DOLPHIN PROTECTION ZONE REGULATIONS 2018

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 18 and 24 of the Nature Protection Act 1991 and all other enabling powers, and after having consulted the Nature Conservancy Council, the Government has made the following Regulations—

Title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dolphin Protection Zone Regulations 2018 and come into operation on the day of publication.

Application.

2. These Regulations apply to any land covered (continuously or intermittently) by waters and all of the sea within BGTW designated as a Dolphin Protection Zone.

Interpretation.

3. In these Regulations and unless the context shall otherwise require—

   “Act” means the Nature Protection Act 1991;

   “BGTW” has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Act;

   “Dolphin Protection Zone” means the area shaded and demarcated in blue in the Schedule;

   “popping” means casting and pulling any type of lure or bait from a vessel across the sea surface or just below, in short and repeated bursts, to imitate a baitfish.

Prohibitions within the Dolphin Protection Zone

4. Popping shall be prohibited within the Dolphin Protection Zone.
Offences and penalties.

5.(1) A person who contravenes regulation 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable –

(a) on summary conviction to a fine up to level 3 on the standard scale; or

(b) in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to fine up to level 4 on the standard scale.

(2) When imposing a sentence the court may, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed under sub-regulation (1), disqualify a person from holding a fishing permit under these Marine Protection Regulations 2014, for such period as it deems appropriate.