

RESTRICTED(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)*Not to be communicated to anyone outside H.M. Service***ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDER****FISHING—SUMMARY OF PROHIBITED AND PERMITTED  
AREAS FOR VESSELS FISHING FROM THE UNITED  
KINGDOM**ADMIRALTY, S.W.1,  
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The following Order having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty is hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By Command of Their Lordships,

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**4670.—Fishing—Summary of Prohibited and Permitted Areas for Vessels Fishing from the United Kingdom**

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**SECTION I**

*Deep Sea Fishing*

This section applies only to deep sea fishing vessels, including drifters. Fishing by inshore vessels is dealt with in Section II.

For purposes of this Order a dividing line has been established, all areas to the West of the line forming the "West Division"; all areas to the East of the line forming the "East Division".

The dividing line runs from North to South along the meridian of 4° W. to the North coast of Scotland, thence westward and following the coast of Great Britain to Lands End thence along the South coast to 5° 13' W., thence along the meridian of 5° 13' W. to the North coast of Spain.

*West Division.* Fishing is permitted except in those areas prohibited or restricted as set out in this Order, or as defined by local Naval authorities.

*East Division.* Fishing is prohibited except where permitted fishing areas are set out in this Order, or as allowed by local Naval authorities.

*Caution.*—Special attention is called to the overriding conditions laid down in Section III.

**A.—WEST DIVISION**

1. *North West Iceland (C) Area.*—Fishing is prohibited within the area bounded:—

- (a) On the North by Latitude 67° 35' N.
- (b) On the East by Longitude 22° 20' W.
- (c) On the South by Latitude 66° 50' N.
- (d) On the West by Longitude 25° W.

Vessels fishing the Djupall Deep and Hali grounds and vessels entering or fishing the area between Straumn and Horn and 1 (c) above are to be warned that they do so at their own risk.

2. *Iceland (C)—North Rona Area.*—Fishing is prohibited within the area bounded by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 65° 49' N., Longitude 13° 00' W.
- (b) Latitude 65° 50' N., Longitude 12° 40' W.
- (c) Latitude 62° 18' N., Longitude 5° 45' W.
- (d) Latitude 59° 07' N., Longitude 5° 00' W.
- (e) Latitude 59° 07' N., Longitude 7° 10' W.
- (f) Latitude 60° 15' N., Longitude 9° 40' W.
- (g) Latitude 60° 49' N., Longitude 9° 40' W.
- (h) Latitude 62° 58' N., Longitude 13° 00' W.

Vessels fishing or entering the area between the east coast of Iceland (C) and this area are to be warned that they do so at their own risk.

Within this prohibited area, approach to the Faroes may be made only between the latitudes of 62° 28' N. and 61° 45' N.

Fishing is permitted within these approaches and also on the Hills Bank area North-East of the Faroe Islands to the Northward of Latitude 62° 18' N. and to the Eastward of Longitude 6° 59' W. *The Hills Bank Area must not be entered from the West.*

Vessels passing through the Faroes must pass through Skopen Fjord. In Skopen Fjord, fishing is prohibited within the area enclosed by lines drawn 090° and 180° from the North-West point of Hesto Island, a line drawn 180° from Kirkebo Noes and the coasts of Stromo and Sando.

3. *Butt of Lewis Area.*—Fishing is prohibited within an area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 59° 07' N., Longitude 6° 10' W.
- (b) Butt of Lewis.
- (c) Latitude 58° 31' N., Longitude 7° 10' W.
- (d) Latitude 59° 07' N., Longitude 7° 10' W.

4. *Hebrides Area.*—Fishing is prohibited within an area bounded by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 58° 20' N., Longitude 7° 12' W.
- (b) Latitude 58° 20' N., Longitude 7° 02' W.
- (c) Latitude 58° 09' N., Longitude 7° 11' W.
- (d) Latitude 58° 09' N., Longitude 7° 20' W.

5. *North-West Approaches Area.*—(i) Fishing is prohibited within an area bounded as follows:—

- (a) On the North by lines joining positions—
  - (i) Latitude 57° 00' N., Longitude 10° 00' W.
  - (ii) Latitude 55° 50' N., Longitude 6° 50' W.
  - (iii) Sanaig Point, Islay.

- (b) On the East by the coast of Islay from Sanaig Head southward to Longitude 6° 30' W., thence along the meridian of 6° 30' W. to Latitude 55° 19' N.

- (c) On the South by lines joining positions—

- (i) Latitude 55° 19' N., Longitude 6° 30' W.
- (ii) Malin Head.
- (iii) Latitude 55° 23' N., Longitude 10° 00' W.

- (d) On the West by Longitude 10° 00' W.

- (ii) Fishing is also prohibited in the area between Longitudes 7° 55' W. and 8° 01' W., bounded on the North by Latitude 55° 23' N. and on the South by the land.

- (iii) Fishing is also prohibited within one mile of the following positions—

- (a) Latitude 56° 26' 36" N., Longitude 6° 30' W.
- (b) Latitude 55° 19' 10" N., Longitude 6° 26' 50" W.

6. *Firth of Clyde.*—Fishing is prohibited in the area in the approaches to the Firth of Clyde engraved in the Admiralty charts between Rhoad Point and Benane Head.

7. *Beaufort's Dyke Area.*—Fishing is prohibited in area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 54° 53' N., Longitude 5° 29' W.
- (b) Latitude 54° 58' N., Longitude 5° 20' W.
- (c) Latitude 54° 43' N., Longitude 5° 09' W.
- (d) Latitude 54° 34' N., Longitude 4° 54' W.
- (e) Latitude 54° 31' N., Longitude 5° 02' W.

8. *Cumberland Coast.*—All fishing and anchoring are prohibited between one hour before sunrise and two hours after sunset off the Cumberland coast within a radius of ten miles from a point in Latitude 54° 18' 40" N., Longitude 3° 24' 42" W., between the bearings 214° and 321° westabout from that point and within a radius of 5½ miles between the bearings 321° and the coast to the northward.

9. *Irish Sea Area.*—Fishing is prohibited in the Irish Sea in the following areas:—

- (i) The circular area within 5 miles radius of position Latitude 53° 42' 45" N., Longitude 3° 15' W.
- (ii) The area between the parallels of Latitude 53° 15' N. and 53° 11' N. and the meridians of Longitude 4° 49' W. and 5° 10' W.

10. *St. George's Channel Area.*—Fishing is prohibited in the area bounded—

- (a) On the North by a line drawn 090° from Tuskar Rock to Longitude 4° 55' W.
- (b) On the East by the meridian of 4° 55' W. from the northern boundary southwards to the Welsh coast and southward from the Welsh coast by the meridian of 5° 00' W. to Latitude 51° 30' N.
- (c) On the South by Latitude 51° 30' N. from Longitude 5° 00' W. to Longitude 5° 56' W.
- (d) On the West by lines joining the following positions:—
  - Latitude 51° 30' N., Longitude 5° 56' W.
  - Latitude 51° 36' N., Longitude 6° 14' W.
  - Tuskar Rock.



11. *South-West Approaches Area*.—Fishing is prohibited in the area—

(i) Bounded on the South and West by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Limit of Eire territorial waters in 10° 00' W.
- (b) Latitude 51° 00' N., Longitude 10° 00' W.
- (c) Latitude 51° 00' N., Longitude 8° 30' W.
- (d) Latitude 50° 15' N., Longitude 8° 30' W.
- (e) Latitude 50° 40' N., Longitude 7° 00' W.
- (f) Latitude 50° 22' N., Longitude 5° 34' W.
- (g) Latitude 50° 04' N., Longitude 5° 54' W.
- (h) Latitude 49° 40' N., Longitude 5° 39' W.
- (j) Latitude 49° 43' N., Longitude 5° 13' W.

(ii) Bounded on the East by the meridian of 5° 13' W., northward to the Cornish coast, thence following the coast westwards and then northwards to Hartland Point.

*Caution*.—Fishing is prohibited East of Longitude 5° 13' W. except as in B.

(iii) Bounded on the North by a line joining—

- (k) Hartland Point.
- (l) Latitude 51° 36' N., Longitude 6° 14' W.
- (m) Tuskar Rock; and by limit of Eire territorial waters to position (a).

*B.—EAST DIVISION*

1. *North-East and Bear Island Area*.—(i) Fishing is permitted by day and night in the area bounded—

- (a) On the West by Longitude 4° 00' W.
- (b) On the South by Latitude 61° 00' N.
- (c) On the East by a line drawn 50 miles from the Norwegian coast northward to Longitude 25° 00' E., thence northward by that meridian.

(ii) *Lofoten Islands*. Fishing is permitted, within 50 miles of the Norwegian coast, off the Lofoten Islands between Latitudes 67° 00' N., and 69° 30' N. outside territorial waters.

2. *North Sea*. Fishing is permitted by day and night in the area bounded on the West by the meridian of 4° W. northward from the North coast of Scotland and by lines joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 61° 00' N., Longitude 4° 00' W.
- (b) Latitude 61° 00' N., Longitude 0° 12' W.
- (c) Latitude 59° 10' N., Longitude 2° 00' E.
- (d) Latitude 57° 20' N., Longitude 2° 00' E.
- (e) Latitude 56° 30' N., Longitude 3° 00' E.
- (f) Latitude 55° 30' N., Longitude 4° 00' E.
- (g) Latitude 54° 30' N., Longitude 4° 00' E.
- (h) Latitude 53° 31' N., Longitude 2° 35' E.
- (j) Latitude 53° 43' N., Longitude 2° 15' E.
- (k) Latitude 53° 48' N., Longitude 2° 15' E.
- (l) Latitude 56° 30' N., Longitude 0° 30' W.
- (m) Latitude 56° 36' 30" N., Longitude 1° 09' W.
- (n) Latitude 57° 13' N., Longitude 0° 43' W.
- (o) Latitude 57° 54' N., Longitude 0° 10' W.
- (p) Latitude 58° 40' N., Longitude 1° 10' W.
- (q) Duncansby Head.
- (r) Thence by North coast of Scotland to Longitude 4° 00' W.

*Note*.—Fishing and passage of fishing vessels are prohibited within an 8-mile radius of position Latitude 60° 18' N., Longitude 2° 01' W., during dark hours and low visibility.

2A. *East Coast Mine Barrier*.—Fishing is permitted by day and night between Latitude 53° 30' N. and Latitude 54° 00' N. in the East Coast Mine Barrier, and between those Latitudes in the area to the eastward between the mine barrier and North Sea area described above.

3. *East Coast*.—Subject to any prohibitions or restrictions issued locally, fishing is permitted at the discretion of the local Naval authorities by day and night in the waters between the East Coast Mine Barrier and the East coast of Great Britain, and also in the Moray Firth area westward of a line joining positions Latitude 57° 55' N., Longitude 1° 05' W. and Latitude 58° 40' N., Longitude 2° 00' W.

4. *English Channel—East*.—Subject to any prohibitions or restrictions issued locally, fishing is permitted at the discretion of the local Naval authorities, by day and night, from a line joining Portland Bill and Cap de la Hague eastward, through Dover Strait, as far as a line joining North Foreland, position Latitude 51° 36' N., Longitude 2° 07' E. and West Kapelle Light, Walcheren Island.

5. *English Channel—West*.—Fishing is permitted by day and night in an area bounded—

- (a) On the North by the English coast.
- (b) On the East by a line joining Portland Bill and Cap de la Hague.
- (c) On the South by French territorial waters to Le Four Light, and thence by Latitude 48° 30' N.
- (d) On the West by Longitude 5° 13' W.

*Except that fishing and passage are prohibited—*

- (a) Between the parallels of Latitudes 49° 44' N. and 50° 00' N. and the meridians of 4° 48' W. and 5° 13' W.
- (b) In the circular area of one mile radius about position Latitude 49° 29·5' N., Longitude 2° 28·5' W.
- (c) In area bounded—
  - (i) On the North by Latitude 49° 13' N.
  - (ii) On the East by Longitude 4° 18' W.
  - (iii) On the South by Latitude 48° 56' N.
  - (iv) On the West by Longitude 4° 43' W.

(d) In area enclosed by lines joining the following positions:—

- (i) Latitude 49° 49' N., Longitude 2° 54' W.
  - (ii) Latitude 50° 07' N., Longitude 2° 12' W.
  - (iii) Latitude 49° 54' N., Longitude 2° 04' W.
  - (iv) Latitude 49° 37' N., Longitude 2° 42' W.
- (e) In Hurd Deep. (Passage across Hurd Deep is permitted West of Longitude 3° W.)

6. *Bay of Biscay Area*.—Fishing is permitted by day and night eastward of Longitude 5° 13' W., and westward of a line joining the following positions:—

- (a) Latitude 47° 48' N., Longitude 5° 13' W.
- (b) Latitude 46° 40' N., Longitude 3° 28' W.
- (c) Latitude 46° 00' N., Longitude 2° 54' W.
- (d) Latitude 45° 54' N., Longitude 1° 49' W.
- (e) Latitude 45° 40' N., Longitude 1° 50' W.
- (f) Latitude 45° 15' N., Longitude 2° 15' W.
- (g) Latitude 44° 48' N., Longitude 1° 54' W.
- (h) Latitude 43° 45' N., Longitude 2° 05' W.
- (j) Thence 180° to limit of Spanish territorial waters.

SECTION II

*Inshore Fishing*

Fishing by vessels, which normally do not stay at sea for more than 48 hours, is permitted around the coasts of Great Britain and Northern Ireland subject to any prohibitions or restrictions issued by the local Naval authorities.



## SECTION III

*General*

1. The Admiralty policy is to promote the maximum production of fish. In order to forward it Commanders-in-Chief at Home should grant every facility for local fishing in their commands subject to considerations of safety.

2. The frequent changes now being made in the permitted fishing areas render it essential that this A.F.O. should be read in conjunction with the latest Admiralty messages and Admiralty Notices to Mariners.

3. Fishing vessels everywhere are subject to local prohibitions and restrictions as ordered by the Naval authorities.

4. All fishing is subject to the Fishery Laws and Regulations in force.

5. Fishing vessels must obtain routing instructions before leaving port.

6. Skippers of fishing vessels are to be warned that there is a risk of jettisoned mines or bombs being picked up in their trawls particularly in the North Sea. (See A.N. to M., 1502(T)/45.)

7. Fishermen should be warned to keep a good look-out for H.M. vessels exercising with submarines and not to approach within 3 miles of them. H.M. vessels when exercising with submarines fly a large red flag.

8. It is important that all Naval authorities concerned should establish and maintain a close liaison with the local Port Fishery Officers.

9. Notwithstanding anything above fishermen are to be warned that fishing is strictly forbidden in declared mined areas, in areas notified as dangerous by Admiralty Notices to Mariners, in prohibited areas (details of which will be supplied by Naval Officers-in-Charge of areas), in swept channels, and in prohibited areas engraved on Admiralty Charts.

*(C.A.F.Os. 508/45, 572/45, 670/45, 987/45 and 1264/45 are cancelled.)*