STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 414

SEA FISHERIES

Razor Shells (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -	*23rd November 1998*
Coming into operation	*1st January 1999*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19(1) and 124(1) and (2) 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 Razor Shells (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1999.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations–

"the Act" means the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"dredge" means a device with a rigid framed mouth constructed to capture various species of sea fish whilst being towed along the sea bed by a fishing boat;

"Dundrum Bay" means the sea area to the landward side of an imaginary straight line drawn from the Chapel (near Miners' Town, County Down) at Rossglass Bay to Roaring Rock (and thence to the nearest point of mainland);

"razor shells" means any species of the family *Solenidae*; and

"suction dredging" means the raising from the sea bed of material, fish and shellfish with gear involving the use of a solids pump or air lift, or water jets to dig into the sea bed; and "suction dredge" shall be construed accordingly.

Prohibition

3. Subject to regulation 4, in Dundrum Bay–

(**1**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.); section 124 was substituted by S.I.1981/227 (N.I. 7)Art. 6