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2026 No. 0000

SEA FISHERIES

The Conservation of Scallops (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	00th Month *202*6
Coming into operation	00th Month *202x*

The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**a**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1), and 124(1) and (2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Conservation of Scallops (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 00th Month 202x.

Amendment of the Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

2.—(1) The Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (Interpretation)—

(a) In alphabetical order insert—

""king scallops" means shellfish of the species *Pecten maximus";"*

*""*queen scallops" means shellfish of the species *Aequipecten opercularis*";"

(b) in the definition of "scallops", for "shellfish of the species *Pecten maximus*" substitute "king scallops or queen scallops"

(3) In regulation 3 (prohibition of fishing and fishing methods)—

(a) in paragraph (1) insert "king" before the word "scallops";

(b) in paragraph (2) in the first line omit "British";

(c) in paragraph (2)(e) at the end for "and" substitute" "or";

(d) in paragraph (7) for "scallops" substitute "king scallops".

(**a**) The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland was renamed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Article 3(4) of S.I. 1999/283 and renamed the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.)), section 1(2).

(**b**) 1966 c.17 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7), 2001c.4(NI) and S.I. 2002/790

(**c**) S.R. 2008 No. 430 as amended by the Fisheries Act 2020 (c.22) Schedule 2 paragraph 34"

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Conservation of Scallops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 ("the Principal Regulations").

These Regulations extend the prohibitions of fishing and fishing methods for king scallops in the Principal Regulations to apply to queen scallops (*Aequipecten opercularis*) with the exception of permitting trawling for queen scallops at nighttime and weekends., and the minimum sizes where different measurements apply. These Regulations also include two minor corrections to regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations

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