STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 89

SEA FISHERIES

Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - 24th February 1997

Coming into operation 31st March 1997

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19(1), 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 Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1997.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:—

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

"belly rings" means rings which make up the floor of a scallop dredge;

"dredge bar" or "tooth bar" means a horizontal bar with teeth on the bottom of a scallop dredge;

"French dredge" means a scallop dredge of the type known as a "French dredge" incorporating paravanes, diving plates, pressure plates, water deflecting plates or any similar device, and having rigid fixed teeth;

"scallop" means fish of the species *Pecten maximus*;

"scallop dredge" includes any appliance with a rigid framed mouth which is towed through the water and is manufactured, adapted, used or intended for use for the purpose of fishing for scallops or other shell fish;

"width" in relation to any scallop dredge means the distance across the mouth of a dredge when measured horizontally.

Prohibition of fishing and fishing methods

3.—(1) The prohibitions in this regulation are subject to the exceptions in regulation 4.

(**1**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.); the relevant amendment to which is S.I.1981/227 (N.I. 7)Art. 6