STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1974 No. 1100

## SEA FISHERIES

### BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

## The Northwest Atlantic (Demersal Fish) Order 1974

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| *Made* - - - | *25th June* 1974 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *8th July* 1974 |
| *Coming into Operation* | *29th July* 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 5 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 of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Northwest Atlantic (Demersal Fish) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 29th July 1974.

*Interpretation*

**2.**—(1) In this Order "demersal fish" means all sea fish other than salmon, migratory trout, mackerel, clupeoid fish, Norway pout, smelts, crustaceans and molluscs.

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

*Prohibition*

3. During the periods 29th July 1974 to 31st December 1974 and 1st July to 31st December in every subsequent year (all dates inclusive) the fishing for demersal fish in the area of sea specified in the Schedule to this Order (being part of the area to which the International Convention for the North-west Atlantic Fisheries (**d**) applies) is hereby prohibited.

*Enforcement*

**4.** For the purpose of the enforcement of this Order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

(**a**) 1967 c. 84.
(**b**) 1968 c. 77.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) Cmd. 8071.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st June 1974

(L.S.)

*Frederick Peart,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

*William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

24th June 1974.

*Merlyn Rees,*
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

25th June 1974.

Article 3

## SCHEDULE

THE AREA TO WHICH THE ORDER APPLIES

All waters, except territorial waters, bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of Rhode Island in 71° 40′ west longitude; thence due south to 40° 20′ north latitude; thence due east to 68° 15′ west longitude; thence in a north-westerly direction to a point in 70° 00′ west longitude, 43° 17′ north latitude; thence due west to the coast of Maine, thence in a southerly direction along the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the point of beginning.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which implements a recommendation of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, prohibits the fishing for demersal fish in a specified area of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean forming part of the area known as Subarea 5 during the periods 29th July 1974 to 31st December 1974 and 1st July to 31st December in every subsequent year.

By virtue of section 5(8) of the 1967 Act the prohibition applies to all British fishing boats registered in the United Kingdom.

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