

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

SEA FISHERIES REGULATION ACT 1966

SEA FISHERIES BYELAW

RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING

No person shall fish for sea fish

- a) in the Relevant Fisheries Area except by hook and line using a lure or bait on or attached to the hook;
- b) In the Relevant Fisheries Area using any device calculated or designed to foul hook fish. Fish hooked otherwise than in the mouth shall be returned to the water as soon as practically possible and with as little injury as possible unless the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 requires the fish to be landed.
- c) By any method inland of the Normal Tidal Limit. This provision shall not apply to sea fish caught whilst fishing under a licence issued subject to the Salmon and Freshwater fisheries Act 1975.

*Paragraph b) amended by The Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Miscellaneous Byelaw Amendments) (England) Order 2015 dated 30.11.15*

APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION

This Byelaw shall apply to the whole of the Relevant Fisheries Area over which the Environment Agency has powers as the Sea Fisheries Committee and to the adjoining rivers.

“The Normal Tidal Limit” is indicated on the 1:10,000 series of Ordnance Survey maps as “NTL”

“Relevant Fisheries Area” means the area inshore from the described points below to the Normal Tidal Limit.

In respect of Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee

- (a) A line drawn across the River Sark, true west from the southern extremity of the eastern bank of the river at Sarkfoot;
- (b) A line drawn across the River Esk and Eden, from the eastern side of the mouth of the River Sark at Sarkfoot, across Rockcliffe Marsh to Burghmarsh Point;
- (c) A line drawn across the River Wampool, along the seaward side of the site of the former railway bridge near Whittrigg, as defined by the bridge buttresses;
- (d) A line drawn across the River Waver, along the seaward side of the site of the former railway bridge near Abbeytown, as defined by the bridge buttresses;
- (e) A line drawn across the River Ellen, along the seaward side of the bridge carrying the A.594 road at Maryport;
- (f) Lines drawn across the River Derwent and across the adjacent Mill Stream, along the seaward side of the bridges carrying the Carlisle to Barrow-in-Furness railway line at Workington.
- (g) A line drawn across the River Ehen, along the seaward side of the footbridge near, and to the north of, Sellafeld railway station;
- (h) A line drawn across the River Calder, along the seaward side of the Calder Viaduct carrying the Carlisle to Barrow-in-Furness railway line near Sellafeld;

- (i) A line drawn across the River Esk, near its confluence with the Rivers Irt and Mite, from the post on the north shore near Drigg Point to the post on the south shore marking the line of the Post Office submarine cable;
- (j) A line drawn across every river or stream not hereinbefore specified, such a line being in continuation of the general line of the shore at mean high water springs.

#### **In respect of North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee**

- (k) Lines drawn along the seaward side of the railway (1) from Green Road Station to Kirkby-in-Furness Station; (2) from the road bridge over the railway near Plumpton Hall to Cark and Cartmel Station; and (3) from Grange Station to Arnside Station; such lines being at or near the mouths of the rivers Duddon, Leven, Winster, Kent, and Bela.
- (l) A line drawn across the river Keer, along the seaward side of the downstream railway bridge at Carnforth;
- (m) A line drawn across the river Lune, along the seaward side of Skerton Bridge carrying the A6 road at Lancaster;
- (n) A line drawn across the river Cocker, along the seaward side of Cocker bridge carrying the A588 road;
- (o) A line drawn across the river Wyre, along the seaward side of Shard toll bridge carrying the A588 road;
- (p) A line drawn across the river Asland or Douglas, between the tower of All Saints Church, Becconsall, and the tower of St. Michael's Church, Much Hoole;
- q) A line drawn across the river Mersey, along the seaward side of the railway bridge at Runcorn;
- r) A line drawn across the river Weaver, along the seaward side of the railway bridge at Frodsham;

Other expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them by section 20(1) of the Sea fisheries Regulation Act, 1966 and section 41(1) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1975.

#### **REVOCATION**

The Sea Fisheries Byelaws made by the former Lancashire River Board on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1913 as modified by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and confirmed by him on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1954 heretofore in force in those parts of the Relevant Fisheries Area over which the former Lancashire River Board had the powers of a local Fisheries Committee are hereby revoked.

#### **PENALTY**

Section 11(5) of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1966, provides that any person contravening any Byelaw made by a local Sea Fisheries Committee shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

#### **COMMENCEMENT**

This Byelaw shall come into effect the day following confirmation by the Minister.

*Note: On the seaward side of the limits referred to in this Byelaw jurisdiction under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966, as amended by subsequent acts, is exercised north of Haverigg Point by Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee and south of that point by North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee.*