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FISHERIES

North Coast (Prohibition of Herring Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*26th March 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*27th April 1981*

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 124(1) and 124(2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), as substituted(**c**), 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 North Coast (Prohibition of Herring Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 27th April 1981.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"British fishery limits" has the same meaning as in the Fishery Limits Act 1976(**d**);

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

Prohibition of Fishing

3. Fishing for herring shall be prohibited in the waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland described in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 26th March 1981.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(**c**) By S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7)
(**d**) 1976 c. 86

SCHEDULE

That part of the area of sea adjacent to Northern Ireland lying north of a line drawn from a point on the west coast of Scotland at 55° north latitude westwards to the east coast of Northern Ireland; thence generally northwards and westwards along the coast of Northern Ireland to Magilligan Point in the County of Londonderry; thence to Greencastle Fort in the County of Donegal insofar as the said part is within British fishery limits.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations prohibit fishing for herring in an area of sea off the north coast of Northern Ireland insofar as that area is within British fishery limits. The area is bounded to the south by the parallel of 55° north latitude, by the Northern Ireland coast from a point at 55° north latitude to Magilligan Point in County Londonderry and by a line drawn from Magilligan Point to Greencastle Fort in County Donegal and extends from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured out to the median line with Scotland.

In the case of herring caught within the specified area the prohibition on bringing to land, landing, sale or offering or exposing for sale of these fish prescribed in section 126 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (as amended by the Fisheries Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1981) has effect.

A person who contravenes these regulations or who brings to land, lands, or sells herring caught in contravention of them is guilty of an offence for which a penalty is prescribed by sections 124 and 126 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (as amended). The penalty is a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1,000. If the regulations are contravened in the case of a sea-fishing boat the master and the owner or, if appropriate, the charterer are each guilty of an offence for which the penalty is a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1,000 as also prescribed by section 124 of the Act.