STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 961

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977

Made - - - -	*2nd June* 1977
Laid before Parliament	*2nd June* 1977
Coming into Operation	*3rd June* 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 sections 5(1) and (2) and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) (as section 15 is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as The West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1977.

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

Prohibition

2. During the period from the date of coming into operation of this order to 30th June 1977, both dates inclusive, the fishing for herring (Clupea harengus) within the area specified in the Schedule to this order is hereby prohibited.

3. 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.

Enforcement

4. 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.

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

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 1st June 1977.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Bruce Millan,
2nd June 1977. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Roy Mason,
1st June 1977. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Article 2

SCHEDULE

AREA TO WHICH THE ORDER APPLIES

The area of sea, lying within British fishery limits, and bounded by a line drawn from a point on the North Coast of Scotland at 4°00′ west longitude northwards to 60°30′ north latitude; thence westwards to 5°00′ west longitude; thence southwards to 60°00′ north latitude; thence westwards to 12°00′ west longitude; thence southwards to 54°30′ north latitude; thence eastwards to the coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence generally northwards and eastwards along the coasts of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to a point at 55°00′ north latitude on the east coast of Northern Ireland; thence eastwards to a point on the west coast of Scotland; thence along a rhumb line in a northwesterly direction to the Mull of Kintyre; thence along the west and north coasts of Scotland to the point of beginning.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the fishing of herring in the area of sea defined in the Schedule to the Order from the date of its coming into operation until 30th June 1977 inclusive.

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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