STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 374

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The South-Western Mackerel (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Order 1980

Made - - - -	13*th March* 1980
Laid before Parliament	14*th March* 1980
Coming into Operation	17*th March* 1980

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(1) and (2) and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a), and now vested in them(b) and of all their other enabling powers, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the South-Western Mackerel (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Order 1980, and shall come into operation on 17th March 1980.

Prohibition of fishing

2. During the period from 17th March to 15th November 1980 (both dates inclusive), fishing for mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) with a trawl having in any of its parts any mesh which is smaller than 50mm, or with a purse-seine net, in the area specified in the Schedule to this order is hereby prohibited.

Declaration

3. In accordance with section 5(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, it is hereby declared that this order is not made for the sole purpose of giving effect to such a convention or agreement as is mentioned in section 5(1) of that Act.

Enforcement

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

(a) 1967 c. 84; section 15 was amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77), section 22(1) and paragraph 38 of Schedule 1, and sections 5(2) and 15 were amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), section 9(1) and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2.

(b) By article 2(3) of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

(c) 1968 c. 77; section 8(4) was amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), section 9(1) and paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 13th March 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

12th March 1980.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

12th March 1980.

Humphrey Atkins,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

10th March 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

AREA TO WHICH THE ORDER APPLIES

The area of sea bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of England in 5° west longitude and running due south to 49° 30′ north latitude; thence due west to 7° west longitude; thence due north to 50° 30′ north latitude; thence due east to the coast of England.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, prohibits trawling with nets smaller than a specified size and purse-seining for mackerel in the area of the Western Approaches defined in the Schedule for the period from 17th March to 15th November 1980.

The Order provides for the enforcement of its provisions by British sea-fishery officers.

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