



# Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020

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## CHAPTER 1

### ANIMAL WELFARE, ANIMAL HEALTH AND WILDLIFE: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

#### *Conservation of seals*

#### **14 Killing, injuring or taking seals: offences, penalties etc.**

- (1) The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 110 (seal licences)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), paragraphs (f) and (g) are repealed,
  - (b) subsections (2) and (3) are repealed.
- (3) Section 121 (power to enter land to protect fisheries or fish farms from seals) is repealed.
- (4) In section 122(1) (duty to notify occupier), the words “or 121(2)(a)” are repealed.
- (5) In section 123 (duty to produce authority), the words “or 121” are repealed.
- (6) In section 124 (obstructing an authorised person), the words “or 121” are repealed.
- (7) In section 128 (penalties)—
  - (a) before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) A person guilty of an offence under section 107 is liable—

    - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding £40,000 (or both),
    - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or a fine (or both).”

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(b) in subsection (1), the words “107 or” are repealed.

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 14(1)(7) in force at 30.11.2020 by S.S.I. 2020/379, reg. 2(1), **sch.** (with reg. 3)  
**I2** S. 14(2)-(6) in force at 1.2.2021 by S.S.I. 2020/379, **reg. 2(2)**

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