STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 408

SEA FISHERIES

The Rathlin Island (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*22nd November 2016*
Coming into operation	*31st December 2016*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1) and 124(1), (2) and (2A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rathlin Island (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and come into operation on 31st December 2016.

Interpretaion

2. In these Regulations—

"co-ordinate" means a co-ordinate on the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum and co-ordinate reference system(**3**);

"dredge" means a mechanical dredge or suction dredge;

"mechanical dredge" means a device with a rigid framed mouth constructed to catch shell-fish whilst being towed along the sea bed by a fishing boat;

(**1**) The Ministry of Agriculture became known as the Department of Agriculture by virtue of section 7(5) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c.36). The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland was renamed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Article 3(4) of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1)). The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development was renamed the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs by section 1(2) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5) (N.I.).

(**2**) 1966 c.17 (N.I.). Section 124 was substituted by the Fisheries Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7)), Article 6, and amended by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 c.4 (N.I), section 1, the Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/790), article 6(2), and the Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/915 (N.I. 9), Article 34(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 2(10).

(**3**) Definitions of World Geodetic System 1984 Datum and co-ordinate reference system are available via EPSG Geodetic Parameter Registry as EPSG:6326 (http://epsg.io/6326-datum) and EPSG:4326 (http://epsg.io/4326) respectively.