

Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2001

Pursuant to section 89 of the Fisheries Act 1983 and sections 297 and 298 of the Fisheries Act 1996, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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1 Title

- (1) These regulations are the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2001.
- (2) In these regulations, the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986¹ are called “the principal regulations”.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

¹ (SR 1986/220)

3 Regulation 15JA inserted

The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 15J, the following regulation:

“15JA Trawling prohibited in certain seamount areas

- “(1) No person may use a trawl net for fishing in any closed seamount area.
- “(2) In this regulation, **closed seamount area** means all waters within the following areas:
- “(a) the area located in fisheries management area 5 that is bounded by—
 - “(i) the latitudes 48°00’S and 48°45’S; and
 - “(ii) the longitudes 162°10’E and 162°50’E;
 - “(b) the area located in fisheries management area 6 that is bounded by—
 - “(i) the latitudes 48°30’S and 51°00’S; and
 - “(ii) the longitudes 175°00’W and 179°00’W;
 - “(c) the area located in fisheries management area 6 that is bounded by—
 - “(i) the latitudes 50°30’S and 50°50’S; and
 - “(ii) the longitudes 163°45’E and 164°09’E;
 - “(d) the area located in fisheries management area 6 that is bounded by—
 - “(i) the latitudes 50°40’S and 51°25’S; and
 - “(ii) the longitudes 164°00’E and 165°00’E;
 - “(e) the area located in fisheries management area 6 that is bounded by—
 - “(i) the latitudes 54°57’S and 55°06’S; and
 - “(ii) the longitudes 169°00’E and 169°20’E.”

4 Offences

[Revoked]

Regulation 4 was revoked, as from 1 October 2001, by regulation 16(i) Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2001 (SR 2001/271).

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986 to prohibit trawling in certain areas. The purpose of the prohibition is to protect certain seamounts and their surrounding areas.

A seamount is a protruding irregularity or bottom feature that rises above the sea floor, and may be either stand-alone or form part of a chain or range of hills.

The particular seamounts round which trawling is prohibited by the new *regulation 15JA* are those known some by fishers as Bollons and Christable, and those identified by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research and seamounts numbers 358, 375, and 401.

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