

**2012 No. 441**

**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Strangford Lough (Sea Fishing Exclusion Zones)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Made* - - - - *7th December 2012*

*Coming into operation* - *8th January 2013*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (**a**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1) and 124(1), (2) and (2A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (**b**).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Strangford Lough (Sea Fishing Exclusion Zones) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and come into operation on 8th January 2013.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“Admiralty Chart” means the Admiralty Chart for Strangford Lough (No.2156) (Edition Date 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011) published by the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office;

“co-ordinate” means a co-ordinate of latitude or longitude on the World Geodetic System 1984;

“Strangford Lough” means the area of sea to the northwest of an imaginary straight line drawn from Killard Point to Ballyquintin Point, County Down;

“Zone 1” and “Zone 2” mean those parts of Strangford Lough which lie within the boundaries specified in paragraph (2)(a) and (b) respectively.

(2) The boundaries are—

- (a) in relation to Zone 1, a straight line joining the co-ordinates lettered A, B, C and D in Part 1 of the Schedule; and
- (b) in relation to Zone 2, a straight line joining the co-ordinates lettered A, B, C and D in Part 2 of the Schedule.

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(a) The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland was renamed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Article 3(4) of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.)).

(b) 1966 c.17 (N.I.). Section 124 was substituted by the Fisheries Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7)), Article 6 and amended by the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 c.4 (N.I.), section 1 and the Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/790), article 6(2).

**Prohibition of fishing**

3. Subject to regulation 4, all fishing for sea-fish by any sea-fishing boat within Zone 1 and Zone 2 at a depth of 10 metres or more below Chart Datum as shown on the Admiralty Chart is prohibited.

**Exception**

4. Regulation 3 does not apply to fishing for sea-fish by means of rod and line.

**Revocation**

5. The Strangford Lough (Sea Fishing Exclusion Zones) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011(a) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 7th December 2012.



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## SCHEDULE

Ref Regulation 2(2)

### Co-ordinates

#### PART 1

##### Zone 1

| Point | Latitude |       |   | Longitude |       |   |
|-------|----------|-------|---|-----------|-------|---|
| A     | 54°      | 27.50 | N | 05°       | 38.12 | W |
| B     | 54°      | 27.50 | N | 05°       | 33.88 | W |
| C     | 54°      | 24.69 | N | 05°       | 34.89 | W |
| D     | 54°      | 24.69 | N | 05°       | 38.12 | W |

#### PART 2

##### Zone 2

| Point | Latitude |       |  | Longitude |       |   |
|-------|----------|-------|--|-----------|-------|---|
| A     | 54°      | 28.78 |  | 05°       | 37.02 | W |
| B     | 54°      | 28.78 |  | 05°       | 36.63 | W |
| C     | 54°      | 27.50 |  | 05°       | 36.39 | W |
| D     | 54°      | 27.50 |  | 05°       | 37.02 | W |

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations revoke and replace the Strangford Lough (Sea Fishing Exclusion Zones) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Regulation 3 prohibits all fishing for sea-fish by any sea-fishing boat within the two zones in Strangford Lough specified in the Schedule at a depth of 10 metres or more below Chart Datum as shown on Admiralty Chart No. 2156 (Edition Date 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011).

Regulation 4 provides that the prohibition does not apply to fishing for sea-fish by rod and line.

A chart showing the location of the two zones is published for illustrative purposes on [www.dardni.gov.uk/index/fisheries-farming-and-food/marine\\_fisheries.htm](http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/fisheries-farming-and-food/marine_fisheries.htm).

Contravention of the Regulations is an offence under section 124(3) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966. The penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000).

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