EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, provides that with a view to promoting the landing in the United Kingdom of a continuous and plentiful supply of white fish, a scheme may be made for the payment of grants to the owners or charterers of fishing vessels not exceeding 140 feet in registered length engaged in catching such fish. This scheme revokes the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1958, which provided for payment of grants on voyages made or fish landed up to the 31st July, 1959, and provides for the payment of similar grants in respect of voyages made by vessels fishing near and middle water grounds, and in respect of landings of fish by inshore vessels, during the period beginning 1st August, 1959, and ending 31st July, 1960. The conditions relating to grants in respect of voyages made and fish landed remain the same as those under the previous scheme.

As required by section 5 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1957, this scheme was approved by a resolution of the House of Lords on 22nd July, 1959, and a resolution of the House of Commons on 14th July, 1959.

SEAL FISHERIES

1959 No. 2078 (S. 115)

The Grey Seals Protection (Scotland) (Suspension of Close Season) Order, 1959

Made - - - - *4th December*, 1959
Coming into Operation *4th December*, 1959

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred on him by the proviso to subsection (1), and by subsection (2), of section 1 of the Grey Seals Protection Act, 1932(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order, a draft whereof has been laid before Parliament in accordance with subsection (4) of the said section 1 as read with subsection (2) of section 6 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946(b):—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Grey Seals Protection (Scotland) (Suspension of Close Season) Order, 1959.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

" grey seal " means a seal of the species known as *Halichoerus grypus*;

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 23. (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 36.

" the prescribed area " means Scotland other than the following areas—

The Outer Hebrides including the islands of Haskeir Mor and Haskeir Beig and any place within three miles of any part of the said islands: and the following national nature reserves:

Rhum, St. Kilda, Sula Sgeir, North Rona, Hermaness (Unst, Shetland), Isle of May.

" the suspense period " means the period of twelve months next following the making of this Order.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Suspension of close season for the prescribed area in 1959-60

3. The Secretary of State hereby directs that notwithstanding anything (apart from the proviso) in subsection (1) of section 1 of the Grey Seals Protection Act, 1932 (which establishes an annual close season for grey seals extending from the 1st day of September to the 31st day of December) there shall be no close season in the prescribed area during the suspense period.

Regulations

4. The regulations contained in the Schedule to this Order, being regulations providing for the grant and revocation of permits by the Secretary of State and prohibiting the killing of grey seals in the prescribed area during the suspense period except by persons holding permits and in such manner and by means of such weapons and instruments as are specified in those regulations, shall have effect.

Dated this fourth day of December, 1959.

John S. Maclay,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS

1. The killing of grey seals in the prescribed area during the suspense period except by a person holding a permit in accordance with these regulations, and in such manner and by means of such weapon or instrument as is specified in these regulations is hereby prohibited.

2.—(1) The Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, grant to any person a permit under these regulations and he may revoke the permit at any time by giving notice to the person to whom it was granted.

(2) Any such permit shall specify—

(*a*) the area within which the holder is authorised to kill grey seals, and

(*b*) the manner of killing and the means which the holder may employ for that purpose, both of which shall be in accordance with regulation 3 of these regulations.

3. The only means by which grey seals may be killed in the prescribed area during the suspense period is by shooting with a rifle or by striking on the head with a suitable club, and in either case the shooting or striking shall be carried out in such a manner that death is caused instantaneously.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Grey Seals Protection Act, 1932, establishes an annual close season for grey seals extending from the 1st September to the 31st December. This Order, made by the Secretary of State under section 1 of the Act, directs that there shall be no close season in Scotland other than in certain excepted areas during the period of twelve months next following the making of this Order which was made on 4th December, 1959.

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Act, the Order contains regulations prohibiting the killing of grey seals during that period except by persons holding permits granted by the Secretary of State. The regulations specify the conditions of permits generally and the means by which the seals are to be killed.

WHALING INDUSTRY

1959 No. 2054

The Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959

Made - - - - 30*th November,* 1959
Coming into Operation 11*th December,* 1959

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Sections 3, 5, 6, 8 and 18 of the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1934(**a**), as amended by Part III of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(**b**), and under the Whaling Industry (Sperm Whales) Order, 1937(**c**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and after consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the eleventh day of December, 1959, and may be cited as the Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959.

(2) In these Regulations, the expression " the 1955 Regulations " means the Whaling Industry (Ship) Regulations, 1955(**d**).

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**e**), shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Paragraph 1 (*b*) of Part I of the Second Schedule and paragraph 1 (*b*) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the 1955 Regulations shall each be read and construed as if for the reference to " the 7th January " there were substituted a reference to " the 28th December ", and as if for the words " in the same year " there were substituted the words " next following ".

(a) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 49. (b) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30. (c) S.R. & O. 1937/628 (Rev. VII, p. 932: 1937, p. 747). (d) S.I. 1955/1973 (1955 II, p. 2416). (e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.