



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Wednesday 13 February 2019

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

Amendments tabled since the last publication: 4 to 7

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

FISHERIES BILL, AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

Mrs Sheryll Murray
Scott Mann
Martin Vickers

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To move the following Clause—

“Exiting the Common Fisheries Policy

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to ensure that the UK leaves the Common Fisheries policy no later than the end of 11 p.m. on 29th March 2019.”

2 Consideration of Bill (Report Stage): 13 February 2019

Fisheries Bill, *continued*

Richard Benyon
Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith

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- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, at end insert—
- “(A1) This section applies to any public authority having any function relating to fishing activities or fisheries management.
- (A2) Every public authority to which this section applies must exercise its functions in order to achieve the fisheries objectives”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would place a legal duty on any public authority with any function related to fisheries to achieve the objectives. Without this duty objectives are established but with no clear obligation for authorities to deliver them.

Richard Benyon
Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith

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- ★ Clause 1, page 2, line 38, at end insert—
- “(10) The fisheries policy authorities must publish, at least every three years, an update on progress made against the objectives set out in the fisheries objectives.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require national authorities to publish an update on progress made against the objectives to ensure accountability.

Richard Benyon
Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith

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- ★ Clause 18, page 10, line 18, at end insert—
- “(1A) Any determination under subsection (1) must be in accordance with international law, having regard to the interdependence of stocks, in order to maintain the stock population above a level capable of producing the maximum suitable yield and to ensure long-term viability of the stock population.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment protects against short-term political pressure to set catch limits higher than scientific advice and would ensure that catch limits are set at sustainable levels, in line with CFP Regulation, UN Conventions on the Law of the Sea and Fish Stock Agreement and Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Richard Benyon
Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith

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- ★ Clause 18, page 10, line 18, at end insert—
- “(1A) When determining fishing opportunities under this section, if the current biomass of the stock or the level of fishing mortality consistent with achieving the maximum sustainable yield is not able to be estimated reliably using the best available scientific advice, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) not use the absence of, or any uncertainty in, that evidence as a reason for postponing or failing to determine fishing opportunities for the stock,

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- (b) have regard to the interdependence of stocks, the biological characteristics of the stock, and any environmental conditions affecting the stock, and
- (c) determine the maximum quantity of sea fish that may be caught by British fishing boats—
 - (i) at a quantity which functions as a suitable scientific proxy with similar intent to the objectives of maximum sustainable yield, and
 - (ii) consistent with the scientific evidence objective and the precautionary objective.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that a suitable proxy is used to determine fishing opportunities for data-deficient stocks.

Peter Aldous
Zac Goldsmith

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Clause 20, page 11, line 42, at end insert—

- “(aa) in the second sentence—
 - (i) for “may” substitute “shall”; and
 - (ii) for “the history of compliance, the contribution to the local economy and historic catch levels” substitute “and the social and economic contribution to the local economy, thereby recognising the fishery as public property held on trust for the people.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that it is mandatory for relevant national authorities to use the impact of fishing on the environment, social and economic contribution to the local economy as criteria when distributing fishing opportunities.

Mrs Sheryll Murray

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Clause 45, page 29, line 34, at end insert—

- “(3A) The Secretary of State must make regulations under subsection (3) so that all provisions of this Act come into force no later than 11 p.m. on 29th March 2019.”

Fisheries Bill, *continued*

David Duguid
Ross Thomson
Craig Tracey
Stephen Kerr
John Lamont
Bill Grant

Douglas Ross

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Clause 45, page 29, line 34, at end insert—

“(3A) The Secretary of State must make regulations under subsection (3) so that all sections in this Act come into force no later than 31 December 2020.”

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [21 NOVEMBER 2018]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Fisheries Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Wednesday 19 December.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration as per up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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