

# MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT

#### Part 6 – Conservation of Seals

##### Authorisations to enter land

##### *Section 120 - Power to enter land to obtain information about seals*

181. [Section 120](#) enables Scottish Ministers to authorise any person to enter land to obtain information about seals, provided that notice is given to the occupier of the land. It also specifies that there must be consultation with the Natural Environment Research Council before such an authorisation is given.

##### *Section 121 - Power to enter land to protect fisheries or fish farms from seals*

182. [Section 121](#) enables Scottish Ministers to authorise any person to enter land to kill or take seals in accordance with a licence granted for the purpose of preventing them from seriously damaging fisheries or fish farms, provided that notice is given to the occupier of the land. It also specifies that there must be consultation with the Natural Environment Research Council before such an authorisation is given.

##### *Section 122 - Duty to notify occupier*

183. [Section 122](#) sets out details for the giving of notice to the occupier of the land of an authorisation to enter land made under sections 120 and 121.

##### *Section 123 - Duty to produce authority*

184. [Section 123](#) places a duty on anyone entering land to produce evidence of their authority if asked to do so.

##### *Section 124 - Obstructing an authorised person*

185. [Section 124](#) provides for an offence of obstructing a person from entering land to carry out authorised activities.