STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 737

SEA FISHERIES

The Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order 1966

Made - - - -	*15th June* 1966
Laid before Parliament	*27th June* 1966
Coming into Operation	*1st July* 1966

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 4 as read with section 8 (1) of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act 1933(a) and as amended by section 38 of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1938(b) section 9 of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1959(c) and section 3 (3) of and Schedule I to the Fishery Limits Act 1964(d) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order 1966 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1966.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order 1951(f) is hereby revoked.

4. For the purposes of section 4 (1) of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act 1933 (which prohibits in Great Britain the landing, sale, exposure or offering for sale or the possession for the purpose of sale of any sea-fish of any description being a fish of a smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea-fish of that description) the following sizes are hereby prescribed:—

(*a*) in relation to crabs of the species Cancer pagurus, a width of 4½ inches across the broadest part of the back;

(*b*) In relation to lobsters, a length of 9 inches measured from the tip of the beak to the end of the shell of the centre flap of the tail when the lobster is spread as far as possible flat.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th June 1966.

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(L.S.)

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 15th June 1966.

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

(L.S.)

(a) 1933 c. 45. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(b) 1938 c. 30. (c) 1959 c. 7.
(d) 1964 c. 72. (e) 1889 c. 63.
(f) S.I. 1951/638 (1951 I, p. 739).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the provisions of the Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order 1951. The principal change is that the landing, selling, exposing or offering for sale, or possessing for the purpose of sale of lobsters which are carrying spawn is no longer prohibited.