

The Freshwater Fish Conservation (Prohibition on Fishing for Eels) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

1. The Scottish Ministers, having regard to section 51A(3) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003, hereby seek representations or objections with respect to the proposals set out below.
2. The proposal is to make Regulations under section 51A of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003. The effect of the Regulations will be to prohibit fishing by any method for eels (*Anguilla Anguilla*) in Scotland, except on application and under the authority of a licence granted by Scottish Ministers. Under European Council Regulation (EC) 1100/2007 each Member State is required to have an eel management plan in place by the end of 2008. The Conservation Regulations will form one measure of the plan.
3. Written representations or objections with respect to the proposal should be lodged with the Scottish Government, Marine Directorate, Pentland House, Room 408a, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TY on or before 21 November 2008.

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