POLICY NOTE

THE SEA FISH (PROHIBITION ON FISHING) (FIRTH OF CLYDE) REVOCATION ORDER 2026

SSI 2026/95

The above instrument was made by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(1)(a), 5(2) and 20(1) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Summary box

This instrument revokes The Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2026.

Policy Objectives

The Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2026 was made and subsequently laid in the Scottish Parliament to support the recovery of the cod stock in the Firth of Clyde while maintaining the appropriate balance of our environmental and socio-economic obligations under the Fisheries Act.

However, on 11 February 2026, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend to the Scottish Parliament that the Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2026 is annulled (https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-rural-affairs-and-islands-committee/meetings/2026/rural-affairs-and-islands-committee-11-february-2026).

In light of that decision, Scottish Ministers are revoking the Order and are currently considering options available to them to protect and recover cod stocks in the Clyde.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 Compatibility

The Scottish Ministers have made the following statement regarding children's rights. In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their view, the Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Revocation Order 2026 is compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act.

EU Alignment Consideration

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Impact Assessments

A Child Rights and Welfare Impact Assessment has been completed for this instrument.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

Scottish Government
Marine Directorate
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