STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 811

SEA FISHERIES

The North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 12*th June* 1980

Coming into Operation 1*st July* 1980

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, on the application of the local fisheries committee for the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District and after consultation with every county council concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 1 and 18(1) of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order, a draft of which has lain before Parliament for forty days prior to its being made:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

(2) In this order "the principal order" means the order made by the Board of Trade on 9th July 1890(b) (which created the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District and constituted a local fisheries committee for the regulation of the sea fisheries within that district).

Variation of principal order

2.—(1) For article 1 of the principal order (Creation of District) there shall be substituted the following:—

"1. *Creation of District*

A sea fisheries district is hereby created, comprising so much of the sea within the national waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to England, and so much of the sea within three nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom adjacent to England is measured, with the adjoining coast, as lies within the following limits, namely, on the north, a line drawn true east from the lighthouse at the seaward extremity of the South Pier at the southern side of the entrance to the River Tyne (being the southern boundary of the Northumberland Sea Fisheries District) and, on the south, a line drawn true east from the Control Tower at the RAF Air Gunnery and Bombing Range at Donna Nook in Lincolnshire (being the northern boundary of the Eastern Sea Fisheries District).

(a) 1966 c. 38.
(b) Parliamentary papers 1890 No. 296; varied by S.R. & O. 1904/1476, S.I. 1961/2213 and S.I. 1973/2200.

The sea fisheries district shall not extend above a line drawn at or near the mouth of every river or stream flowing into the sea or into any estuary within the limits of the said district, as follows:—

A line drawn across the River Wear, from the seaward extremity of the Roker Pier to the seaward extremity of the New South Pier at Sunderland;

A line drawn across the River Tees, from the seaward extremity of the North Gare Breakwater to the seaward extremity of the South Gare Breakwater;

A line drawn across the River Esk at Whitby, from the seaward extremity of the west outer pierhead to the seaward extremity of the east outer pierhead;

A line drawn across the River Humber, near its confluence with the mouths of the Rivers Ouse and Trent, from the former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (now the dwelling house known as Chapel Croft) at Faxfleet to Alkborough Flatts Farmhouse;

A line drawn across every river or stream not hereinbefore specified, such line being in continuation of the general line of the shore at mean high water springs.

In respect of the rivers and streams above the lines beyond which the sea fisheries district does not extend the Northumbrian Water Authority, the Severn-Trent Water Authority and the Yorkshire Water Authority shall within their respective areas have the powers of a local fisheries committee.

2. The sea fisheries district hereby created shall be called the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District.".

(2) Article 4 of the principal order (Definitions) shall be deleted.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 12th June 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order varies the description of the limits of the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District (created in 1890 by order of the Board of Trade under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1888 (c. 54)). The district extends to three nautical miles seaward from the baselines from which United Kingdom territorial waters are measured, and includes the waters on the landward side of those baselines. The baselines in question were established by the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (published in Statutory Instruments 1965 at p. 6452A). The northern and southern boundaries of the district are also re-defined.

The Order draws lines across the rivers which flow into the sea within the district to define the boundary between the district and the areas in which the Northumbrian, Severn-Trent and Yorkshire Water Authorities respectively have the powers of local fisheries committees.