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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024**

**DATE**            **22 October 2024**

**BY**                **Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change  
and Rural Affairs**

Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware I have given consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs exercising a concurrent subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

Agreement was sought on to make a statutory instrument titled the Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024. The 2024 Regulations apply in relation to Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The 2024 Regulations have been made by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of powers conferred by section 36(1)(b) and (c) of the Fisheries Act 2020.

The 2024 Regulations relate to measures which apply to the seabass fishery which extends beyond the Welsh Zone. In order for them to be effective, they need to apply on a UK basis and apply to all vessels operating in UK waters. In particular the 2024 Regulations remove seabass fishing provisions for United Kingdom registered fishing vessels from Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123. This is to enable more responsive management to be brought in through vessel licensing .

Consent was granted as these Regulations apply to a shared fishery which operates within and beyond the Welsh zone. In order for them to be effective, they need to apply on a UK basis and apply to all vessels operating in UK waters.

The 2024 Regulations were laid before Parliament 16 October 2024 and will come into force on 16 December 2024.