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FISHERIES

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 19, 124, 125, 126 AND 149 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 19, 124, 125, 126 and 149 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Consolidation and Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1972.

2. In these Regulations the expression "the fishery limits of Northern Ireland" means such part of the fishery limits of the British Islands as is mentioned in Section 4(2) of the Fishery Limits Act 1964(b).

3.—(1) No person shall use for the capture of sea fish any trawl or any seine net to the westward and southward of an imaginary straight line drawn from the Flag Staff of the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club at Cultra in the County of Down through No. 2 channel buoy to Whiteabbey in the County of Antrim.

(2) No person shall use for the capture of sea fish from any boat of registered length greater than 40 feet any net (other than a net for the capture of trout, mullet or herring) to the westward and southward of an imaginary straight line drawn from the South Briggs buoy off the coast of County Down to Black Head Light in the County of Antrim.

4. No person shall use for the capture of sea fish at any place within the fishery limits of Northern Ireland off the coasts of Counties Londonderry and Antrim which is within an area to the southward and westward of an imaginary straight line drawn from Fair Head, County Antrim to Bull Point, Rathlin Island and from the said Bull Point to the Whistling Buoy off Inishowen Head, County Donegal, any trawl or any seine net from any boat the registered length of which is greater than fifty feet.

5. DUNDRUM BAY: No person shall use for the capture of sea fish any trawl or any seine net on the landward side of a line drawn from the Chapel (near Miner's Town) at Rossglass Bay to Roaring Rock (and thence to the nearest point of the mainland).

6. No person shall use any trawl or seine net for the capture of sea fish at any place within the fishery limits of Northern Ireland off the coast of County Down on the landward side of an imaginary line drawn from Dunany Point, County Louth, to Cranfield Point, County Down.

(a) 1966. c. 17 (N.I.). (b) 1964. c. 72.

7.—(1) No person shall use or carry on board any fishing boat—

(*a*) more than four escallop dredges at the same time;

(*b*) an escallop dredge having a top bar exceeding four feet in length;

(*c*) an escallop dredge with tooth spacing on the ground bar less than four and a half inches between centres;

(*d*) an escallop dredge with belly rings having a clear opening of less than four inches internal diameter.

(2) In sub-section (1)—

"top bar" means the upper bar of the frame of an escallop dredge;

"ground bar" means the lower bar of the frame of an escallop dredge;

"belly rings" means those rings which make up the floor of the escallop dredge.

8.—(1) The following Bye-laws are hereby revoked:—

Net Fishing in Belfast Lough (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1931, No. 16).

Trawling from Steam Vessels off the Coasts of the Counties of Londonderry and Antrim (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1934, No. 41).

Seine Net and Trawling Restrictions Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1961 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 147).

(2) The following Bye-laws made by the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries are hereby revoked in so far as they apply to the sea fisheries of Northern Ireland:—

(*a*) STEAM TRAWLING:

Coast of County Down. Bye-law dated 10th September 1896.

Parts of East Coast. Bye-law dated 25th November 1902.

Coasts of Antrim, Londonderry and Donegal. Bye-law dated 3rd November 1905.

Coast of County Antrim. Bye-law dated 17th January 1908.

Coasts of Counties Londonderry, Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo. Bye-law dated 12th May 1909.

(*b*) TRAMMEL NETS:

Dundrum Bay. Bye-law dated 5th October 1910.

(*c*) GENERAL:

Dundalk District, Strangford Lough. Bye-law dated 1st December 1873.

Belfast Lough. Bye-law dated 25th September 1893.

Dundrum Bay. Bye-law dated 31st October 1898.

Sea Coast, Counties Antrim, Londonderry and Donegal, between Ramore Head and Malinmore. Bye-law dated 7th November 1904.

Dundrum Bay. Bye-law dated 3rd November 1920.

(*d*) OYSTERS:

Strangford Lough. Bye-law dated 13th November 1877.

Strangford Lough. Bye-law dated 31st December 1877.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 21st June 1877.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 20th October 1881.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 15th August 1893.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 4th January 1899.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 17th January 1916.

(*e*) MUSSELS:

Belfast Lough. Bye-laws dated 18th November 1898 and 17th October 1901.

Carlingford Lough. Bye-law dated 6th February 1899.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of March 1972.

(L.S.) *R. Shaw,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate and revise the existing Sea Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries Regulations and lay down restrictions on the use of trawl and seine nets for the capture of sea fish and also on the carrying of escallop dredges by fishing boats.