



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

S.I. No. 789 of 2007

MUSSEL SEED (PROHIBITION ON FISHING) REGULATIONS 2007

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I, MARY COUGHLAN, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 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 and Food (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 705 of 2007)), hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mussel Seed (Prohibition on fishing) Regulations 2007 and come into operation on 30 November 2007.

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 seed and which are not intended for direct human consumption.

3. (1) A person shall not fish for or attempt to fish for mussel seed or cause or permit another person to fish for or attempt to fish for mussel seed within the exclusive fishery limits of the State.

(2) A person shall not buy, handle, weigh, tranship, transport, land, process, store or sell mussel seed that has been caught or harvested in contravention of paragraph (1).

4. The following are revoked—

- (a) the Mussel Seed (Conservation) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 415 of 2007),
- (b) the Mussel Seed (Conservation) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 589 of 2007),
- (c) the Mussel Seed (Conservation) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 595 of 2007),
- (d) the Mussel Seed (Conservation) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 641 of 2007), and
- (e) the Mussel Seed (Conservation) (No. 7) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 693 of 2007).

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in “Iris Oifigiúil” of 7th December, 2007.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
29 November 2007

MARY COUGHLAN.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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 closure of the bottom mussel seed fishery.

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