Date Introduced: 23 April 1980
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. D.S. Thomson, M.C., Minister for Science and the Environment

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Fisheries Act 1952 to extend the protections given to whales.

Background

This Bill is one of a group of 3 Bills which aim to extend greater protections to whales. The main Bill is the Whale Protection Bill 1980 and this Bill is ancillary to it. See the background to the Whale Protection Bill 1980.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 amends s.5B of the Act to require the Minister in considering the objectives of the Act to ensure that the measures adopted are not inconsistent with the preservation, conservation and protection of all species of whales.

Clause 4 amends s.8 of the Act to empower the Minister to establish whale sanctuaries in which licensed boats are prohibited. Clause 5 amends s.13 to enable a person to contravene the prohibition in order to secure the safety of boat or human life.

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