STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 200

SEA FISHERIES

The Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977

Made - - - -	10*th February* 1977
Laid before Parliament	11*th February* 1977
Coming into Operation	21*st February* 1977

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 the following sections of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) namely, sections 5(1) and (2) and 15 (as section 15 is amended by section 22(1) of and paragraph 38(3) of Schedule 1 to the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(**b**) and as sections 5(2) and 15 are amended by section 9(1) of and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 to the Fishery Limits Act 1976(**c**)) 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 Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 21st February 1977.

Interpretation

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

Prohibition

3. During the periods from 21st February 1977 to 31st March 1977, 1st August 1977 to 31st March 1978 and thereafter, commencing 1978, from 1st August in any year to 31st March in the year succeeding that year (all dates inclusive), fishing for Norway pout (*Trisopterus esmarkii*) within the area of the North Sea specified in the Schedule to this Order is hereby prohibited.

4. In accordance with section 5(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, it is hereby declared that this Order is not made for the sole purpose of giving effect to such a convention or agreement as is mentioned in section 5(1) of that Act.

(**a**) 1967 c. 84.
(**b**) 1968 c. 77.
(**c**) 1976 c. 86.
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

Enforcement

5. 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) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 as subsection (4) is amended by section 9(1) of and paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2 to the Fishery Limits Act 1976.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th February 1977.
(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

10th February 1977.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

10th February 1977.

Roy Mason,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

The area of the North Sea bounded on the south by a line running due east from a point on the coast of Scotland at 56°00′ north latitude to the Greenwich meridian; thence due north to the parallel of 60°00′ north latitude; thence due west to the meridian of 04°00′ west longitude; thence due south to the coast of Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which is designed to protect stocks of fish for human consumption, provides that from 21st February 1977 to 31st March 1977 and thereafter from 1st August to 31st March in each year commencing in the year 1977 (all dates inclusive) fishing for Norway pout in an area of the North Sea adjoining the east and north coasts of Scotland is prohibited. By virtue of section 5(8) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, the Order applies to all fishing boats including foreign vessels.

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