Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2007

Preamble

At Wellington this 15th day of October 2007

Pursuant to section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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1 Title

These regulations are the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2007.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 15 November 2007.

3 Principal regulations amended

These regulations amend the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.

4 Trawling prohibited in certain seamount areas

- (1) Regulation 15JA(2) is amended by revoking paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:
- "(c) the area located in fisheries management area 6 that is bounded by—
 - "(i) the latitudes 50°30'S and 51°25'S; and
 - "(ii) the longitudes 163°35′E and 165°00′E:".
- (2) Regulation 15JA(2)(d) is revoked.

Diane Morcom,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 15 November 2007, amend the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986 by—

- •• combining, in *new regulation 15JA(2)(c)*, the closed seamount areas described in existing regulation 15JA(2)(c) and (d); and
- •• revoking regulation 15JA(2)(d), which is no longer required because *new regulation* 15JA(2)(c) includes the area previously described in regulation 15JA(2)(d).

The amendments made by these regulations, in response to the collection of more accurate bathymetric information, allow the area closures to better encompass and protect the underlying features.

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