STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 102

SEA FISHERIES

The Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*2nd June 2025*
Coming into operation	*1st July 2025*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1) and 124(1), (2) and (2A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and come into operation on 1st July 2025.

Amendment of the Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

2.—(1) The Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 after the definition of "Roaring Rock scallop enhancement site" insert—

"scallop" means—

(a) King scallop *(Pecten maximus)*; or

(b) Queen scallop (*Aequipecten opercularis*).

(3) In regulation 3(1) for the words "diving for scallops" substitute "fishing for scallops by any means.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 2nd June 2025.

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(**a**) The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland was renamed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Article 3(4) of S.I. 1999/283 and renamed the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.)), section 1(2).

(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.); Section 124 was substituted by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7), Article 6, and relevant amendments were made by 2001 c. 4 (N.I.) section 1 and S.I. 2002/790, Article 6(2). There is another amendment but it is not relevant.

(**c**) S.R. 2022 No. 272.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 to clarify that fishing for scallops by any means is prohibited in the four scallop enhancement sites in Northern Ireland waters.

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