STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 75

SEA FISHERIES

The Herring (North Sea Fishing) Licensing Order 1974

Made - - -	*17th January* 1974
Laid before Parliament	*30th January* 1974
Coming into Operation	*1st February* 1974

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea-fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(**b**) and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Herring (North Sea Fishing) Licensing Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order—

"the Act" means the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967;

"the North Sea" means the area described in the Schedule to this order.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Appointed day

3. The appointed day for the purposes of section 4 of the Act (which provides for the licensing of British fishing boats in relation to fishing by way of trade or business in specified areas) in conjunction with this order, is 1st February 1974.

Area, fish and periods

4. This order applies only to fishing in the North Sea for herring (clupea harengus) during the period 1st February to 15th June 1974 (both dates inclusive).

(**a**) 1967 c. 84. (**b**) 1968 c. 77.

(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

Powers of British sea-fishery officers

5. For the purposes of the enforcement of section 4 of the Act in conjunction with this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer all the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th January 1974.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

16th January 1974.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

17th January 1974.

Francis Pym,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

THE NORTH SEA (ARTICLE 4)

The area of sea contained within a line drawn from a position having the co-ordinates of 62° north latitude and 4° west longitude, due south to the north coast of Scotland, thence generally south-eastwards along the north and east coasts of Scotland and the east coast of England, thence westwards along the south coast of England to the meridian of 1° west longitude, thence due south to the coast of France, thence generally in a north-easterly direction along the coasts of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and Denmark to Skagen Point, thence along a rhumb line to the Pater Noster Lighthouse on the coast of Sweden, thence generally in a north-westerly, south-westerly and northerly direction along the coasts of Sweden and Norway to the parallel of 62° north latitude, thence due west to the meridian of 4° west longitude.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Section 4 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 provides that from a day appointed by an Order, no British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom shall be used by way of trade or business for fishing in any area specified in the Order except under the authority of a licence granted by one of the Fisheries Ministers.

This Order which implements a recommendation of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission appoints 1st February 1974 as the day from which no such fishing boat shall so fish for herring in the North Sea between 1st February and 15th June 1974 (both dates inclusive).

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