STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (TRAWLING, NETTING AND DREDGING) (AMENDMENT No. 4) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201-

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REPORT

This amendment is intended to protect sensitive shallow marine seabed habitats that have been identified at Les Écréhous and Les Minquiers against damage caused by mobile fishing techniques such as dredging and trawling. These measures are needed in order to safeguard the ecological health of these shallow marine areas which, in turn, protect habitats that are known to play an important role in the lifecycle of many commercial fish and shellfish species. This will assist Jersey in making its fishing industry sustainable over the longer term, and will assist the States of Jersey with meeting its obligations to multilateral environmental agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, RAMSAR and OSPAR.

The location of Les Écréhous and Les Minquiers outside Jersey's 3-mile exclusive fishery zone and the potential restriction on fishing effort means that the principle and extent of the zones had to be discussed and approved by participating parties to the Bay of Granville Agreement. In February 2017, the 2 zones received the approval of the Joint Advisory Committee and Joint Management Committee. As a consequence, the zones can now be legislated as an amendment to the Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting, and Dredging) (Jersey) Regulations 2001.

Financial and manpower implications

As a single amendment to the existing Regulations, there are no financial or manpower implications arising. The new Regulations will be enforced by the Marine Resources Section via the use of fisheries boat patrols, observation, electronic data and intelligence. This will add to the enforcement and administrative duties undertaken by the Marine Resources Section in the short to medium term.

Collective responsibility under Standing Order 21(3A)

The Council of Ministers has a single policy position on this proposition, and as such, all Ministers, and the Assistant Ministers for the Environment, are bound by the principle of collective responsibility to support the proposition, as outlined in the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers (R.11/2015 refers).

Explanatory Note

These Regulations amend the Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Jersey) Regulations 2001 to prohibit the use of a trawl net or dredge within the areas situated at Les Écréhous and Les Minquiers that are described in Schedule 1A to those Regulations (as inserted by these Regulations).

Under Article 4(1) of the Sea Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1994, a person who is guilty of acting in convention of this prohibition is liable to a fine.



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Made[date to be inserted]Coming into force[date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 2 and 29 of the Sea Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1994¹, have made the following Regulations –

1 Amendment to the Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Jersey) Regulations 2001

In the Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Jersey) Regulations 2001^2 –

(a) after Article 3 there shall be inserted the following Article –

"3A Prohibition on trawling or dredging in certain areas

It is prohibited to use a trawl net or dredge within an area described in Schedule 1A.".

(b) after Schedule 1 there shall be inserted the following Schedule –

"SCHEDULE 1A

(Regulation 3A)

AREAS WITHIN WHICH TRAWLING OR DREDGING IS PROHIBTED

 The waters at Les Écréhous situated within the area denoted by the following co-ordinates (using the World Geodetic System 1984 ('WGS84') reference system) beginning with co-ordinate number 1 and joining in the sequence given, in a series of straight lines, coordinates 1 to 8 and then joining co-ordinate 8 to co-ordinate 1 –

Co-ordinate number	Latitude (WGS84)	Longitude (WGS84)
1	49°18.146N	001°55.000W
2	49°17.630N	001°54.200W
3	49°16.391N	001°54.583W
4	49°16.076N	001°54.827W
5	49°16.350N	001°56.250W
6	49°16.550N	001°57.855W
7	49°17.802N	001°58.490W
8	49°18.200N	001°57.400W

2. The waters at Les Minquiers situated within the area denoted by following the co-ordinates (using the WGS84 reference system) beginning with co-ordinate number 1 and joining in the sequence given, in a series of straight lines, co-ordinates 1 to 11 and then joining co-ordinate 11 to co-ordinate 1 –

Co-ordinate number	Latitude (WGS84)	Longitude (WGS84)
1	49°00.221N	002°10.900W
2	49°00.102N	002°07.196W
3	48°59.349N	002°07.199W
4	48°59.357N	002°05.604W
5	48°58.199N	002°02.800W
6	48°58.029N	002°02.699W
7	48°57.299N	002°03.708W
8	48°57.293N	002°06.195W
9	48°56.598N	002°06.198W
10	48°56.601N	002°10.900W
11	49°00.220N	002°10.900W".

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and shall come into force 7 days after they are made.

¹ chapter 14.825 ² chapter 14.825.88