



# Salmon Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 62

### PART III

#### PROVISIONS APPLYING TO ENGLAND AND WALES

#### **31 Dealer licensing in England and Wales.**

- (1) The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make provision for the purpose of prohibiting persons, in such cases as may be specified in the order, from—
  - (a) dealing in salmon otherwise than under and in accordance with a license issued in pursuance of the order by such person as may be so specified; or
  - (b) buying salmon from a person who is not licensed to deal in salmon.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, an order under this section may—
  - (a) prescribe the manner and form of an application for a licence to deal in salmon and the sum, or maximum sum, to be paid on the making of such an application;
  - (b) specify the circumstances in which such an application is to be granted or refused and the conditions that may be incorporated in such a licence;
  - (c) authorise the amendment, revocation or suspension of such a licence;
  - (d) create a criminal offences consisting in the contravention of, or failure to comply with, provisions made under this section;
  - (e) provide for matters to be determined for the purposes of any such provision by a person authorised by any such provision to issue a licence; and
  - (f) make provision, whether by applying provisions of the <sup>M1</sup>Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 or otherwise, for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of any provision made under this section.
- (3) An order under this section may—
  - (a) make different provision for different cases; and

---

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

---

- (b) contain such incidental, supplemental and transitional provision as appears to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.
- (4) Except in the case of an order to which subsection (5) below applies, no order shall be made under this section unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section which relates exclusively to the sum, or maximum sum, to be paid on the making of an application for a licence to deal in salmon shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) In this section “deal”, in relation to salmon, includes selling any quantity of salmon, whether by way of business or otherwise, and acting on behalf of a buyer or seller of salmon.

**Marginal Citations**

M1 1975 c. 51.

**32 Handling [<sup>F1</sup>fish] in suspicious circumstances.**

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, a person shall be guilty of an offence if, at a time when he believes or it would be reasonable for him to suspect that a relevant offence has at any time been committed in relation to [<sup>F2</sup>any fish to which this section applies], he receives [<sup>F3</sup>that fish], or undertakes or assists in its retention, removal or disposal <sup>F4</sup>..., or if he arranges to do so.

[<sup>F5</sup>(1A) This section applies to—

- (a) salmon, trout, eels, lampreys, smelt and freshwater fish; and
- (b) fish of such other description as may be specified for the purposes of this section by order under section 40A of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.]

- (2) For the purposes of this section an offence is a relevant offence in relation to [<sup>F6</sup>a fish to which this section applies] if—

- (a) it is committed by taking, killing or landing [<sup>F7</sup>, or selling,][<sup>F8</sup>that fish], either in England and Wales or in Scotland; or
- (b) [<sup>F9</sup>that fish] is taken, killed or landed, [<sup>F10</sup>or sold,] either in England and Wales or in Scotland, in the course of the commission of the offence.

- (3) It shall be immaterial for the purposes of subsection (1) above that a person’s belief or the grounds for suspicion relate neither specifically to a particular offence that has been committed nor exclusively to a relevant offence or to relevant offences; but it shall be a defence in proceedings for an offence under this section to show that no relevant offence had in fact been committed in relation to the [<sup>F11</sup>fish] in question.

- (4) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under this section in respect of conduct which constitutes a relevant offence in relation to any [<sup>F12</sup>fish to which this section applies] or in respect of anything done in good faith for purposes connected with the prevention or detection of crime or the investigation or treatment of disease.

- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

- (a) on summary conviction, [<sup>F13</sup>to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum] ;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, [<sup>F14</sup>to a fine] .
- (6) The <sup>M2</sup>Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 shall have effect as if—
- <sup>F15</sup>(a) . . . . .
- (b) in sections 33(2) (warrants to enter suspected premises), 36(1) (water bailiffs to be constables for the purpose of enforcing Act) and 39(1) (border rivers) and in paragraph 39(1)(a) of Schedule 3 (prosecution by water authorities) and Part II of Schedule 4 (procedure on prosecutions), the references to that Act included references to this section.
- (7) In this section “offence”, in relation to the taking, killing or landing [<sup>F16</sup>, or selling,] of [<sup>F17</sup> a fish to which this section applies] either in England and Wales or in Scotland, means an offence under the law applicable to the place where [<sup>F18</sup>the fish] is taken, killed or landed [<sup>F19</sup>or sold] .
- <sup>F20</sup>(8) In this section “salmon”, “trout”, “eels”, “smelt”, “fish” and “freshwater fish” have the same meanings as in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 32 substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(2\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F2** Words in s. 32(1) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(3\)\(a\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F3** Words in s. 32(1) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(3\)\(b\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F4** Words in s. 32(1) repealed (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(3\)\(c\), 324\(3\), Sch. 22 Pt. 5\(B\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. paras. 14, 27\(b\)](#)
- F5** S. 32(1A) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(4\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F6** Words in s. 32(2) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(5\)\(a\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F7** Words in s. 32(2)(a) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(5\)\(b\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F8** Words in s. 32(2)(a) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(5\)\(b\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F9** Words in s. 32(2)(b) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(5\)\(c\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F10** Words in s. 32(2)(b) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(5\)\(c\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F11** Word in s. 32(3) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(6\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F12** Words in s. 32(4) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(7\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F13** Words in s. 32(5)(a) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(8\)\(a\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F14** Words in s. 32(5)(b) substituted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(8\)\(b\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)
- F15** S. 32(6)(a) repealed (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), s. 324\(3\), Sch. 16 para. 19, Sch. 22 Pt. 5\(B\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. paras. 15\(i\), 27\(b\)](#)
- F16** Words in s. 32(7) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\), ss. 229\(9\)\(a\), 324\(3\); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14](#)

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

- F17** Words in s. 32(7) substituted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), **ss. 229(9)(b)**, 324(3); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14
- F18** Words in s. 32(7) substituted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), **ss. 229(9)(c)**, 324(3); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14
- F19** Words in s. 32(7) inserted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), **ss. 229(9)(d)**, 324(3); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14
- F20** S. 32(8) inserted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), **ss. 229(10)**, 324(3); S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 14

#### Marginal Citations

**M2** 1975 c. 51.

### 33 Placing and use of fixed engines.

- F21**(1) .....
- F21**(2) .....
- F22**(3) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F21** S. 33(1)(2) repealed (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), s. 324(3), **Sch. 22 Pt. 5(B)**; S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para. 27(b)
- F22** S. 33(3) repealed (01.12.1991) by Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), **ss. 3(1), 4(2), Sch. 3 Pt.I.**

### 34 Introduction of fish into fish farms without consent.

In section 30 of the <sup>M3</sup>Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (prohibition of introduction of fish into inland waters without the consent of the water authority), at the end there shall be added the words “or the inland water is one which consists exclusively of, or of part of, a fish farm and which, if it discharges into another inland water, does so only through a conduit constructed or adapted for the purpose.

In this section “fish farm” has the same meaning as in the <sup>M4</sup>Diseases of Fish Act 1937.”.

#### Marginal Citations

- M3** 1975 c. 51.  
**M4** 1937 c. 33.

### 35 Removal of differential penalties under Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.

- (1) In the Table in Part I of Schedule 4 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (mode of prosecution and punishment for offences), for the entries relating to sections 1 and 27 (being entries which make different provision according to whether the offender acted with another and do not provide for imprisonment on summary conviction) there shall be substituted the following entries, respectively—

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

<i>Provision of Act creating the offence</i>	<i>Description of offence</i>	<i>Mode of prosecution</i>	<i>Punishment</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
“Section 1...	Fishing with certain instruments for salmon, trout or freshwater fish and possessing certain instruments for fishing for such fish.	(a) Summarily ... ..  (b) On indictment ... ..	Three months or the statutory maximum or both.  Two years or a fine or both.
Section 27 ...	Fishing for fish otherwise than under the authority of a licence and possessing an unlicensed instrument with intent to use it for fishing.	(a) If the instrument in question, or each of the instruments in question, is a rod and line, summarily.  (b) In any other case— (i) summarily ... .. (ii) on indictment ... ..	Level 4 on the standard scale.  three months or the statutory maximum or both;  two years or a fine or both.”.

(2) Subsection (1) above shall not affect any proceedings in respect of, or the punishment for, an offence committed before that subsection comes into force.

### 36 Servants and agents authorised by fishing licences.

(1) For paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the <sup>M5</sup>Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (persons treated as servants and agents of licensee for the purpose of being entitled to use an instrument under the authority of the licence) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“9 (1) A person who uses an instrument of any description for fishing in an area in relation to which an order under section 26 above limiting the number of licences for fishing with instruments of that description is in force shall not be treated for the purposes of section 25(3) above as the duly authorised servant or agent of any holder of a licence to use an instrument of that description unless, at the time that person uses the instrument—

---

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

---

- (a) his name and address are entered on the licence in accordance with the following provisions of this Schedule; and
  - (b) he is not himself the holder of a licence to use an instrument of that description in that area; and
  - (c) he is accompanied by the licensee or has the consent of the water authority to his use of the instrument in the absence of the licensee.
- (2) A person who uses an instrument of any description for fishing in an area in which no such order as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above is in force shall not be treated for the purposes of section 25(3) above as the duly authorised servant or agent of any holder of a licence to use an instrument of that description unless, at the time that person uses the instrument—
- (a) his name and address are entered on the licence in accordance with the following provisions of this Schedule; or
  - (b) he is accompanied by the licensee; or
  - (c) he has the consent of the water authority to his use of the instrument otherwise than where there is compliance with paragraph (a) or (b) above.
- (3) The consent of a water authority shall not be given under this paragraph except—
- (a) in the case of a consent for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) (c) above, in relation to a period which appears to the water authority to be a period throughout which the licensee will be unable through illness or injury to accompany his servant or agent;
  - (b) in the case of a consent for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) (c) above, where the giving of the consent appears to the water authority to be required by the special circumstances of the case.”
- (2) Accordingly, in section 25(3) of that Act, for the words from “not exceeding” onwards there shall be substituted the words “subject to the provisions of paragraphs 9 to 13 of Schedule 2 to this Act”.

---

**Marginal Citations**

**M5** 1975 c. 51.

<sup>F23</sup>**37** **Byelaws under Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.**

.....

---

**Textual Amendments**

**F23** S. 37 repealed (1.4.2010 for W., 1.4.2011 for E.) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 324(3), [Sch. 22 Pt. 4](#); S.I. 2010/630, art. 3(b) (with arts. 812); S.I. 2011/556, art. 2(2)(o) (with art. 2(3))

---

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

---

**F24 38 Disclosure of information furnished under the Diseases of Fish Act 1983.**

.....

**Textual Amendments**

**F24** S. 38 repealed in part (15.11.2006) by Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2913), art. 1(2), Sch. 4 Pt. 2 and s. 38 omitted (27.3.2009) by virtue of Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/463), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 7(a)** (with reg. 2(2))

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Salmon Act 1986, Part III.