



SEA-FISHERIES ACT 1971

SEA-FISHERIES (PROHIBITION OF QUEEN SCALLOP FISHING) BYE-LAWS 2011

Approved by Tynwald: 12 April 2011

Coming into operation: 1 March 2011

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture makes these Bye-Laws under section 2 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1971¹, having –

- (a) consulted in accordance with section 2(2A) of that Act;
- (b) satisfied itself as required under section 2(2A)(b) of that Act; and
- (c) obtained the concurrence of the Secretary of State to the making of the following Bye-Laws.

1 Title

These Bye-Laws are the Sea-Fisheries (Prohibition of Queen Scallop Fishing) Bye-Laws 2011.

2 Commencement

These Bye-Laws come into operation at 00.01am on 1 March 2011.

3 Interpretation

In these Bye-Laws “queen scallop” means fish of the species *Aequipecten opercularis*.

4 Closure of the Queen Scallop Fishery

No person shall fish for, take or kill queen scallops by any means within the Territorial Sea during the period from 1 March 2011 to 31 May 2011, both days inclusive, other than as a by-catch when undertaking king scallop fishing activity.

¹ 1971 c.18

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Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the bye-laws)

These Bye-Laws prohibit fishing for queen scallops within the Territorial Sea for the period from 1 March 2011 until 31 May 2011. This Bye-Law has been produced at the request of the Queenie Management Board. Whilst recognising that catches are high at present this initiative is introduced with a view to minimising the potential risk of overfishing following an extremely successful 2009 fishery.