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FISHERIES

Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*29th January 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*31st January 1981*

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 125 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 Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 31st January 1981.

Amendment of regulations

2. In regulation 5 of the Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(**c**) for "31st January 1981" there shall be substituted "28th February 1981".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th January 1981.

(L.S.) *N. E. Morrison*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1980 No. 454

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations are made to implement the United Kingdom's obligations to provide for the enforcement in Northern Ireland of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2527/80 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources (O.J. No. L258, 1.10.80 p. 1) as extended to 28th February 1981 by a Regulation of the Council passed at its meeting on 27th January 1981. The regulations amend the Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 (S.R. 1980 No. 454) so that the prohibition of fishing—

(*a*) by the use of purse seine nets for any description of sea fish other than salmon or sea trout listed in Annex V to that Regulation (which list includes the principal human consumption species) within waters adjacent to the Northern Ireland coast extending from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured out to the median line with Great Britain or the Isle of Man;

(*b*) by the use of beam trawls having a length or aggregate length of beam in excess of 8 metres in waters adjacent to the Northern Ireland coast extending 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 is less than 12 miles from the baselines—

previously effective from 2nd January 1981 to 31st January 1981 will now be effective until 28th February 1981 to accord with the Council Regulation.

A person who contravenes these regulations or who lands or sells fish caught in contravention of them is guilty of an offence for which penalties are prescribed by sections 125 and 201 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966. The penalties are a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £100 for trawling or seining and not exceeding £50 for landing or selling.