POLICY NOTE

THE CONSERVATION OF SALMON (ANNUAL CLOSE TIME AND CATCH AND RELEASE) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2014

SSI 2014/357

Purpose of the instrument

1. The Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 amend the Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Regulations 2014, SSI 2014/327, ("the principal Regulations") to correct a typographical error in the Schedule to those Regulations.

Legislative context and consultation

2. The principal Regulations prescribe the annual close time for each salmon fishery district, prescribe the dates when it is permitted to fish for, or take, salmon by rod and line within the annual close time and prohibit the retention of salmon during prescribed periods.

3. The entry (number 50) in the Schedule to the principal Regulations for the Urr Salmon Fishery District contained a typographical error in column 3 which lists permitted periods for rod and line fishing within the annual close time. The text reads "[31st October] [29th November]" whereas the existing end date for that period is 30th November and it was not intended to change that. Accordingly, the erroneous reference to [31st October][29th November] requires to be substituted with the correct date of 30th November and these Regulations correct that error.

4. As discussed in the Policy Note accompanying the principal Regulations, Ministers consulted with such persons as they considered appropriate and notice of the general effect of the proposals for the principal Regulations was published, in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of schedule 1 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 ("the 2003 Act") with objections and representations then considered in accordance with paragraph 12 of schedule 1 to the 2003 Act. These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to correct a typographical error therefore no further process under schedule 1 to the 2003 Act was required.

Impact and financial effects

5. There is no financial impact on business, nor on the public sector, as a result of these amending Regulations. A Business Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for the principal Regulations and is available from Marine Scotland or may be accessed online at www.legislation.gov.uk.

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