

Fisheries Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 2

LORD LANSLEY

Page 3, line 13, at end insert—

“(1A) The policies for achieving, or contributing to the achievement of, the fisheries objectives required to be set out in a JFS by subsection (1)(a) include, in particular, the policies of the fisheries policy authorities relating to the distribution, in accordance with section 25, of catch quotas and effort quotas for use by fishing boats.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the joint fisheries statement to set out the policies of the fisheries policy authorities relating to the distribution of quotas for use by fishing boats.

After Clause 17

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH
LORD TEVERSON

Insert the following new Clause—

“National landing requirement

- (1) Within 18 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must make regulations establishing a national landing requirement which automatically applies to any boat licensed under section 14(1) or 16(1), unless exempted under subsection (4)(b).
- (2) Before making regulations under subsection (1), 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.

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- (3) A consultation under subsection (2) must seek views on setting an average landing requirement across all relevant species that is not less than 65 per cent.
- (4) An appropriate authority may –
 - (a) determine its own exceptions and exemptions relating to the landing requirement, and
 - (b) exempt any boat licensed to operate within British fishery limits under section 14(1) or 16(1) from the landing requirement after it has come into force.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.
- (6) In this section –

“appropriate authority” means the relevant person under section 15(1);

“landing requirement” means the percentage of a boat’s catch that was caught within British fishery limits in any given quarter which must be landed at a port in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Guernsey or Jersey;

“relevant species” means any species present in a UK fishing zone which is subject to a UK catch quota.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause requires the Secretary of State to consult on and establish a ‘national landing requirement’ to ensure a minimum percentage of fish caught by both domestic and foreign fishing vessels in UK waters are then landed at a port in the UK, Isle of Man, Guernsey or Jersey.

Clause 25

LORD LANSLEY

Leave out Clause 25 and insert the following new Clause –

“Distribution of fishing opportunities

- (1) When distributing catch quotas and effort quotas for use by fishing boats, the national fisheries authorities must use criteria that –
 - (a) are transparent and objective, and
 - (b) include criteria relating to environmental, social and economic factors.
- (2) The criteria may in particular relate to –
 - (a) the impact of fishing on the environment;
 - (b) the history of compliance with regulatory requirements relating to fishing;
 - (c) the contribution of fishing to the local economy;
 - (d) historic catch levels.
- (3) When distributing catch quotas and effort quotas for use by fishing boats, the national fisheries authorities must seek to incentivise –
 - (a) the use of selective fishing gear, and

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- (b) the use of fishing techniques that have a reduced impact on the environment (for example that use less energy or cause less damage to habitats).
- (4) In this section “the national fisheries authorities” means –
 - (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Marine Management Organisation,
 - (c) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (d) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (e) the Northern Ireland Department.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment relocates the rules relating to the distribution of quota from the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation to the Bill.

After Clause 25

LORD GRANTCHESTER
LORD KREBS
LORD TEVERSON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Reservation of English fishing opportunities for new entrants and boats under 10 metres

- (1) Before making a determination under section 23 for the first time, the Secretary of State must establish a baseline allocation of English fishing opportunities (“minimum quota”) for –
 - (a) new entrants to the sector, and
 - (b) boats whose length is 10 metres or less.
- (2) Unless the condition in subsection (3) is satisfied, the minimum quota must not be less than an average of the opportunities allocated to these groups over the previous three years.
- (3) The condition in this subsection is that, to meet the sustainability objective, the Secretary of State deems it appropriate that fishing opportunities for certain species be reduced.
- (4) When making a determination under section 23 each calendar year, the Secretary of State must –
 - (a) consider the case for increasing the minimum quota above that of the preceding year, and
 - (b) lay a statement outlining the outcome of this consideration before both Houses of Parliament.
- (5) In the event that the Secretary of State believes there is no case for increasing the minimum quota, the statement under subsection (4)(b) must outline the reasons why.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to establish a minimum quota for new entrants to the sector and boats whose length is 10 metres or less. Thereafter, the Secretary of State would have to consider the case for increasing this quota each year and lay statements before Parliament.

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