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FISHERIES

Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 18*th August* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . 1*st September* 1977

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 124 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1977.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"British fishery limits" has the same meaning as that expression is given in section 1(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976(c),

"herring" means fish of the species *Clupea harengus*.

Prohibition of fishing

3. Between 1st September 1977 and 31st December 1977, both dates inclusive, no fishing boat shall be used for the purpose of catching herring in the area of sea described in the Schedule.

Revocation

4. The Herring (Restriction of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(d); the Mourne Coast (Restriction of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(e) and the Herring (Restriction of Fishing) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(f) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 18th August 1977.

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E. G. Sherrard
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(c) 1976 c. 86
(d) S.R. 1976 No. 249 (II, p. 1175)
(e) S.R. 1976 No. 282 (II, p. 1346)
(f) S.R. 1976 No. 307 (II, p. 1517)

SCHEDULE

That part of the waters within British fishery limits which is adjacent to Northern Ireland and which lies between 54° 40′ N and a line running due south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately 54° 00′ N) and is—

(*a*) not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines; and

(*b*) not more than 12 miles from the Northern Irish baselines.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations prohibit the use of fishing boats for the catching of herring during the period 1st September 1977 to 31st December 1977 in an area off the Northern Ireland coast. This area lies between 54° 40′ N and a line running south-east from the Haulbowline Rocks (approximately 54° N) and extends from the coast out to 12 miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured or out to the median line with Scotland where this line is less than 12 miles from the baselines.