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FISHERIES

Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*30th March 1983*
Coming into operation . . .	*31st March 1983*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1983.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

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

"size" means—

(*a*) in relation to any escallop the size calculated by measuring in a straight line across its greatest length, and

(*b*) in relation to any lobster the size calculated by measuring from the rear of either eye socket to the rear edge of the carapace along a line parallel to the centre line thereof.

Prescribed minimum sizes

3. For the purposes of section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (which prohibits in Northern Ireland the bringing to land, landing, sale, offering or exposure for sale, or the possession for the purpose of sale, of any sea-fish of any description, being a fish of a smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea-fish of that description) there are hereby prescribed—

(*a*) for escallops 11 centimetres, and

(*b*) for lobsters 8.3 centimetres.

Revocation

4. The Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 30th March 1983.

(L.S.) *N. E. Morrison*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 10(2) and Schedule 4
(**b**) S.R. 1982 No. 6 as amended by S.R. 1982 Nos. 90, 193, 315 and 433