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SEA-FISHERIES AND MARITIME JURISDICTION (MUSSEL SEED)  
(OPENING OF FISHERIES) REGULATIONS 2012

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I, SIMON COVENEY, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 15 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 (No. 8 of 2006) and the Sea-Fisheries, Foreshore and Dumping at Sea (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 707 of 2007) (as adapted by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 455 of 2011), hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction (Mussel Seed) Opening of Fisheries) Regulations 2012 and come into operation on 12 May 2012.

2. In these Regulations “mussel seed” means mussels (*mytilus edulis*) whether alive or dead and includes any part of a mussel and the shell, or any part of the shell, of a mussel and which are not intended for direct human consumption.

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person may fish for mussel seed in the exclusive fishery limits of the State where that person holds an authorisation to fish for mussel seed granted under section 13 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 (No. 8 of 2006) or a licence granted by the relevant competent authority of Northern Ireland.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

- (a) the areas listed in the Schedule to the European Communities (Control on Mussel Seed Fishing) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 347 of 2008) as amended by the European Communities (Control on Mussel Fishing) Regulations 2008 (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 402 of 2011), and
- (b) the Merville Area (within the meaning of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 (No. 5 of 1952)) and the Louth Area (within the meaning of section

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31 of the British-Irish Agreement Acts 1999) or any part thereof, if, and to the extent that mussel seed fishing is subject to Regulations under section 13 of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
10 May 2012.

SIMON COVENEY,  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).*

These Regulations are to provide for the opening of the mussel seed fishery from 12 May 2012.

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