STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 499

SEA FISHERIES

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*1st December 2003*
Coming into operation	*1st December 2003*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 19(1), 124(1), (2) and (2A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2003.

Amendment of Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland)

2. The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**2**) shall be amended as follows –

(a) in regulation 2 (Interpretation)

(i) there shall be inserted after the definition of "length" the following definition –

""mobile gear" means any gear that is towed or otherwise moved through the water including dredges, seine nets and trawl nets"; and

(ii) the definition of "tickler chain" shall be deleted.

(b) for paragraph (5) of regulation 3 (prohibition of fishing and fishing methods) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

"(5) In Strangford Lough –

(a) the use of a suction dredge for the capture of sea fish is prohibited;

(b) the use of mobile gear for the capture of sea fish is prohibited;

(**1**) Fisheries Act Northern Ireland 1966; section 124(2A) was inserted by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, c. 4

(**2**) S.R. 1993/155 (N.I.)