STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 107

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Demersal Fish (Northwest Atlantic) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974

Made - - - -	*23rd January* 1974
Laid before Parliament	*8th February* 1974
Coming into Operation	*1st March* 1974

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 5 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967**(a)** as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968**(b)** and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Demersal Fish (Northwest Atlantic) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order:—

"demersal fish" means all sea fish other than salmon, migratory trout, mackerel, clupeoid fish, sand eels, Norway pout, smelts, eels, great weevers, crustaceans and molluscs excepting squids.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Prohibition

3. Except as hereinafter provided, fishing for demersal fish during the period 1st March 1974 to 31st May 1974, both dates inclusive, in those waters of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean which are specified in the Schedule to this Order (being parts of the waters to which the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries**(d)** applies) is hereby prohibited.

Provided that this Article shall not apply to fishing in the waters specified in paragraph (*a*) of the Schedule hereto with hooks having a gape of not less than 3 centimetres.

(a) 1967 c. 84.
(b) 1968 c. 77.
(c) 1889 c. 63.
(d) Cmnd. 8071.

Enforcement

4. For the purpose of the enforcement of this Order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st January 1974.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

22nd January 1974

Francis Pym,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

23rd January 1974.

SCHEDULE

Those three parts of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean which are respectively bounded by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates in the order listed:—

(*a*) 42°10′ north, 69°55′ west;
41°10′ north, 69°10′ west;
41°35′ north, 68°30′ west;
41°50′ north, 68°45′ west;
41°50′ north, 69°00′ west.

(*b*) 42°20′ north, 67°00′ west;
41°15′ north, 67°00′ west;
41°15′ north, 65°40′ west;
42°00′ north, 65°40′ west;
42°20′ north, 66°00′ west.

(*c*) 42°04′ north, 65°44′ west;
42°40′ north, 64°30′ west;
43°00′ north, 64°30′ west;
43°00′ north, 66°32′ west;
42°20′ north, 66°32′ west;
42°20′ north, 66°00′ west.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order, which implements a recommendation of the Commission established under the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, prohibits fishing for demersal fish in specified parts of the Northwest Atlantic for the period 1st March to 31st May 1974, both dates inclusive.

The prohibition does not apply to fishing in the waters specified in paragraph (*a*) of the Schedule to the Order with hooks having a gape of not less than 3 centimetres.

By virtue of section 5(8) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, the Order applies to all British fishing boats registered in the United Kingdom.

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