1970 No. 353

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The Sea Fish (Northwest Atlantic) Order 1970

Made - - - -	*5th March* 1970
Laid before Parliament	*13th March* 1970
Coming into Operation	*14th March* 1970

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland) in exercise of the powers conferred upon 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 Sea Fish (Northwest Atlantic) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 14th March 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order :—

" specified areas " means the areas described in the Schedule to this Order ;

" specified method " means a method involving the use of trawl nets, seine nets or hooks and lines ;

" specified period " means in relation to the year 1970 the period from the date of coming into operation of this Order until 30th April and in relation to the years 1971 and 1972, the period from 1st March to 30th April all dates inclusive.

(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.

Prohibition of fishing

3. During the specified period the fishing for sea fish in the specified areas by a specified method is hereby prohibited.

Powers of British Sea Fishery Officers

4. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Order a British Sea Fishery Officer may exercise in relation to any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom and any British owned fishing boat (not so registered) wherever it may be any of the following powers:

(*a*) he may go on board the boat, with or without persons assigned to assist him in his duties, and for that purpose may require the boat to

(a) 1967 c. 84. (b) 1968 c. 77. (c) 1889 c. 63.

stop and do anything else which will facilitate the boarding of the boat ;

(*b*) he may require the attendance of the master and other persons on board the boat and may make any examination and inquiry which appears to him to be necessary for the purpose of enforcing the provision of this Order and, in particular,—

(i) may examine any fish on the boat and the equipment of the boat, including the fishing gear and require persons on board the boat to do anything which appears to him to be necessary for facilitating the examination ; and

(ii) may require any person on board the boat to produce any documents relating to the boat or the persons on board which are in his custody or possession and may take copies of any such document.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 2nd March 1970.

(L.S.) *Cledwyn Hughes,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 4th March 1970.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 5th March 1970.

James Callaghan,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

SCHEDULE

Areas to which the Order Relates

1. The area bounded by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates of latitude and longitude in the order listed :—

(*a*) 42° 10′N, 70° 00′W.
41° 10′N, 69° 10′W.
41° 35′N, 68° 30′W.
42° 30′N, 69° 20′W.

(*b*) 42° 20′N, 67° 00′W.
41° 15′N, 67° 00′W.
41° 15′N, 65° 40′W.
42° 00′N, 65° 40′W.
42° 20′N, 66° 00′W.

2. The area bounded by the parallels of 42° 00′N and 43° 00′N latitude and the meridians of 67° 00′W and 64° 30′W longitude.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order which is made under the powers contained in Sections 5 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 prohibits the use of trawl nets, seine nets and hooks and lines by British vessels in specified areas of the Northwest Atlantic during the months of March and April in the years up to and including 1972. The Order implements an agreement of the Commission established under the International Convention for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries (Cmd. 8071).

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