STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 154

FISHERIES

Lobster (Conservation of Stocks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*14th March 1997*
Coming into operation	*28th April 1997*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 124(1) and (2)(**1**) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**2**) 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 Lobster (Conservation of Stocks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 28th April 1997.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

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

"flap" in relation to the tail from a lobster means any part of the five flaps of the tail fan of any lobster including the telson with anus and left and right uropod each uropod containing two flaps;

"lobster" means lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus*;

"mutilated lobster" means a lobster which has been mutilated in such a manner which could hide or obliterate a V notch;

"V notch" in relation to a lobster means a marking in the shape of the letter "V" with a depth of at least 5mm cut (for the purposes of identification of particular lobsters) into one or more of the five flaps of the tail fan of any berried or sexually mature female lobster, with the apex of the V positioned inward from the edge of the flap.

Prohibition

3. Subject to regulation 4—

(**1**) As substituted by S.I.1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 6
(**2**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)