

Environment Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[For Seventh Marshalled List]

Schedule 14

VISCOUNT RIDLEY

LORD LUCAS

Page 220, line 33, at end insert –

- “(e) accreditation for persons or organisations that draft biodiversity gain plans via automated means.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of this amendment is to allow biodiversity net gain requirements in smaller development projects to be calculated by automated systems based on standardised input forms. Such systems have already been designed for use in this space and there will be a need to ensure that they are accredited properly.

Clause 105

LORD KREBS

Page 106, line 28, leave out subsections (7) to (9) and insert –

- “(7) The Secretary of State may make regulations under this section only if the regulations do not reduce the level of environmental protection provided by the Habitats Regulations and are compatible with the requirements and objectives of –
- (a) the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (the Bonn Convention),
 - (b) the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (the Bern Convention),
 - (c) the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat,
 - (d) the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, and
 - (e) the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Clause 105 - continued

- (8) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament, and publish, a statement demonstrating that the proposed regulations do not reduce the level of environmental protection provided by the Habitats Regulations.
- (9) Before making regulations under this section the Secretary of State must obtain, and take into account, the advice of—
 - (a) the Office for Environmental Protection, Natural England, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, and other relevant technical experts, and
 - (b) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to demonstrate that any amendments to the Habitats Regulations under this section do not weaken environmental protection or undermine international environmental obligations, replacing the current test which relies on the opinion of the Secretary of State.

After Clause 109

LORD TEVERSON

Insert the following new Clause—

“Collection of marine data

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) by regulations provide that all vessels over 10 metres in length, and of whatever nationality, fishing within territorial waters and the UK Exclusive Economic Zone must be fitted with remote electronic monitoring systems and cameras for the purposes of—
 - (i) full and accurate documentation and data collection of fish activities, and bycatch, and
 - (ii) monitoring compliance with fish activities, bycatch and other marine management regulations;
 - (b) by regulations provide that all British vessels fishing outside the UK Exclusive Economic Zone must be fitted with remote electronic monitoring systems and cameras for the purposes of—
 - (i) full and accurate documentation and data collection of fish activities and bycatch, and
 - (ii) monitoring compliance with fish activities, bycatch and other marine management regulations;
 - (c) publish a timetable for the phased introduction of the provisions under paragraphs (a) and (b), the final phase of which must be implemented within three years from the day on which this Act is passed;
 - (d) publish plans, within two years from the day on which this Act is passed, following a consultation, to extend remote electronic monitoring systems with cameras to all motorised vessels of whatever nationality fishing within territorial waters and the UK Exclusive Economic Zone.
- (2) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.

After Clause 109 - continued

- (3) In this section, “fish activities” has the meaning given by section 52 of the Fisheries Act 2020.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment mandates the use of remote electronic monitoring (REM) on all fishing vessels above 10 metres in length that fish in UK waters in order to accurately monitor marine environmental data and requires plans to be published to extend REM to all vessels.

Schedule 16

BARONESS SHEEHAN

Page 229, line 3, at end insert “to a negligible level except where the risks identified and assessed are already negligible.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would introduce an estimation of the level of risk.

Page 233, line 5, leave out “reasonable steps to implement a” and insert “steps necessary to implement an effective”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require a regulated person to take the steps necessary to implement an effective due diligence system.

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