STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 585

SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING

The West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1981

Made - - - -	*6th April* 1981
Laid before Parliament	*10th April* 1981
Coming into Operation	*1st May* 1981

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 5(1) and (2), 15(3) and 20(1) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) and now vested in them(**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 West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1981.

Prohibition

2. Fishing for herring (Clupea harengus) within the area specified in the Schedule to this order is hereby prohibited.

Enforcement

3. For the purpose of the enforcement of this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer all the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(**c**).

Declaration

4. 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.

Revocation

5. The West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978(**d**) is hereby revoked.

(**a**) 1967 c. 84; section 15 was amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77), section 22(1) and paragraph 38 of Schedule 1, and sections 5(2) and 15 were amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), section 9(1) and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2.

(**b**) By article 2(3) of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

(**c**) 1968 c.77; section 8(4) was amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), sections 2(8) and 9(1) and paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2.

(**d**) S.I. 1978/930.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th April 1981.

P. Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

George Younger,
1st April 1981. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Humphrey Atkins,
2nd April 1981. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Wyn Roberts,
2nd April 1981. Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

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 coast 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 coast of Scotland to the point of beginning; but excluding from that area of sea, the waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland and are not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits the fishing for herring in the area of sea defined in the Schedule to the Order, and applies the powers of British Sea-fishery officers for the purposes of enforcement of the Order.

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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