

## SEA FISHERIES REGULATION ACT 1966

### KENT AND ESSEX SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE

#### BYELAW RELATING TO MINIMUM SIZES FOR GREY MULLET, SKATES AND RAYS

The Local Fisheries Committee for the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District (hereafter referred to as "the Committee"), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966, hereby makes the following byelaw :-

No person shall take from the fishery any of the undermentioned species that measure less than the sizes prescribed below:-

- (i) Grey mullet, 30 centimetres in length.
- (ii) Skates and rays, 40 centimetres being the measurement taken from the extreme tips of the wings; when winged no wing shall measure less than 19 centimetres in a straight line from the tip of the wing to the centre of the cut edge when detached from the body.

This byelaw applies to any part of the district within a line drawn on the seaward side of baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph "the baselines" means the baselines as they existed at 25 January 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866)".

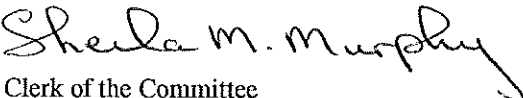
The district extends from the boundary of the administrative County of Essex in the River Stour to the old lighthouse at Dungeness in the County of Kent, the precise limits of which are defined in the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1980 made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 25th November 1980, the Sea Fisheries Districts (Variation) Order 1993 made by the minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 19th October 1993, and the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1995 made by the minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 23rd May 1995.

Under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966, as amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976, any person who contravenes these byelaws or where any vessel is used for fishing in any manner constituting a contravention of these byelaws, that person, or the skipper and the owner of the vessel concerned shall, subject as therein mentioned, each be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine. In addition, the court by which a person is convicted of an offence, as above-mentioned, may also order the forfeiture of any net or other fishing gear used in committing the offence and any fish in respect of which the offence was committed.

The provisions of this byelaw are without prejudice to any historic right of Several Fishery, Act of Parliament, Royal Charter or other rights that exist within the District as referred to in Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966

The new byelaw shall have effect from the date of confirmation thereof by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Dated this 30th April 1997

  
Clerk of the Committee

*The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in exercise of the*

**The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 7 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966 hereby CONFIRMS the foregoing byelaw:**

**IN WITNESS** whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on *17 OCTOBER* 1997



**J E ROBBS  
HEAD OF DIVISION**