



NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (c.23)

Prohibition on Removal of Tope or Parts Thereof. Byelaw XXV

1. This byelaw applies to any part of the district within a line drawn on the seaward side of the baselines 6 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured. For the purpose of this paragraph “the baselines” means the baselines as they existed at 25th January, 1983 in accordance with the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 (1965 III p.6452A) as amended by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 (1979 II p.2866).
2. No person shall remove from any fishery any tope of the species (*Galeorhinus galeus*) or part(s) thereof which is detached from the body.
3. Any tope, if caught, shall be returned immediately to the sea in a position as near as possible to that part of the sea from which it was taken.

Explanatory note

(This note is not part of the Byelaw)

The intention of this Byelaw is to protect tope from commercial over-exploitation within the Committee’s jurisdiction.