

Fisheries Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 2, line 8, leave out paragraph (b) and insert –

“(b) catches, whether incidental or otherwise, of sensitive species are eliminated within a specified period not exceeding five years from the day on which this Act is passed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires any catching of sensitive species to be eliminated within five years of the Bill becoming law.

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Page 2, line 35, at end insert –

“() In addition to the fisheries objectives, section (*Duty to sustain the UK fishing industry workforce*) outlines responsibilities towards the UK fishing industry workforce.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment makes clear that the Secretary of State has additional duties to the UK fishing industry workforce which extend beyond the general environmental and sustainability principles provided for in Clause 1.

After Clause 1

LORD CAMERON OF DILLINGTON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to achieve fisheries objectives

Any public authority having any function relating to fish and aquaculture activities or fisheries management must exercise its functions in order to achieve the fisheries objectives.”

After Clause 1 - continued

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to sustain the UK fishing industry workforce

- (1) In exercising functions under this Act, the Secretary of State must have regard to the national interest in building and sustaining the UK fishing industry workforce.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a strategy outlining the steps that Her Majesty’s Government proposes to take to –
 - (a) protect and enhance the safety of workers in fishing activities, and
 - (b) implement legal and training infrastructure to build and sustain the UK fishing industry workforce.
- (3) In preparing the strategy under subsection (2), the Secretary of State must consult –
 - (a) other relevant UK Ministers,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (d) the Northern Ireland department, and
 - (e) bodies that appear to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of the UK fishing industry.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause introduces requirements on the Secretary of State to build and sustain the UK fishing industry workforce. It would require publication of a strategy for enhancing the safety of fishers and providing legal and training infrastructure.

Clause 2

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 3, line 35, leave out from “to” to end of line 36 and insert –

- “(a) restore one or more stocks of sea fish to, or maintain them at, sustainable levels, and
- (b) in respect of fish activities for the one or more stocks of sea fish referred to in paragraph (a), achieve the ecosystem objective.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the ecosystem objective to be achieved whenever policies to maintain or restore a particular fish stock are set out.

LORD LANSLEY

Page 3, line 36, at end insert—

- “(5A) If the fisheries policy authorities (or any of them) believe that a statement under this Act is or would be, if made, inconsistent with their policies, they may request an independent reviewer, which the Secretary of State must appoint, to report within six months.
- (5B) The Secretary of State and fisheries policy authorities must have regard to the report of the independent reviewer appointed under subsection (5A) in making a JFS thereafter.
- (5C) The Secretary of State must have regard to the report of the independent reviewer appointed under subsection (5A) before setting out policies in a Secretary of State fisheries statement under section 4, which would otherwise be included in the JFS.”

Schedule 1

LORD TEVERSON

BARONESS BAKEWELL OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE

Page 38, line 21, after first “period” insert “of not less than 28 days”

Clause 25

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 16, line 41, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

- “(b) in the second sentence, for “may” substitute “shall”; 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, and shall have regard to the principle that the fishery is public property held on trust for the people”;
- (c) in the third sentence, for “allocated to them, Member States shall endeavour to” substitute “available for distribution by them, the national fisheries authorities shall””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires relevant national authorities to use the impact of fishing on the environment and the social and economic contribution to the local economy as criteria when distributing fishing opportunities, and to provide incentives to fishing vessels deploying selective fishing gear or using fishing techniques with reduced environmental impact.

Clause 48

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 34, line 7, at end insert—

“() any species of cetacean,”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment ensures that that all cetacean species (whales, dolphins, etc) remain within the meaning of “sensitive species”, independent of any reference to EU law.

Page 34, line 8, before “species” insert “other”

Member’s explanatory statement

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