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Escallop (Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *25th April* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . *1st July* 1977

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19 and 124 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 Escallop (Fishing Methods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"belly rings" means rings which make up the floor of an escallop dredge;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"escallop" means fish of the species Pecten maximus;

"British Fishery Limits" has the same meaning as that expression is given in section 1(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976(**c**).

Prohibition on the use of certain types of escallop dredges

3. In the area of sea described in the Schedule a person shall not use or carry on board any fishing boat:

(*a*) an escallop dredge with tooth spacing less than 11½ centimetres between centres;

(*b*) an escallop dredge with belly rings having a clear opening of less than 10 centimetres internal diameter.

Revocation

4. Regulation 7 of the Sea Fisheries (Consolidation and Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 25th April 1977.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 sec. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(c) 1976 c. 86
(d) S.R. & O. 1972 No. 95 (p. 375)