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FISHERIES

Eel Fishing

REGULATIONS, DATED 25th AUGUST 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of its powers conferred by Section 15 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Eel Fishing (Close Season) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

2. The annual close season in relation to the taking of eels by means of fishing engines which are erected or hung in fishing weirs or are fixed engines (other than long lines) shall be the period from 1st March in any year to 31st May in that year (both dates inclusive).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 25th day of August 1970.

(L.S.) *W. G. Malcolm,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 fixed the annual close season for taking eels in weirs and fixed engines as the period from 9th January to 31st May. These Regulations extend the open season for eel weirs which catch silver eels until the end of February.

(a) 1966. c. 17 (N.I.).