particular sections 5, 11 and 15). Furthermore, by virtue of section 5(6) of the Act (as amended by section 22(2) of the Fisheries Act 1981), where, in the course of any fishing operations conducted in the above-mentioned area, fish (which includes shellfish) are caught in contravention of this Order and are taken on board a fishing boat to which this Order applies, those fish shall (subject to section 9 of that Act) be returned to the sea forthwith.