



# **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*These notes are circulated for the information of Members with the approval of the Member in charge of the Bill, Mr P A Gawne, MHK*

### **General Note**

This Bill promoted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, is intended to introduce amendments to Fisheries Act 2012 to address issues identified in respect of compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights.

### **CLAUSE 1**

Gives the resulting Act its short title .

### **CLAUSE 2**

Identifies that the resultant Act will amend the Fisheries Act 2012.

### **CLAUSE 3**

Introduces a defence into section 28 of the Fisheries Act 2012.

### **CLAUSE 4**

Makes provision for a Justice of the Peace (rather than a member of the Department) to make a decision on disposing of anything forfeited under the Fisheries Act 2012 otherwise than on conviction.

### **CLAUSE 5**

Provides for the amending Act to be repealed once its amendments have taken effect and the Act has been promulgated.