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FISHERIES

Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *19th December 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *2nd January 1981*

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 125 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) 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 Sea Fish (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1981.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"beam trawl" means a net which is constructed to take fish whilst being towed along the sea bed by a fishing boat, and which has its mouth extended by a beam, bar or other rigid device, and "beam" shall be construed accordingly;

"the Council Regulation" means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2527/80 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources(**c**), as extended(**d**);

"effective length of beam" in relation to a beam trawl means the distance between the inner edge of the shoe or skid attached to one end of the beam and the corresponding part of the shoe or skid attached to the other end thereof, the measurement being taken at the most forward part of each shoe or skid which comes into contact with the sea bed when the trawl is towed;

"mile" means an international nautical mile of 1,852 metres;

"sea fish" does not include salmon.

Prohibition of fishing methods

3. Fishing in or from any boat for any description of sea fish specified in Annex V of the Council Regulation by the method referred to in Article 14(1) of the said Regulation shall be prohibited in the area of sea described in Schedule 1.

4. Fishing in or from any boat for any description of sea fish—

(*a*) with a beam trawl whereof the effective length of beam exceeds 8 metres; or

(*b*) with two or more beam trawls used from any boat at any one time whereof the aggregate effective length of beam of the trawls so used simultaneously exceeds 8 metres

shall be prohibited in the area of sea described in Schedule 2.

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(**c**) O.J. No. L258, 1.10.80. p. 1
(**d**) By a Decision of the Council made at its meeting on 17.12.80