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## CHAPTER 210

# FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF APPLICATION) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Extension of application.

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34 of 1987. Ch. 174.

## FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF APPLICATION) ORDER

(Section 3)

[25th April, 1987.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

## FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF APPLICATION) ORDER.

Extension of application.

2. It is hereby ordered that the provisions of the Fisheries Act shall extend and apply to all the rivers, streams, watercourses, lakes, lagoons and other inland waters of Belize.

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# FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Fishery Officers.

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| 112 of 1989.<br>79 of 1990.<br>29 of 1999. | FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT) ORDER (Section 4)  |  |  |
| Ch. 174.                                   | [28th October, 1989.]   |  |  |
| Short title.                               | 1. This Order may be cited as the   |  |  |
|  | FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT) ORDER.   |  |  |
| Fishery Officers.                          | 2. <b>I, MICHAEL ESPAT</b> , Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 4 of the Fisheries Act, do hereby appoint the persons for the time being holding the following offices to be " <b>FISHERY OFFICERS</b> " for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act and the regulations made thereunder: |  |  |
|  | (a) Fisheries Administrator;  |  |  |
|  | (b) Fisheries Officer;  |  |  |
|  | (c) Assistant Fisheries Officer;  |  |  |
|  | (d) Fisheries Inspector;  |  |  |
| 79 of 1990.                                | (e) All officers who are for the time being members of the Maritime Wing of the Belize Defence Force and so long as they serve as such members;   |  |  |
| 29 of 1999.                                | (f) Miguel Alamilla Manager, Hol Char<br>Marine Reserve;  |  |  |
| 29 of 1999.                                | (g) Alberto Patt Biologist, Hol Char<br>Marine Reserve;   |  |  |

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## FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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- Duty. 2.
- 3. Exception.

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## **CHAPTER 210**

## FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER

(Section 9)

Ch. 133. Ch. 174 7 of 1966.

50 of 1966. 4 of 1968.

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

#### FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER.

2. There shall be raised, levied, collected and paid an export duty on all fish taken within the waters of and exported from Belize, such export duty to be paid by the exporter and to be at the following rates:

Duty.

- (a) on crawfish (commonly known as crayfish, rock lobster and shellfish) ten cents a pound on gross tail weight;
- (b) on shrimp three cents a pound;

50 of 1966.

7 of 1966.

- (c) on other fish whether fresh, salted, smoked or cured, one cent a pound.
- 3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2 of this Order no duty shall be chargeable on the export of fish heads of any fish other than shrimps or crawfish.

Exception. 4 of 1968.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph fish head means any portion of a fish anterior to the third cervical vertibra.

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### CHAPTER 210

## FISHERIES REGULATIONS

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FIRST SCHEDULE

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SECOND SCHEDULE

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THIRD SCHEDULE

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FIFTH SCHEDULE

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(Section 13)

Ch. 174. 66 of 1967.

71 of 1978. 24 of 1980.

17 of 1982.

[1st October, 1977.]

83 of 1982. 44 of 1986.

168 of 1991. 55 of 1993.

143 of 1993. 68 of 1997. 13 of 1999.

66 of 2002. 56 of 2003. 90 of 2003.

103 of 2003.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

#### FISHERIES REGULATIONS.

## PART I PRELIMINARY

#### 2. In these Regulations

Interpretation.

"bonefish" means the fish commonly known in this country as macabi, the scientific name of which is *Albula vulpes Linne*;

"cape length" means carapace measurement of crawfish determined by beginning at the most anterior edge of the groove between the horns directly above the eyes, then proceeding along the middorsalline to the rear edge of the carapace;

"closed season" means in relation to any kind or species of fish, a time or season during which the taking of that kind or species of fish is prohibited by

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these Regulations;

"conch" means any mollusc of the species Strombus gigas Linne;

24 of 1980.

"crawfish" means fish of the genus *Panulirus* which is commonly known as crayfish or spiny lobster, and includes the whole or part of the abdomen of crawfish when that abdomen or part of the abdomen is severed from the carapace;

"crustacea" includes marine and fresh water shrimp, crabs, and crawfish;

"lobster trap" means any device that is designed for use, or is capable of being used for or in connection with the taking of crawfish;

71 of 1978.

"market clean conch" means conch that has been removed from the shell and from which operculum and gonads are completely removed and the mantle partially removed;

"mesh size" means the measurement from knot to knot across the diagonal of the tightly stretched wet mesh;

"scale fish" means all members of the class Pisces;

"seine" means a net of any description used for taking fish by drawing along the bottom of the sea or fresh water (whether drawn on the beach or otherwise);

"shellfish" means any mollusc, specifically including oysters, clams, mussels, scallops, and snails, including members of the genus *Strombus*;

44 of 1986.

"Shrimp" means and includes fish of the genus *Penaeus* but does not include the fresh water shrimp of the genus *Macrobrachium*;

"to buy" means to come into possession or attempt to possess property in fish by means of an offer or exchange for money or other valuable consideration;

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"to sell" includes an exchange or an offer or attempt to sell or exchange for money or for any other valuable consideration or an agreement to sell and any exposition of the goods in association with a mark indicating a price shall be deemed to be an offer to sell;

"to take" includes all operations preparatory, and subsequent to an attempt - whether successful or not - to capture, kill, pursue, or otherwise harm or reduce to possession any fisheries resource;

"turtle" means a marine or fresh water turtle as distinguished from a terrestrial species of tortoise.

2:01. A reference in these Regulations to any fish shall, where the context 24 of 1980. permits, include a reference to any part of such fish.

## PART II GENERAL

3. (1) No person shall take in the waters of Belize or buy, sell or have in his possession crawfish-

Criteria for possession of crawfish. 68 of 1997.

55 of 1993.

- (a) if the cape length is less than three or the tail weight is less than four ounces;
- 168 of 1991.
- (b) between the 15th February and the 14th June, inclusive, in any year;
- 143 of 1993.

- (c) that is berried, has eggs or spawn;
- (d) that has had the berries, eggs or spawn removed;
- (e) that is moulting or has a soft shell;

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90 of 2003.

(f) fillet or diced lobster tail meat, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

68 of 1997.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) above -
  - (a) crawfish with a cape length of less than 3 inches may be taken in the waters of Belize for aquaculture purposes under a special licence granted by the Minister;
  - (b) crawfish that is berried, (has eggs), may be taken in the waters of Belize for acquaculture purposes under a special licence granted by the Minister.

No removal of eggs from female lobster.

4. No person shall detach or otherwise remove from any female lobster any eggs or spawn or the setae or fibre to which any eggs or spawn are or have been attached.

No taking of soft shelled crustacean.

5. No person shall take any soft shelled crustacean.

Shrimp season and criteria for obtaining licence for trawling. 103 of 2003.

5:01 (1) Shrimp season will officially open on July 15<sup>th</sup> of any year inclusive, for a period not exceeding eight months in any one year, but which period may be less than eight months provided that one month's notice is given in advance. In the event that stocks are low or not mature, the Fisheries Administrator on consultation with the Fisheries Advisory Board and with scientific data shall close the shrimp season for a stipulated period of time as advertised in at least three (3) local newspapers.

103 of 2003.

(2) The number of vessels trawling within the waters of Belize will be fixed on an annual basis by the Minister responsible for Fisheries on the recommendation of the Fisheries Administrator after consultation with the Fisheries Advisory Board, but it shall not exceed eight vessels in any one

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season.

(3) Licence for trawling shall be given only to co-operative-owned shrimp vessels unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister responsible for Fisheries or the Fisheries Administrator.

103 of 2003.

(4) Any foreign-owned shrimp trawling vessel operating within the territorial waters of Belize will be given a licence only if:

103 of 2003.

- (a) it is opened as a joint venture with a local cooperative; and
- (b) it has received the approval of the Minister responsible for Fisheries or the Fisheries Administrator.
- (5) The following licence fees shall apply to shrimp trawling vessels operating in Belize unless waived and specified in writing by the Minister after consultation with the Fisheries administrator and the Fisheries Advisory board:

103 of 2003.

- (a) \$500.00 per season for a locally owned shrimp trawling vessel shall be paid upon receipt of licence unless otherwise specified in writing by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) \$2,000.00 per season for a foreign-owned shrimp trawling vessel shall be paid upon receipt of licence unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister after consultation with the Fisheries Administrator.
- (6) The captain or owners of each vessel shall furnish to the Fisheries Administrator written details of the catches, date and time occupied fishing, fishing gear, areas fished and any other information as may be requested from time to time by the Fisheries Administrator.

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Criteria for possession of conch.

6. (1) No person shall take in the waters of Belize or buy, sell or have in his possession-

71 of 1978.

- (a) any conch between the 1st July and the 30th September, inclusive, in any year;
- (b) at any time, conch the overall shell length of which does not exceed seven inches or the weight of the market clean conch taken from which does not exceed three ounces.

90 of 2003.

(2) No fisherman shall buy, sell or have in his possession in Belize, fillet or diced conch (*Strombus gigas*) meat other than market clean, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

Permit to use Scuba Equipment.

7. No person shall take fish in the waters of Belize using Scuba equipment except under special permit from the Fisheries Administrator.

Fishing by means of beach seine, trap, weir or stop net. 8. (1) In all areas outside the barrier reef and within a radius of two miles of the mouth of the Belize River, Haulover Creek and Sibun River, no person shall take fish by means of any beach seine, trap, weir or stop net.

17 of 1982.

- (2) No person shall with intent to take fish, use any trap or other device constructed of net or wire in any area within a distance of one hundred yards of the Barrier Reef.
- (3) No person shall, with intent to take fish, use any trap, wire or net, other than lobster traps, in the vicinity of Bottonwood Caye, Caye Glory, Maugre Caye or any area in which the trapping of fish is prohibited.

No sale of bonefish.

9. No person shall buy or sell bonefish, after the 31st December 1977.

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10. No person shall fish for in the waters of Belize or buy, sell or have in his possession any turtle of the species:

Possession of turtle. 66 of 2002.

- (a) Eretmochelys imbricata (Hawksbill Turtle);
- (b) Carretta carreta (Loggerhead Turtle);
- (c) Chelonia mydas (Green Turtle);
- (d) Dermochelys coriacea (Leatherback Turtle);
- (e) Lepidochelys kempii (Kemp Ridleys Turtle);
- (f) Lepidochelys olivacea (Olive Ridleys Turtle).
- 11. No person shall take any turtle found on land; disturb, take, buy, sell or have in his possession any turtle or turtle eggs; or interfere with any turtle nest, except under written permission by the Fisheries Administrator.

Permission by Fisheries Administrator to possess turtle or eggs. 66 of 2002.

12. Any Shrimp Trawler operating in the waters of Belize must be outfitted with a pre-approved operational turtle Excluder Device (TED).

Pre-approved Turtle Excluder Device. 66 of 2002.

12:01 No person shall fish, sell, purchase or have in his possession any turtle of the following description:-

No possession of green and loggerhead turtle. 55 of 1993.

- (a) Chelonia midas, commonly known as green turtle, greater than 60 cm (24 in) curved carapace length;
- (b) Caretta caretta, commonly known as loggerhead turtle, greater than 60 cm (24 in) curved carapace length;

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| Criteria for           |
|------------------------|
| possession of          |
| Dermatemys             |
| <i>mawaii</i> turtles. |
| 55 of 1993.            |

12:02 No person shall, in relation to turtles of the species *Dermatemys mawaii*:

- (a) have in his possession more than three such turtles at any one time;
- (b) transport on any vehicle more than five such turtles;
- (c) fish for such turtles during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> May to the 31<sup>st</sup> May inclusive in any year;
- (d) fish for females of such turtles greater than 43cm (17.2 in) and smaller than 38cm (15.2 in);
- (e) fish for such turtles in any of the areas specified in the Fifth Schedule attached to these Regulations;
- (f) sell or purchase such turtles.

Permit. 55 of 1993.

Fifth Schedule.

12:03 No person shall import, bring into Belize in transit or export any turtle without a valid permit issued by the Minister.

No sale of turtle shell articles. 55 of 1993.

- 12:04 No person shall buy, sell or have in his possession any articles made of turtle shell.
- (2) Any person who on the date of entry into force of these Regulations has in his possession any articles made of turtle shell.
  - (a) may detain such articles for personal use;
  - (b) shall not sell such articles later than 31st July, 1993.

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13. Any person who requires any marine turtle except of the species Eretmochelys imbricata, for traditional or cultural use, must first apply to the Fisheries Administrator in writing, stating the amount and specific purpose for such use.

Turtle for traditional or cultural use. 66 of 2002.

14. No person shall import, bring into Belize in-transit or export any turtle or turtle products.

No import or export of turtle. 66 of 2002.

- (2) Any person who on the date of entry into force of these Regulations has in his possession any articles made of turtle shell may retain such articles only for personal use.
- 14:01 Any person who contravenes Regulations 10, 11, 13 and 14, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars per turtle or part of a turtle or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Contravention of Regulations 10, 11, 13 and 14. 66 of 2002.

- (2) Any person who contravenes Regulation 12, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 15. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, no person shall take any fish in the waters of Belize with a net constructed of a natural or artificial fibre the mesh size of which is less than three inches.

Net constructed of natural or artificial fibre.

- (2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to-
  - (a) throw or cast nets:
  - (b) the holder of a special licence for scientific investigation who may be permitted to use webbing of smaller mesh:

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Provided that such device be of an approved pattern and that the written authority of the Fisheries Administrator is obtained and entered on the licence at the time of issue;

- (c) trawl or seine net the mesh size of which is not less than one and a half inches.
- (3) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the meshes of a device constructed of materials other than synthetic or natural fibre webbing, where the design conforms to specifications laid down for that device, for the purpose of releasing the fish or for the escape of such fish.

Wanton waste of fish.

16. No person shall capture any fish of such a variety or in such quantities as would result in wanton waste and any fish captured as aforesaid shall be released immediately.

No beach seine, trap etc. to be used within inhabited locality in Belize. 17. No beach seine, trap, weir, or stop net shall be set, hauled or otherwise used for the purpose of taking fish at any place situated within a distance of half a mile from any city, township, village, settlement or other inhabited locality in Belize:

Use of anaesthetics.

18. No person shall use anaesthetics in the waters of Belize except under special permit from the Fisheries Administrator.

No sale of coral.

19. No person shall take, buy, or sell any coral.

Licence for sale of black cora.

- 20. (1) No person shall-
  - (a) have in his possession, or buy, sell, export or attempt to export any raw or unprocessed black coral;
  - (b) buy, sell, export black coral in any form, except

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under a licence obtained therefor from the Fisheries Administrator under this regulation.

- (2) For the purposes of this regulation "black coral" means any coral of the order Antipatharia.
- 21. Any person engaged in the purchase of fish for export shall keep a record of purchases and of disposals of such fish in such manner as the Fisheries Administrator may recommend. Such records shall be made available at all reasonable times for inspection by the Fisheries Administrator or any person appointed under section 4 of the Act.

Record of purchase of fish for export.

22. Every exporter of fish shall before the clearance outwards of the ship or aircraft or surface vehicle whereby such fish is to be exported is granted, deliver to the Comptroller of Customs an entry in Form 1 set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations containing the several particulars indicated therein or required thereby, and shall at the same time produce the Bill of Lading relating to such fish and pay the duty prescribed by the Customs Regulations.

Exporter of fish to pay duty. Form 1. First Schedule.

23. No person shall export or attempt to export crawfish in excess of any quota granted to him by the Minister.

Export of crawfish not to exceed quota.

24. No person shall export or attempt to export conch in excess of any quota granted to him by the Minister.

Export of conch not to exceed quota.

25. No person shall, except with the permission in writing of the Fisheries Administrator, export any fish of the catfish species known locally to be scavengers.

Permission to export catfish.

26. No person shall close off a channel, passage, entrance, or small embayment of water with any fishing device in such manner as to restrict the free passage of boats or to wholly prevent the passage of fish.

No restriction to passage of boats or fish.

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Offence to catch whale shark. 56 of 2003.

- No shark of the species Rhincodon typus commonly known 26:01 (1) as the Whale Shark, shall be caught or killed in the waters of Belize.
- (2) Any person who contravenes Regulation 26:01 (1) commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Offence.

27. Any person who acts in contravention of any regulation in this Part of these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and/or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months for each offence.

Presumption as to possession of fish.

- 27:01 (1) Where any fish to which these Regulations apply is found in the custody of any person or upon any premises in the occupation or control of any person, such person shall, unless he proves that the same was brought on the premises without his knowledge, be presumed to be in possession of the said fish.
- (2) Where such premises are commercial premises in which fish cooked or uncooked, is sold by the owner, manager or occupier of one premises shall be presumed to be in possession of such fish.
- (3) Where any fish to which these Regulations apply is found in any premises occupied by more than one person, such fish shall be deemed to be in the joint possession of all such persons and it shall be for the said person or persons to prove that the same was there without his or their knowledge.

## **PART III** LICENSING

Foreign fishing vessel licence. 13 of 1999.

No foreign fishing vessel shall be used for fishing or for any 28. other related activities while in the waters of Belize without a valid foreign fishing vessel licence issued in accordance with these Regulations.

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- (2) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations the Minister may, upon the recommendation of the Fisheries Administrator or any interested Government Department issue a foreign fishing vessel licence to a foreign fishing vessel authorising the use and operation of such vessel in any areas of the waters of Belize which may be specified in the licence.
- (3) The Minister shall exercise the powers conferred upon him under subregulation (2) above if he is satisfied that:-
  - (a) the issue of such licence is consistent with the applicable fisheries management plan, and that the amount of fish authorised to be taken by such foreign fishing vessel in the fisheries management plan will not be exceeded by or through the issue of such licence;
  - (b) the issue of such licence shall not cause unreasonable harm to the local fishing industry, consideration being taken in this respect to whether the licence is issued for operations in the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone of Belize, the internal waters of Belize or any inland waters of Belize;
  - (c) the issue of such licence shall be beneficial to the Belizean economy and shall be in the public interest;
  - (d) the applicant for such licence has provided sufficient financial and other guarantees for the fulfillment of all his obligations under the Act and Regulations made thereunder;
  - (e) there is in force between the Government of the Flag State of the foreign fishing vessel, or any other

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organisation or association to which the Flag State has delegated power and authority over the registration of ships and fishing vessels, or any association of which the applicant is a member, and the Government of Belize, a valid fisheries agreement entered into by both parties, or to which both parties subscribe and are members.

- (4) An application for a foreign fishing vessel licence and the licence itself shall be in such form as the Minister may from time to time set out by Order published in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 13 of the Act.
- (5) Unless a fee is specifically set out in the licence or an applicable fisheries agreement referred to in subregulation (3) (e) above, the fees payable in respect of a foreign fishing vessel licence shall, depending on the length of the foreign fishing vessel concerned, be of an amount set out in Table A of Sixth Schedule hereto

Table A. Sixth Schedule.

General conditions applicable to foreign fishing vessels.

- 29. (1) Unless expressly provided in a foreign fishing vessel licence, the conditions specified in subregulation (2) below shall be and are hereby declared to be implied conditions applicable to every foreign fishing vessel licensed under these Regulations.
  - (2) The conditions referred to in subregulation (1) above are: -
    - (a) that no fishing related activities shall be undertaken in the waters of Belize except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence;
    - (b) that any change at any time before or after the issue of a foreign fishing vessel licence in the particulars and information set out in the application form for the licence shall be notified by the holder or applicant thereof in writing to the

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Fisheries Administrator as soon as may be, but in any case not later than seven calendar days after the occurrence thereof;

- (c) that the master of each foreign fishing vessel, and each crew member thereof, shall while in the waters of Belize pursuant to the licence, comply at all times, to the lawful directions given to them or each of them by the Fisheries Administrator or any fisheries officer or other officer of the Government duly authorised in writing by the Minister in that behalf, and in particular, they or each of them shall upon the request of any of the aforesaid officers: -
  - (i) stop the vessel; or
  - (ii) permit such officer to board the vessel and carry out any inspection thereof, and fully cooperate with and assist such officer during the inspection; or
  - (iii) permit and allow such officer to have access to all documents and information relating to the licensing, registration and other particulars of the vessel and its operations;
  - (iv) bring the vessel into port, or order it to another point at sea;
- (d) that the master and crew members of the foreign fishing vessel shall, while in the waters of Belize, comply fully with all the environmental and other laws of Belize, and take reasonable measures and

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precautions to avoid causing any damage to or endangering the marine environment, barrier reef or the viability of the local fishing industry.

- (3) Every foreign fishing vessel with an overall length of forty (40) feet or more licensed pursuant to these Regulations shall, in addition to observing the conditions set out in subregulation (2) above, also comply with and observe the conditions specified in subregulation (4) below.
  - (4) The conditions referred to in subregulation (3) above are: -
    - (a) that the vessel, while in the waters of Belize:-
      - (i) fly the flag of its Flag State;
      - (ii) clearly display its name in English in large letters painted on its bows and stern; and
      - (iii) clearly display the identification markings in accordance with the specifications set out in Seventh Schedule hereto;

Seventh Schedule.

- (b) that the master of the foreign fishing vessel shall cause a logbook to be maintained on a daily basis in such form as may be set out by the Fisheries Administrator, and record in such logbook all the fishing operations undertaken by the vessel while in the waters of Belize;
- (c) that the master of the foreign fishing vessel shall submit the logbook referred to in paragraph (b) above to the Fisheries Administrator in its original and unaltered form:-

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- (i) not later than thirty calendar days after the completion of the voyage to which the logbook relates, but in any case before the vessel departs the waters of Belize; or
- (ii) at any other time at the oral or written request of the Fisheries Administrator or a fisheries officer;
- (d) that the master of the foreign fishing vessel shall cause reports to be made to the Fisheries Administrator, on such forms as may be specified by the Fisheries Administrator, concerning or relating to the international radio call sign or the number assigned to the vessel under any national or regional register, the position of the vessel at the time of reporting, the total fish catch on board the vessel, segregated by species at the time of reporting, the areas fished while in the waters of Belize, and such other information relating to the operations of the foreign fishing vessel while in the waters of Belize as the Fisheries Administrator may from time to time require, and such information (or any applicable portion thereof), shall be provided to the Fisheries Administrator by the master of the vessel as aforesaid:-
  - (i) immediately upon entry into the waters of Belize; or
  - (ii) every thirty (30) calendar days thereafter, or after such shorter or longer intervals as the Fisheries Administrator may specify in writing; or

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- (iii) immediately prior to departure from the waters of Belize; or
- (iv) at such other times as the Fisheries Administrator may specify in writing;
- (e) that the master or operator of the foreign fishing vessel or his authorised local representative shall notify the Fisheries Administrator of the estimated time of entry of the vessel into any port in Belize at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such entry;
- (f) that the master of the foreign fishing vessel shall, while in the waters of Belize, allow any person designated in writing by the Fisheries Administrator to board and remain on board the vessel as an observer and shall:
  - (i) allow the observer full access to all equipment, including navigation and communication equipment, records, documents and any fish on board the vessel;
  - (ii) allow the observer to make such tests, observations and records, and to take or remove such samples as he may reasonably require in connection with the vessel's operations while within the waters of Belize;
  - (iii) provide, without any charge whatsoever to the observer or to the Government of Belize, food and accommodation at least

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equal to that provided to officers on board the vessel;

- (iv) proceed directly to port, if or when requested to do so by the Fisheries Administrator or the observer, for the purpose of allowing the observer or the fisheries officer designated in that behalf by the Fisheries Administrator to board or disembark from such vessel, or to carry out an inspection for the purposes of monitoring compliance by such vessel with the provisions of the Act or any Regulations made thereunder, or with any fisheries agreement applicable to such vessel entered into pursuant to these Regulations.
- (g) that all catch landed by the vessel shall be processed in Belize; and
- (h) that any supplies and services which may be necessary for the operation of the vessel shall be procured in Belize, except if unavailable locally.
- (5) Every foreign fishing vessel with an overall length of less than forty (40) feet licensed pursuant to these Regulations shall, in addition to observing the conditions set out in subregulation (3) above, also comply with and observe the conditions specified in subregulations (6) below.
  - (6) The conditions referred to in subregulation (5) above are: -
    - (a) that the foreign fishing vessel shall at all times while in the waters of Belize display identification markings in accordance with the specifications set out in

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Seventh Schedule.

Seventh Schedule hereto;

(b) that the master of the vessel shall provide such information to the Fisheries Administrator on fishery operations carried out within the waters of Belize, in such form and at such times as the Fisheries Administrator may from time to time require in writing.

Records to be in English.

30. All record, logbooks, notices, documents or other information required to be maintained, kept or made under these Regulations shall be so maintained, kept or made in the English language, and only such copies as are maintained, kept or made in the English language shall be deemed to be authentic texts for the purposes of these Regulations.

Local representatives.

31. No licence shall be issued under the Regulations to a foreign fishing vessel unless the master, owner, charterer or operator thereof has appointed in Belize a local representative who shall, and is hereby authorised to act on behalf of such master, owner, charterer or operator as aforesaid, and to accept on his behalf all legal responsibility for any legal or other action which may be taken by or against the vessel and its operations while in the waters of Belize.

Fisheries agreements. 66 of 2002.

- 32. (1) The Government of Belize, pursuant to Regulation 28 (3) (e) above, may enter into fisheries agreements with other States, or intergovernmental organisations, or associations representing foreign fishing vessel operators, and such agreements may, *inter alia*, provide for the allocation of foreign fishing vessel licences to fishing vessels of such States, organisations or associations, as the case may be.
- (2) The amount of fishing authorised under any fisheries agreement made pursuant to these Regulations shall not exceed the amount of fishing allowed to be undertaken by foreign fishing vessels under the applicable fisheries management plan.

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- (3) A fisheries agreement made by virtue of these Regulations shall include a provision, or if it does not do so, shall be read and construed as including a provision, imposing an obligation on the foreign State, intergovernmental organization or association representing foreign fishing vessel operators to take all the necessary measures to ensure that foreign fishing vessels licenced pursuant to these Regulations fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, their licence and all applicable laws relating to their operations while in the waters of Belize.
- (4) The validity and duration of a foreign fishing vessel licence shall not extend beyond the validity and duration of the fisheries agreement applicable to the vessel in respect of which it is issued.
- 33. (1) Any foreign fishing vessel which is not licensed pursuant to these Regulations shall, while in the waters of Belize, keep its fishing gear securely stowed so as not to be readily available for use.

Stowage of fishing gear.

- (2) Any foreign fishing vessel which is licensed under these Regulations to undertake fishing operations in any areas specified in the licence shall, while not in those specified areas, at all times keep its fishing gear securely stowed so as not to be readily available for use.
- (3) Where a foreign fishing vessel licence specifically authorises a foreign fishing vessel to fish using only a particular set or type of fishing gear, such vessel shall, while in the waters of Belize, at all times keep any other fishing gear on board the vessel securely stowed so as not to be readily available for use.
- 34. (1) No local fishing vessel shall be used for fishing or for any other related activities while in the waters of Belize without a valid local fishing vessel licence issued in accordance with these Regulations.

Local fishing vessel licence.

(2) An application for a local fishing vessel licence, and the licence itself, shall be in such form as the Minister may from time to time set out by

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Order published in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 13 of the Act.

- (3) Where a local fishing vessel licensed under these Regulations ceases to be a local fishing vessel, the licence of such vessel shall automatically terminate upon such cessation.
- Table B. Sixth Schedule.
- (4) The fees payable in respect of a local fishing vessel licence shall, depending on the length of the local fishing vessel concerned, be of an amount set out in Table B of Sixth Schedule hereto.

General conditions applicable to local fishing vessels.

- 35. (1) Unless expressly provided in a local fishing vessel licence, the conditions specified in subregulation (2) below shall be and are hereby declared to be implied conditions applicable to every local fishing vessel licensed under these Regulations.
  - (2) The conditions referred to in subregulations (1) above are: -
    - (a) that no fishing shall be undertaken in the waters of Belize except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Regulations made thereunder;
    - (b) that any change at any time before or after the issue of the local fishing vessel licence in the particulars and information set out in the application form for the licence shall be notified by the holder or applicant thereof in writing to the Fisheries Administrator as soon as may be, but in any case not later than seven calendar days after the occurrence thereof;
    - (c) that the vessel shall comply with:-

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- (i) the laws of Belize relating to safety of navigation; and
- (ii) such safety standards as the fisheries Administrator may require from time to time;
- (d) that the vessel shall display the identification markings assigned to it by the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with the specifications set out in Seventh Schedule hereto;

Seventh Schedule.

- (e) that the master of the vessel shall, if so required by the Fisheries Administrator, cause a logbook to be maintained on a daily basis in such form as the Fisheries Administrator may from time to time require for the purpose of recording the fishing operations of the vessel;
- (f) that any logbook maintained under paragraph (e) shall be transmitted in its original and unaltered in its original and unaltered form to the Fisheries Administrator at such time or times as he may in writing require;
- (g) that the master and each member of the crew of the vessel shall comply with the directions given to them or each of them orally or in writing by the Fisheries Administrator or a fisheries officer at such time as the aforesaid officers or any of them may require;
- (h) that the master of the vessel shall allow any person designated in writing by the Fisheries Administrator

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to board and remain on board the vessel as an observer.

Marking and identification of fishing vessels.

36. All fishing vessels (both local and foreign) licensed to undertake fishing operations within the waters of Belize pursuant to these Regulations shall be marked in accordance with Regulation 41 below.

Fisherman's licence.

37. (1) An application for a fisherman's licence and the licence itself, shall be in such form as the Minister may from time to time set out by Order published in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 13 of the Act.

Table C. Sixth Schedule.

(2) The fees payable for the issue of a fisherman's licence shall be of an amount set out in Table C of Sixth Schedule hereto.

66 of 2002.

- (3) Any person applying for a Fisherman's Licence must be a Belizean and must present any of the following documents at the time of application:
  - (a) a valid Belizean Passport;
  - (b) a valid Voters I.D.; or
  - (c) a Belizean I.D. (with photograph) along with a birth certificate

66 of 2002.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator may waive the requirements of sub-regulation (3) with regards to Regulations 28 to 33.

Research permits.

- 38. (1) The owner, master, charterer or operator of a vessel may apply for a research permit to enable him to undertake research in the waters of Belize.
- (2) A research permit issued pursuant to these Regulations may be subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed or as may be

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stated in the permit, and shall also be subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- (a) such scientific observers or other personnel as the Fisheries Administrator may designate shall be allowed on board the licensed vessel and shall be allowed to participate fully in the research project both on board the vessel and on shore;
- (b) copies of any raw data generated by the research operations shall be submitted to the Fisheries Administrator at the end of the operations or at any other time as the Fisheries Administrator may require;
- (c) the results and conclusions of the research operations shall be submitted to the Fisheries Administrator as soon as practicable following the completion of the operations and in any case not later than the time specified in the research permit for this purpose;
- (d) no result of the research operation shall be published or otherwise made available outside Belize without the prior agreement in writing of the Fisheries Administrator:
- (3) An application for a research licence, and the licence itself, shall be in such form as the Minister may from time to time set out by Order published in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 13 of the Act.
- (4) A research permit may be issued to a particular person or vessel to carry out the research activities referred to in the permit, and the fee payable in respect of that permit shall be of an amount set out in Table D of the Sixth

Table D. Sixth Schedule.

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(5) The Minister may, if he considers it to be in the public interest of Belize, vary or waive the amount of fees payable in respect of a research permit issued under these Regulations.

Marine bioresearch licence.

- 39. (1) No person shall engage in marine bio-diversity research for the use of bio-technology in Belize without a valid marine bio-research licence issued under these Regulations.
- (2) A marine bio-research licence issued pursuant to these Regulations may be subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed or as may be stated in the licence, and shall also be subject to the following terms and conditions:-
  - (a) any use of genetic materials shall be of public interest and natural patrimony and the Fisheries Department shall be the direct custodian for all marine-related prospecting. A transfer agreement will need to be signed between the Fisheries Department and interested parties;
  - (b) an entity engaged in bio-prospecting shall train Belizean citizens and permanent residents in related fields:
  - (c) an organisation deriving revenue from the use of bio-diversity in Belize shall enter into a written agreement with the Government of Belize, acting through the Fisheries Department, crediting at least ten percent of such revenue to the Consolidated Revenue Fund;

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- (d) no bio-prospecting with a negative environmental impact shall be allowed;
- (e) all bio-research conducted in the waters of Belize shall require a transfer agreement.
- (3) An application for a marine bio-research licence, and the licence itself, shall be in such form as the Minister may from time to time set out by Order published in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 13 of the Act.
- (4) The fees payable for the issue of a marine bio-research licence shall be of an amount set out in Table E of the Sixth Schedule.

Table E. Sixth Schedule.

40. (1) All licences and permits issued under these Regulations:-

Terms and conditions of licences and permits.

- (a) shall be valid for such period as may be specified in the licence or permit;
- (b) shall not be transferable or assignable;
- (c) shall at all material times be carried by the owner, master, charterer, operator or researcher of the vessel in respect of which it is issued and produced on demand when requested by the Fisheries Administrator or a fisheries officer.
- (2) Where a vessel licenced under these Regulations is transferred to another owner such owner shall, within seven calendar days of becoming owner, apply to the Minister on the prescribed application form for the re-licensing of the vessel.
- (3) Where a vessel licensed under these Regulations ceases to undertake and perform the fishing or research operations for which it was initially licensed, the master, owner, operator, or charterer of such vessel shall within

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seven days of such cessation, inform the Fisheries Administrator of that fact and return the licence for cancellation.

Distinguishing marks.

- 41. Before the issuing of a licence to fish on respect of any vessel, (1) the Fisheries Administrator shall allot a distinguishing mark to that vessel and shall advise the owner of the vessel of the mark so allotted.
- (2) All marks allotted to vessels during the currency of a licence shall be maintained in a clean and un-obscured condition by the owner of the vessel. A tender or dinghy or other small boat customarily used in conjunction with a vessel to which a mark is allotted shall carry the same mark as the parent vessel.

Offence and penalty for contravening Regulation 41.

42. Any person who removes, defaces or otherwise alters any distinguishing mark on any vessel without the express instructions in writing of the Fisheries Administrator, or any person who applies a mark to a vessel to which such mark has not been allocated or who applies a mark with a view to mislead or confuse, the form or nature of which may be confused with an official allotted mark, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment, and in addition the vessel for which the conviction was obtained may be forfeited to the state, or if not forfeited, may not be licensed for a period of twelve months following such conviction.

Returns.

Form E1. Second Schedule.

43. Every person or exporter engaged in any of the operations to which reference is made in this Regulations shall upon request furnish to the Fisheries Administrator a return in writing on Form EI set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, giving details as to the catch, sales output, produce in respect of fish purchases, fishing gear and name and type of vessel used, time occupied in fishing, areas fished and species taken or such other information as may be required for statistical purposes. The operations in respect of which a return may be required to be furnished are:-

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- (a) the taking of fish for sale;
- (b) the sale of fish at any market or at any establishment at which fish is sold which has not passed through any market;
- (c) the preserving, curing, smoking, drying or salting of fish for sale or export;
- (d) the processing, filleting packaging or handling of fish or fish products;
- (e) the purchasing, receiving and export of fish or fish products.
- (2) Any person or exporter required to furnish a return under this Regulation shall within fifteen calendar days after the expiration of each month furnish that return to the Fisheries Department setting out the prescribed particulars.
- (3) Any person who neglects or fails to furnish a return required to be furnished in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation or who furnishes false information in any such return shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.
- 44. (1) A Summary jurisdiction court may order any fish or other perishable articles seized by the Fisheries Department pursuant to the Act and Regulations made thereunder to be forfeited.

Custody and disposal of seized articles.

(2) A summary jurisdiction court may order the release of any vessel or any other article seized by the Fisheries Department pursuant to the Act and Regulations made thereunder to be released on receipt of a bond or other

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security for its value.

(3) Where proceedings are instituted in any court in respect of a seized article, the court dealing with the matter may retain the seized article as an exhibit pending the final determination of the proceedings before it, but if separate proceedings are instituted in another court, the first mentioned court, may cause the article to be delivered to that other court, there to be dealt with as an exhibit or as that other court sees fit.

Forfeiture.

- 45. (1) On convicting any person of an offence against these Regulations, the court:-
  - (a) may order any fishing vessel used in the commission of the offence and any article in respect of which the offence has been committed, to be forfeited;
  - (b) shall order all fish taken in the commission of the offence to be forfeited;
- (2) Where an article in the custody of the court is not forfeited pursuant to subregulation (1) above, it shall be held by the court until the convicted person has paid all fines relating to or associated with the use of such article, and if the convicted person fails to pay the fines within such time as may be specified by the court, such article may be sold on the order of the court after the application of the prosecution, and the money realised from the sale maybe applied towards payment of the outstanding fines.

Cancellation of licences and permits.

46. (1) Where any person has been convicted of an offence against these Regulations, the court may, in addition to any other penalty it may impose, cancel any licence or permit issued under these Regulations to the convicted person, and may further order that such person shall be prohibited from applying for any licence or permit under the Act or these Regulations for such time as the court may specify in the order.

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- (2) A person aggrieved by the court's order prohibiting the issue of a permit or licence to him for a specified time may appeal against that order to the Supreme Court.
- 47. If any person contravenes the provisions of these Regulations or a fisheries agreement made pursuant to these Regulations, or who contravenes the terms and conditions of a licence or permit issued hereunder, and no specific penalty is provided for such contravention, such person commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

General offence and penalty.

- 48. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 49. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 50. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 51. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 52. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 53. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 54. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 55. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].

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# PART IV PROCESSING

Section 1 - Definitions

- 56. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 57. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].
- 58. [Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].

Containers to export fish.

59. Fish or fish products shall be packed and exported in new, clean and sound containers.

Samples of fish for analysis.

60. A fishery officer may take samples of fish or fish products sufficient for purposes of analysis free of charge.

Inspection by fishery officer.

61. The owner of fish or fish products or a person acting on his behalf shall make readily accessible to a fishery officer any fish or fish containers for which inspection or reinspection is required under these Regulations.

Preserving the identity of fish.

62. For the purpose of preserving the identity of any fish, a fishery officer may detain such fish and the container thereof and place upon the container a numbered tag in such form as the Fisheries Administrator may determine.

Removal of tag placed on container by a fishery officer. 63. No unauthorised person shall remove or alter or cause to be removed or altered any tag placed on a container by a fishery officer or remove or cause or allow to be removed fish or fish product containers that are detained by him.

Certificate of inspection.

64. A certificate of inspection in Form I set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations may on request, be issued by a fishery officer where he is satisfied that the fish or fish product complies with the requirements of these Regulations. Fish or fish products failing to comply with the requirements shall

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be condemned by the fishery officer.

65. Any fish or fish product that, is decomposed or unwholesome shall be disposed of by the owner thereof under the direction of a fishery officer in such a way as to prevent the possibility of the fish or the fish product being marketed or used for human consumption.

Disposal of decomposed fish.

66. Where fish or fish products condemned for disposal pursuant to regulation 65, it shall be disposed of within five days after the day of inspection unless an extension of time for disposal is granted by the Minister.

Time for disposal of fish.

67. Where an owner of fish or fish product or fish containers of any person acting on his behalf is not satisfied with the decision of a fishery officer regarding the acceptability under these Regulations of the fish or fish products or such containers, he may appeal against the decision to the Minister who may order a reinspection.

Re-inspection of fish.

68. Where a reinspection is held pursuant to regulation 67 and a decision is made by the Minister, that decision shall be final.

Decision of Minister to be final.

69. Where a fishery officer has reasonable grounds to believe that fish has deteriorated after the date on which it was inspected or that it otherwise fails to meet the requirements of these Regulations, any inspection marks and designations on the containers shall be removed or obliterated and any inspection certificate that may have been issued for the fish shall be null and void and shall be surrendered to the fishery officer.

Removal of inspection marks.

70. It shall be an offence to use an inspection certificate when that certificate is null and void.

Inspection Certificate null and void.

71. Establishments in which fish is dressed, packed, graded or held in refrigerated storage shall be registered. Application for registration shall be made to the Minister.

Registration of establishments.

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Issue of Certificate of Registration. Third Schedule. 72. A certificate of registration in Form 2 set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations shall be issued by the Minister in respect of an establishment in which fresh or frozen fish is dressed, packed or graded only when the establishment meets the requirements of these Regulations. Such certificate shall be conspicuously displayed on the premises in respect of which it has been issued.

Certificate of Registration not transferable.

73. Certificates of Registration are not transferable and shall expire on the 31 st December in the year in which such certificates are granted.

Cancellation of Certificate of Registration.

- 74. The Minister may cancel a Certificate of Registration where-
  - (a) an establishment to which a certificate of registration was granted and the land and installations forming part of that establishment are not maintained in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations; or
  - (b) any serious contamination is found in that establishment.

Transportation of fish.

75. The owner or operator of a boat or any other carrier shall use the boat or other carrier for the transportation of fish only if the requirements of these Regulations are fulfilled.

Containers for fish to be clean.

76. All conveyances including vehicles, boxes, tubes or any containers used to transport fish to or from any fish dressing establishment shall be clean, and when necessary, disinfected.

#### Section III - Labelling

Labelling of fish.

77. (1) Every container of fish and every wrapper and label thereon shall be correctly and legibly marked in English in addition to any other language to indicate-

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- (a) the local name of the fish or fish product;
- (b) the net weight of the fish or fish product;
- (c) the grade, size and count of the fish or fish product;
- (d) the name and address of the distributor and/or exporter;
- (e) the ingredients in each container, where there is more than one ingredient therein, and where food additive or preservative chemicals are present, either-
  - (i) by listing them in descending order or their proportion in the container; or
  - (ii) by stating the proportion of each ingredient in the container.
- (2) The labelling or marking referred to in (a) to (d) of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be shown on the main panel of every package containing one pound or more of fish and shall be not less than one quarter of an inch in height.
- 78. Containers or wrappers in which fresh frozen or dressed fish is packed shall be clean and of good presentation.

Wrappers for fish.

79. No person shall mark, label or package any fresh, frozen or dressed fish or fish product in a manner that is false, misleading or deceptive.

Label not to be deceptive.

80. Containers or wrappers in which fresh, frozen or dressed fish or fish product is packed shall not be marked with the designation "Processed under Government Supervision" or "Government Inspected" or words to that effect without the authority of the Minister.

No Designation without authority of Minister.

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Quality designations to be approved.

81. Quality designations shall not be marked on any container, wrapper or label for fish or fish products unless such standards or provisions have been approved by the Minister.

Marking of containers.

82. All master containers for packaged fish shall be legibly marked in such a manner that the name of the processing plant and the day, month and year of packaging can be determined by an inspector.

Requirements for export.

83. Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations, no person shall export or attempt to export-

Fourth Schedule.

- (a) crawfish unless such crawfish complies with the requirements of Table A of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;
- (b) dressed fish unless such fish complies with the requirements of Table B of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;
- (c) fillet unless such fillet complies with the requirements of Table C of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;
- (d) "market clean" conch unless such "market clean" conch complies with the requirements of Table D of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;
- (e) whole or headless frozen shrimp unless such whole or headless frozen shrimp complies with the requirements of Table E of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

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# Section IV - Construction of and Equipment for Fish Processing Establishments

84. The surface of floors in wet working areas where fish is received, held, dressed or packaged shall be constructed of concrete, or asphalt or other sealing material approved by the Fisheries Administrator and shall be sloped for drainage purposes.

Surface of floor.

85. Drains shall be of an adequate size and of sufficient capacity to carry all liquid and solid wastes.

Drains.

86. Inside surfaces of walls in wet working areas where fish is received, held, dressed or packaged shall be constructed of smooth, water washable, light coloured material, that can be thoroughly washed up to a minimum height of four feet.

Surfaces of walls.

87. Adequate ventilation shall be provided in working areas.

Ventilation.

88. Rooms where fish is dessed or packaged shall have walls and ceilings that are free from cracks, crevices and open joints other than doors, windows and drains and constructed of smooth washable light coloured material.

Rooms to be free from cracks.

89. Windows on rooms where fish is dressed, packed or graded shall be screened.

Screened windows.

90. Doors leading to rooms where fish is dressed, packed or graded shall be self-closing.

Self-closing doors.

91. An adequate number of sanitary washbasins with a satisfactory supply of running water, liquid or solid detergent shall be provided in the working areas.

Sanitary washbasins.

92. An adequate supply of safe, sanitary water having a most probable number of coliform bacteria of two or less per hundred millilitres shall be

Sanitary water.

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provided.

Disinfection of protective gears.

93. Facilities shall be available, at a convenient location, where protective hand coverings, caps and overalls used in dressing areas are disinfected.

Skinning boards.

94. Cutting, filleting and skinning boards shall be made of a single piece of planed lumber, other than plywood, or other approved material and construction, and shall be kept at all times in a clean condition satisfactory to a fishery officer.

Non-corrodible material.

95. Surfaces, other than cutting, filleting and skinning boards, on which fish is dressed shall be made of non-corrodible material other than wood and all joints on such surfaces shall be smooth and water tight.

Metal frames.

96. The frames and legs of all equipment on which fish is dressed or packed shall be constructed of metal which shall be well maintained.

Construction of tables.

97. All tables shall be so constructed that they and the areas beneath can be easily cleaned.

Containers for holding fish before dressing.

98. Boxes, carts, bins and other containers used in fresh or frozen fish establishments for holding fish before it is dressed shall provide drainage and, if made of wood shall be constructed of planed lumber or water proof plywood, manufactured to a standard approved by the Fisheries Administrator.

Containers for dressing fish.

99. Containers, trays, tanks, vats or other utensils used for dressing fresh and frozen fish shall be of non-corrodible material, other than wood and shall have smooth surfaces free from cracks or crevices.

Storage of offal.

100. Containers in which offal is stored shall be watertight, have well fitted covers, and be constructed of metal, plastic or other synthetic material approved by the Fisheries Administrator.

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101. (1) Flumes for conveying fish shall be constructed of noncorrodible materials, other than wood, and shall be constructed in such a manner that they can be properly cleaned.

Flumes for conveying fish.

- (2) Conveyors (if provided) shall be made of non-corrodible material other than wood and shall be kept clean at all times.
- 102. Adequate toilet facilities of a sanitary type approved by the Fisheries Administrator shall be provided, and maintained in a satisfactory condition; and a supply of toilet tissue shall be available in each toilet room at all times.

Toilet facilities.

#### Section V - Operating Requirements

103. Fish intended for processing shall on receipt at the plant be immediately washed with cold water and if not immediately processed shall be iced, or placed in a cooling room having a temperature not higher than 34°F. (1°C).

Processing of fish.

104. Only ice made of clean water from a source approved by the Fisheries Administrator shall be used in a fish processing establishment.

Ice.

105. All persons employed in a fish processing plant must possess a valid food handlers' certificate.

Food handler's Certificate.

106. Every person engaged in handling, processing or packing fish shall wash his hands thoroughly with running water and liquid or solid detergent after each absence from the working area.

Washing of hands.

107. Employees who handle processed fish with their bare hands shall not wear fingernail polish.

No nail polish.

108. Protective hand coverings worn by employees in the filleting and packaging areas shall be disinfected at each break during the work shift.

Disinfection of hand coverings.

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Overalls. 109. All employees engaged in grading, packing and cleaning of fish shall wear overalls, or other protective clothing.

Water proof garments.

110. In a fish processing plant, filleters, skinners, scalers and handlers of dressed fish shall wear clean water proof garments.

Overcoats to be clean.

111. Overcoats or other outer garments used by workers in frozen storage rooms shall be kept clean at all times.

Cleaning of water proof garments.

112. Water proof garments shall be properly cleaned after each work shift.

Provision of protective clothing.

113. Protective clothing as described in regulations 109, 110, 111 and 112 must be provided by the owner or owners of the fish processing establishment.

No smoking.

114. No person shall smoke or spit in the processing plant.

Cleaning of floors.

115. Floors in wet working areas shall be kept clean and be thoroughly washed and disinfected at least once daily.

Cleaning of utensils.

116. Utensils coming in contact with processed fish shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once per working day or part thereof.

Storage of utensils.

117. At the end of each working day or part thereof the utensils referred to in regulation 116 above shall be thoroughly cleaned and stored in a sanitary manner.

Sewage.

118. Sewage, including liquid waste from fish processing operations shall be disposed of in such a manner that it is inaccessible to flies and in such a manner that the water supply of the fish processing establishment will not become contaminated.

Removal of offal.

119. Offal or other refuse shall be removed from the fish processing areas at least once daily and disposed of in a manner satisfactory to a fishery officer.

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120. Offal containers shall be used only for offal, and distinctly marked.

Marking of offal containers.

121. Dogs, cats and other animals shall not be allowed in a fish processing establishment.

No animals.

122. A rodent and insect control programme satisfactory to the Fisheries Administrator shall be maintained in a fish processing establishment and where pesticides and rodenticides are used, the application thereof shall be made under the supervision of a fishery officer using proper equipment and in such a manner as to prevent contamination of fish.

Insect control.

123. No unnecessary material or equipment shall be stored in a working area.

Unnecessary material.

124. The area including the beach, if any, surrounding and under the control of fish processing establishment, shall be kept clean.

Beach area.

125. Brushes, brooms, hoses and other equipment and material necessary for proper cleaning shall be available at all times in a fish processing establishment.

Cleaning materials.

126. Fish processing establishments and all equipment and utensils used in the operation of such establishments shall be kept in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

Equipment to be in good repair.

127. Paints containing toxic chemicals such as lead, copper or mercury salts, shall not be used in fish processing establishments.

No toxic chemicals.

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| Entry for Export Duty    | Rate of<br>Duty     |  | Exporter.   |  |
| ENTR                     | Type of<br>fish     |  |   |  |
| E CE                     | Weight of<br>fish   |  |   |  |
| FIRST SCHEDULE<br>Form 1 | Destination         |  | I declare the above particulars to be just and true in all respects.  Declared before me,  Comptroller: |  |
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|                         |                         | DATE:   | No .of<br>Fishermen   |  |
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| HEDULE<br>E1            |                         |   | Area<br>Fished        |  |
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# SECOND SCHEDULE (Cont)

## Form F1

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# APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO COLLECT AQUARIUM FISH IN BELIZE

| To: Fisheries Administrator         |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
|                                     | Date of Application   |  |  |
| Name of Company                     |   |  |  |
| Address                             |   |  |  |
| On behalf of                        | (company),  |  |  |
| Ι,                                  |   |  |  |
| (person                             | n applying)   |  |  |
|                                     | l) to collect aquarium fish in the waters of area.  |  |  |
| Fish will be housed and packaged at | <u> </u>  |  |  |
| (ac                                 | ldress)   |  |  |
|                                     | all relevant Regulations, and must follow bosal. Failure to comply with the above nce and a fine. |  |  |
| Signature of Applicant              | For Official Use Only   |  |  |
|                                     | Date Approved   |  |  |
|                                     | Approved by   |  |  |
|                                     | RCR #   |  |  |
|                                     | Comments:   |  |  |

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# **SECOND SCHEDULE** (Cont)

# Form G1

# APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS IN BELIZE

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| To: Fisheries Administrator   |  |                  |
|---|--|------------------|
| Date of Application   |  |                  |
| Name of Farm  |  |                  |
| On behalf of  | (farm), I,(person applying)  |                  |
| On ochan or   | (nerson annlying)  |                  |
| am applying for a licence (or ren                                       | newal) to conduct aquaculture operations   |                  |
| with at stoc  | cking densities of   |                  |
| (species)   | eking densities of   |                  |
| (PLs or fingerlings/acre) in total of ponds.                            | acres of production  |                  |
| Seedstock will be obtained from _                                       |  |                  |
| Processing will be done by  |  |                  |
| Production cycles per year  |  |                  |
| All applicants for an Operations Li<br>Compliance Plan with the Departm | icence must have signed an Environmental nent of the Environment.  |                  |
| Signature of Applicant  | For Official Use Only Date Approved  |                  |
|   | Approved by  |                  |
|   | RCR #  | 1                |
|   | Comments:  | 1                |
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# THIRD SCHEDULE

# FORM 1

(Reg. 64)

# **CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION**

Fisheries Laboratory, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Belize City.

To Whom It May Concern:

| To whom it may concern.  |
|--|
| This is to certify that I have this day examined and found fit for human consumption: (here describe the article examined and state any identifying mark given to container in which the article examined is contained)* |
| The above was found in the possession of   |
| and consigned to   |
| Fishery Officer.   |
| *Delete when not applicable.   |
| FORM 2  CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION  |
| Cooperative Society  |
| has been registered as an establishment in which fresh or frozen fish is processed packed or graded.   |
| This Certificate is issued by virtue of powers vested in me by regulation 72 of  |
| the Fisheries Regulations, made under section 9 of the Fisheries Act.  |
| Ministry of Trade and Industry   |
| Date:, 20  |
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#### **FOURTH SCHEDULE**

#### Table A.

#### PRODUCTION OF FROZEN CRAWFISH OR CRAWFISH TAILS

Any person who produces frozen crawfish or crawfish tails, shall for that purpose:

- (a) use crawfish free of "black spots", broken shells, missing swimmerettes or telsons;
- (b) wash the tails after they have been severed from the body in clean running water and have the intestines completely removed;
- (c) keep every crawfish or crawfish tail at a temperature not exceeding 40°F during processing (4.4°C);
- (d) wrap in cellophane or other suitable material and place every crawfish or crawfish tail in the freezing apparatus within one hour after such tail has been processed;
- (e) freeze every crawfish tail at a temperature not higher than 20 ° F (-28.9°C);
- (f) store and maintain before shipment every frozen crawfish tail at a temperature not higher than  $10^{\circ}$  F (  $23.3^{\circ}$  C).

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## **FOURTH SCHEDULE (cont.)**

#### Table B.

#### PRODUCTION OF DRESSED FISH

Any person who produces dressed fish shall for that purpose:

- (a) use fish having no detectable spoilage, the flesh of which shall be firm and resilient and free of puncture marks;
- (b) use fish which is free of any abnormal condition, is not diseased and is free of parasitized tissue;
- (c) slit the abdomen, and gut and wash every dressed fish in clean running water;
- (d) keep every dressed fish at a temperature not exceeding 40 ° F (4.4 ° C) during processing;
- (e) wrap in cellophane or other suitable material and place every dressed fish in the freezing apparatus within one hour after such fish has been processed;
- (f) freeze every dressed fish at a temperature not higher than 20 ° F (28.9 ° C);
- (g) store and maintain before shipment every frozen dressed fish at a temperature not higher than 10 ° F (23.3 ° C).

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# FOURTH SCHEDULE (cont.)

#### Table C.

#### PRODUCTION OF FILLET OR FISH STEAKS

Any person who produces fillet or fish steaks shall for that purpose-

- (a) use fish which satisfies the requirements of Table B of the Fourth Schedule of these Regulations;
- (b) ensure that fillet or fish steaks shall not contain blemishes such as visible blood clots, or pieces of skin (except for skin-on fillet and fish steak);
- (c) wash every fillet of fish steak in clean running water;
- ensure that fillet or fish steaks shall be free of napes or belly flaps and properly scaled;
- (e) keep every fillet or fish steak at a temperature not exceeding 40 ° F (4.4 ° C) during processing;
- (f) wrap in cellophane or other suitable material and place every fillet or fish steak in the freezing apparatus within one hour after such fillet or fish steak has been processed;
- (g) freeze every fillet or fish steak at a temperature not higher than  $20 \degree F (28.9 \degree C)$ ;
- (h) store and maintain before shipment every frozen fillet or fish steak at a temperature not higher than  $10 \degree F (23.3 \degree C)$ .

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## **FOURTH SCHEDULE** (cont.)

#### Table D.

#### PRODUCTION OF "MARKET CLEAN" CONCH

Any person who produces "market clean" conch shall for that purpose-

- (a) use conch meat having no detectable spoilage, the flesh of which shall be free of diseased or parasitized tissue;
- (b) wash every "market clean" conch in clean running water;
- (c) keep every "market clean" conch at a temperature not exceeding 40 ° F (4.4 ° C) during processing;
- (d) wrap in cellophane or other suitable material and place every "market clean" conch in the freezing apparatus within one hour after such "market clean" conch has been processed;
- (e) freeze every "market clean" conch at a temperature not higher than -20°F (28.9°C);
- (f) store and maintain before shipment every frozen "market clean" conch at a temperature not higher than 10 ° F (23.3 0 C).

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### **FOURTH SCHEDULE (cont.)**

#### Table E.

#### PRODUCTION OF WHOLE OR HEADLESS FROZEN SHRIMP

Any person who produces whole or headless frozen shrimp shall for that purpose-

- (a) use healthy shrimps showing no detectable spoilage;
- (b) use shrimp free of "black spot" on the shell or meat, free of missing legs or flippers, loose shell or otherwise damaged;
- (c) wash every whole of headless shrimp in clean running water;
- (d) keep every whole or headless shrimp at a temperature not exceeding 40 ° F (4.4 ° C) during processing;
- (e) wrap in cellophane or other suitable material and place every whole or headless shrimp in the freezing apparatus within one hour after such whole or headless shrimp has been processed;
- (f) freeze every whole or headless shrimp at a temperature not higher than 20 ° F (28.9 ° C);
- (g) store and maintain before shipment every whole or headless shrimp at a temperature not higher than  $10 \degree F (23.3 \degree C)$ .

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# FIFTH SCHEDULE

55 of 1993.

# [REGULATION 12:02(e)]

- 1. Belize River: Beaver Dam Creek to Labouring Creek.
- 2. New River: Irish Creek to Water Bank
- 3. Rio Bravo: Upstream from Dos Bocas Dam, also Booth's River
- 4. Cox and Mucklehany Lagoons, headwaters of Mussel Creek
- 5. Northern and Southern Lagoons and tributaries (Manatee lagoons and Manatee River)
- 6. Sibun River (between Ferguson Bank and Sibun Bar)

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#### SIXTH SCHEDULE

## [REGULATION 28(4)] 55 of 1993. **TABLEA** Fees for foreign fishing vessel licences less than 45ft overall length - \$1,000.00 per annum **TABLE B** Fees for local fishing vessel licences 20ft to 30 feet overall Length - \$25.00 per annum. **TABLE C** Fees for fisherman's licence - \$25.00 per annum. TABLE D Fees for Research Permit - \$200.00 per annum. **TABLE E** Fees for marine bio-prospecting licence - \$1,000.00 per annum. **TABLE F** Fees for Fish Exporters Licence - \$50.00 per annum. 66 of 2002. **TABLE G** Fees for Fish Processing Plant Licence - \$1,000.00 66 of 2002. per annum. **TABLE H** Fees for Black Coral Licence-\$50.00 per annum. 66 of 2002. **TABLE I** Fees for Fish Exporters Permit - \$5.00 each. 66 of 2002. **TABLE J** Fees for Aquaculture Operations - \$1,000.00 per 66 of 2002. annum. **TABLE K** Fees for Aquarium Fish Collectors Licence-\$200.00 66 of 2002. per annum.

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#### SEVENTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 29(4) (a) (iii)]

## 55 of 1993. SPECIFICATIONS FOR MARKING OF FISHING VESSELS

- 1. Content of Identification Marks.
  - (a) Any vessel that has been assigned an International Telecommunication Union radio call sign as its identification mark.
  - (b) Any vessel that has not been assigned an International Telecommunication Union to the flag state of the vessel followed by a hyphen and the licence or registration number assigned to that vessel by its flag state.
  - (c) Any vessel that has not been assigned an International Telecommunication Union radio call sign but is normally carried on board another vessel for use in fishing operations shall display the identification mark assigned to that other vessel.

## Location of Marking

- (a) Identification marks shall be prominently displayed:
  - (i) on the vessel's port or starboard side or superstructure high above the waterline but not in the flare of the bow or on the sterm in such a way as to be clearly visible both from the seen and the air; and

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- (ii) for vessels other than local fishing vessels or indecked vessels on a horizontal surface of the vessel athwart ships with the top of the letters and numbers towards the bow of the vessel; where an awning or other temporary cover is placed so as to obscure the marking, the awning or other cover shall bear the same identification mark.
- (b) Identification marks shall be so placed that they:
  - (i) are not obscured at any time by fishing gear whether stowed or in use;
  - (ii) for vessels other than local fishing vessels or undecked vessels on a horizontal surface of the vessel athwart ships with the top of the letters and numbers towards the bow of the vessel; where an awning or other temporary cover is placed so as to obscure the marking, the awning or other cover shall bear the same identification mark
- (c) Identification marks shall be so placed that they:
  - (i) are not obscured at any time by fishing gear whether stowed or in use;
  - (ii) are clear of flows from scuppers or overboard discharges and of areas that might be prone to damage or discoloration occurring during or as a result of fishing operations; and

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- (iii) do not extend below the waterline.
- 3. Technical Specifications.
  - (a) Block lettering and numbering shall be used throughout.
  - (b) The width of the letters and numbers shall be in proportion to the height as set out below.
  - (c) The height of the letters and numbers shall be in proportion to the size of the vessel in accordance with the following criteria:
    - (i) for identification marks on the side or superstructure of the vessel

| Length overall of vessel         | Minimum height of     |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                                  | letters in meters (m) |  |  |
| 25 m and over                    | 1.0m                  |  |  |
| At least 20 m but less than 25 m | 0.8m                  |  |  |
| At least 15 m but less than 20 m | 0.6m                  |  |  |
| At least 12 m but less than 15 m | 0.4m                  |  |  |
| At least 5 m but less than 12 m  | 0.3m                  |  |  |
| Under 5 m                        | 0. 1m                 |  |  |

- (ii) For identification marks to be displayed on horizontal surfaces on vessels of 5 meters length overall and over, the height of the letters and numbers shall be not less than 0. 3 meters.
- (d) The length of the hyphen shall be half of the height of the letters and numbers.

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- (e) The width of the stroke for all letters, numbers and the hyphen shall be one sixth of the height of the letters and numbers.
- (f) The space between letters and/or numbers, except in the case referred to in paragraph (g), shall not exceed one quarter of the height of the letters and numbers and shall not be less than one sixth of that height.
- (g) The space between adjacent letters having sloping sides shall not exceed one eight of the height of the letters, nor be less than one tenth of that height.
- (h) Identification marks shall be white on a black background or black on a white background; the background shall extend to provide a border around the letters and numbers of not less than one sixth of the height of the letters and numbers.
- (i) Good quality marine paint shall be used in the marking of vessels in accordance with the foregoing specifications; retro-reflective or heat-generating substances may also be used.
- (j) The identification marks and the background shall be maintained in a good condition at all times.

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## CHAPTER 210

## FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH) REGULATIONS

## ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Export of fish.
- 3. Offence.

**SCHEDULE** 

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

### FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH) REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

5 of 1968. 9 of 1968. Ch. 174.

[27th January, 1968.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

#### FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH) REGULATIONS.

2. No person shall export or attempt to export from this country any fish save under and in accordance with the provisions of a licence, in the form set out in the Schedule hereto, issued by the Minister.

Export of fish.

3. Any person who exports or attempts to export any fish from this country without a licence or contrary to the provisions, including any conditions contained therein, of a licence issued by the Minister shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Offence. 9 of 1968.

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## **SCHEDULE**

## LICENCE TO EXPORT FISH

|            | Permission is granted for the ex         | port of:                                |
|------------|--|---|
|            | Name of Exporter:                        |   |
|            | Means of Export:                         |   |
|            | Port of Export:                          |   |
| 9 of 1968. | This licence is subject to the following | owing conditions:                       |
|            | This licence is valid for                | days from the date hereof.              |
|            | DATE:                                    |   |
|            |  | Minister of Natural Resources and Trade |
|            |  |   |

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### **CHAPTER 210**

## **HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE REGULATIONS**

## **ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

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- 2. Definitions.
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- 5. Report of accident, etc.
- 6. Additional Rules for Zone A.
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- 9. Permits not transferable, etc.
- 10. Application of Fisheries Regulations.
- 11. Fees.
- 12. Penalty.
- 13. Establishment of Board of Trustee.

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- 14. Functions of the Board.
- 15. Reserve Fund Account.
- 16. Revenues of the Reserve.
- 17. Duty to keep proper accounts.

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#### CHAPTER 210

#### HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

Ch. 174. 107 of 1988.

113 of 1989. 170 of 1994.

[13<sup>th</sup> December, 1988.]

101 of 1999. 55 of 2003.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hol Chan Marine Reserve Regulations.

Short title.

2. In these Regulations-

Definitions.

"Administrator" means any fishery officer appointed as Administrator for the purpose of these Regulations;

"Board" means the Board of Trustees established under regulation 13 of these Regulations;

170 of 1994.

"Fish" has the meaning assigned to it in the Fisheries Act;

"fishing" means the taking of fish;

"Reserve" means the Hol Chan Marine Reserve, as declared by the Fisheries (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order;

S. I. 57 of 1987.

"Zone" means any of the areas demarcated as restricted areas in the Reserve;

"Zone A", "Zone B" and "Zone C" and "Zone D" shall have the descriptions respectively assigned to them in the Schedule to the Fisheries (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order.

101 of 1999.

3. (1) For the purpose of proper control and regulation of the Reserve there are hereby created four zones within the Reserve to be called:

Zones. 101 of 1999.

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- (a) Zone A;
- (b) Zone B;
- (c) Zone C; and
- (d) Zone D.
- (2) The above Zones shall be clearly demarcated as restricted areas by buoys and other suitable signs.

#### Restrictions.

- 4. No person within the boundaries of the Reserve
  - (a) shall have in his possession any flora or fauna without special licence from the Administrator;
  - (b) shall deposit any materials in or on the waters of the Reserve except by special licence from the Administrator;
  - (c) shall erect any structure, whether temporary or permanent;
  - (d) shall discharge or deposit any waste material into waters or land areas;
  - (e) shall mark or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice installed by the Administrator.

## Report of accident, etc.

5. Any accident involving personal injury or damage to property shall be reported to the Reserve Manager as soon as possible, but neither the Administrator nor the Government of Belize shall be liable for such injury or damage.

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6. The following additional rules shall apply to Zone A-

Additional Rules for Zone A.

- (a) no person shall engage in fishing;
- (b) visitors shall first obtain a ticket, on payment of the prescribed fee, from the Reserve headquarters before entry to this Zone;
- (c) all boats shall anchor at the mooring provided in this Zone except in cases of emergency where life and property may be in danger;
- (d) no person shall remove from its place or disturb any species of flora or fauna, including rocks, dead coral, shells or sand;
- (e) no person shall cast or drag any anchor in such a way as to damage coral reef formations;
- (f) all boats operating in this Zone shall obtain registration from the Administrator in the prescribed form set out in the First Schedule.
- 7. The following additional rules shall apply to Zone B-

Additional Rules for Zone B.

- (a) no person shall engage in trawling;
- (b) no person shall engage in fishing except under a special licence from the Administrator in the prescribed form set out in the Second Schedule.
- 8. The following additional rules shall apply to Zone C-

Additional Rules for Zone

(a) no person shall engage in fishing except under a

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special licence from the Administrator in the prescribed form set out in the Second Schedule;

(b) all boats used for sport fishing shall obtain registration from the Administrator in the form set out in the First Schedule.

Additional Rules for Zone D. 101 of 1999.

8:01 This area shall be protected as a multi-purpose use zone and the following additional rules shall apply to Zone D:-

- (a) there shall be within this zone a "General Use Area" which shall be protected as follows:-
  - (i) commercial fishing shall be allowed in all of Zone D except in the exclusive recreational areas of "Shark Ray Alley" and "Amigos Del Mar Dive Wreck";
  - (ii) fishermen who use Zone D shall submit catch data upon request by the staff of the Reserve;
  - (iii) fishermen who use Zone D shall obtain the Hol Chan Marine Reserve stamp on their fishing licences;
  - (iv) no gloves shall be allowed in Zone D; and
  - (v) the down-under diver's flag shall be displayed at all times by tour guiding vessels;
- (b) there shall be within this zone "Exclusive Recreation Areas" which shall be protected as

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#### follows:-

(i) special marker buoys shall demarcate the boundaries of the exclusive recreation areas, and these areas shall be comprised of the area at "Shark Ray Alley" and the other area outside the reef at the "Amigos Del Mar Dive Wreck";

- (ii) no fishing shall be allowed in the exclusive recreation areas;
- (iii) no feeding of fish by tourists shall be allowed in the exclusive recreation areas;
- (iv) no touching of flora or fauna shall be allowed in the exclusive recreation areas;
- (v) no scuba diving shall be allowed in Shark Ray Alley except for research purposes under a special licence issued by the Fisheries Administrator in that behalf;
- (vi) commercial, recreational vessels shall be allowed to stay in the exclusive recreation areas for periods of not more than one hour at any one time, and only if there are in that area mooring buoys available;
- (vii) commercial recreational vessels within the exclusive recreation areas shall first report to the Ranger on duty before engaging in any water-related activities;

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|                                       |                |                   |            | (viii)    | down-under divers flags shall be displayed at all times; and  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|---|
|                                       |                |                   |            | (ix)      | no fishing gear shall be allowed on board any commercial recreational vessel except fins and masks. |
| Permits not transferable, etc.        | 9.             | Permit            | s issued ı | ınder the | ese Regulations are-  |
|                                       |                |                   | (a)        | not tran  | nsferable;  |
|                                       |                |                   | <i>(b)</i> | renewa    | able upon application to the Administrator;   |
|                                       |                |                   | (c)        | •         | to cancellation if any of the conditions of the or any of these Regulations is contravened.         |
| Application of Fisheries Regulations. | 10.            | The Fis           | sheries R  | egulatior | ns shall apply within the Reserve.  |
| Fees.                                 | 11.<br>week a  | (1)<br>us follow  |            | serve sha | all remain open to the public on all days of the  |
|                                       | 1.<br>2.<br>3. | Saturd            | ays        |           | 8.00 a. m. to 4.00 p. m.<br>12.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.<br>8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.                      |
| 101 of 1999.                          | fees fo        | (2)<br>r tourists |            |           | Reserve shall be on payment of the following ommercial recreational vessels:                        |
|                                       |                | (a)               | 2.<br>3.   | Tourists  |   |

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Vessels ....... \$10.00 per vessel per annum

| <i>(b)</i> | Zone D                                 | Fee                            |
|------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1.         | Tourists                               | \$7.00 per person per day      |
| 2.         | Belizeans                              | \$1.00 per person per day      |
| 3.         | Commercial                             |                                |
|            | Recreational                           |                                |
|            | Vessels                                | \$10.00 per vessel per annum   |
|            |  |                                |
| (c)        | Zones B & C                            | Fees                           |
| (c)        | Zones B & C (for sport fishing)        | Fees                           |
| (c)<br>1.  | (for sport fishing)                    | Fees \$5.00 per day per person |
|            | (for sport fishing) Tourists           | 2 000                          |
| 1.         | (for sport fishing) Tourists           | \$5.00 per day per person      |
| 1.<br>2.   | (for sport fishing) Tourists Belizeans | \$5.00 per day per person      |

Provided that no fees shall be charged:

- (a) to any child below the age of twelve years;
- *(b)* to Belizeans who enter the Reserve on Sunday, unless that day falls on a Public or Bank holiday, in which case the normal fees shall be charged.
- Any person who contravenes these Regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

13. (1) There is hereby established a Board of Trustees for the purpose of directing and managing the affairs of the Reserve.

Establishment of Board of Trustees. 170 of 1994.

The constitution and procedure of the Board shall be as set out (2)

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Third Schedule. in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

14.

Functions of the Board. 170 of 1994. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to:

- (a) be responsible for the efficient administration of the affairs of the Reserve;
- (b) make recommendations regarding admission fees and other charges to be levied in relation to the Reserve;
- (c) solicit and accept donations, subscriptions and benefactions for the maintenance of the Reserve;
- (d) hold on trust, all funds and revenues of the Reserve including subscriptions, covenants, sponsorships and legacies;
- (e) manage the affairs of the Reserve and disburse moneys from the same for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the ecosystems within the Reserve;
- (f) borrow money, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, for any purpose connected with the administration of the Reserve;
- (g) invest moneys of the Reserve but only after consultation with the Minister of Finance and upon the recommendation of a reputable financial institution;

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(h) ensure regular revision and review of the Reserve's management plan;

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(i) comment on and recommend legislation and regulations for the Reserve;

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(j) procedure current reports on matters impacting the reserve and liaise with relevant Government Agencies; and

55 of 2003.

(k) advise on and where appropriate, assist with administrative matters, publicity, educational interpretive programs and decisions relating to research to be carried out in the Reserve.

55 of 2003.

15. (1) The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister of Finance, open and maintain at a reputable bank, an account for the funds of the Reserve to be known as the Reserve Fund Account.

Reserve Fund Account. 170 of 1994.

- (2) The Reserve Fund Account may only be operated on by cheque or other negotiable instrument signed by the Chairman or other member of the Board authorised to sign, and countersigned by any other member of the Board authorised to countersign.
- (3) No moneys shall be paid out of the Reserve Fund Account except with the authority and in accordance with any general or special directions of the Board.
- (4) All money forming part of the funds of the Reserve shall, as soon as practicable after it is received by any member of the Board, be paid into the Reserve Fund Account.
- 16. (1) The revenues of the Reserve shall consist of the following moneys:

Revenues of the Reserve. 170 of 1994.

(a) fees and other charges collected from the use of the Reserve;

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- (b) donations solicited by the Board;
- (c) contributions from the Government;
- (d) donations or contributions from organizations;
- (e) all income derived from the investment of money by or on behalf of the Reserve; and
- (f) any other money lawfully contributed, donated or bequeathed to the Reserve.
- (2) The funds of the Reserve shall be kept separate from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and any general funds of the Government.
- (3) The revenues of the Reserve shall be used exclusively for the proper and efficient administration, management and conservation of the Reserve.

Duty to keep proper accounts. 170 of 1994.

- 17. (1) The Board shall keep full and correct accounts of all moneys received and expended on behalf of the Reserve.
- (2) An annual audit of accounts shall be carried out by the Auditor General or an independent auditor to be appointed by the Minister of Finance.
- (3) The Board shall prepare a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Reserve as at the end of each financial year and forward the same through the Minister responsible for fisheries to the Minister of Finance who shall present the said statement to the National Assembly as soon as practicable.

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## FIRST SCHEDULE

## APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE

(In duplicate)

| 1.   | Name of boat owner.       |  |  |  |  |
|------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2.   | Name of captain.          |  |  |  |  |
| 3.   | Name of boat, if any.     |  |  |  |  |
| 4.   | Length of boat.           |  |  |  |  |
| 5.   | Width of boat.            |  |  |  |  |
| 6.   | Engine type and H. P.     |  |  |  |  |
| 7.   | Passenger capacity.       |  |  |  |  |
| 8.   | Type of activity-         |  |  |  |  |
|      | (a) glass-bottom viewing; |  |  |  |  |
|      | (b) snorkeling;           |  |  |  |  |
|      | (c) scuba diving;         |  |  |  |  |
|      | (d) sportfishing.         |  |  |  |  |
| Date | Signature                 |  |  |  |  |
|      |                           |  |  |  |  |

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## FIRST SCHEDULE (cont.)

## Registration Form

| Name of boat owner.                            |          |   |
|--|----------|---|
| Name of captain.                               |          |   |
| Name of boat.                                  |          |   |
| and to conduct the fo                          | ollowing | ap to passengers activities in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve,   |
| Conditions of registrat                        |          |   |
| 1. If carrying paresponsible for the following | _        | s to dive in the reserve, the captain/guide is  |
|  | (i)      | to acquaint passengers with the rules of<br>the Reserve;  |
|  | (ii)     | to anchor at the mooring provided when in Zone A;   |
|  | (iii)    | to fly the "divers down" flag during all dives;   |
|  | (iv)     | only certified scuba divers or those<br>undergoing an approved training course<br>will be allowed to use scuba tanks. |

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## FIRST SCHEDULE (cont.)

| 2. respon     | If carrying passeng sible for the following |        | carry out sportfishing, the captain/guide is                                   |
|---------------|---|--------|--|
|               | (i,   | ")     | to submit details of catch and area fished to the park manager when requested; |
|               | (i  | i)     | to release fish wherever possible.   |
| 3.<br>registe | To apply the mark red boat.                 | /stick | er provided in a prominent position on the                                     |
| Date          |   |        | Fisheries Administrator  |

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#### SECOND SCHEDULE

Fishing Licence for the Hol Chan Reserve

1. Fishermen will be required to fill in a special application form for fishing in the Reserve.

This will be the same as the currently used fishing licence form and boat licence application form, but with the following three conditions:

- (a) I hereby will submit details of catch from the reserve areas as requested under the Second Schedule Form E1 of the Fisheries Regulations.
- (b) Fishing will not be conducted in the Boca Ciega blue hole in Zone B with the use of nets or spears.
- (c) Fishing will not be conducted in Zone A of the Reserve.
- 2. Licences for general fishing will then be stamped with a special stamp allowing the holder to fish on Zone B and C of the Hol Chan Reserve.

Boats licensed to operate in the Reserve for commercial fishing will be

| Date |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| Daic | <br>Fisheries Administrator |

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3.

provided with a special mark/sticker.

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#### THIRD SCHEDULE

### [Regulation 13]

- 1. The Board shall comprise of nine members as follows:
  - (a) the Manager of the Hol Chal Marine Reserve;
  - (b) a representative from a local NGO; 55 of 2003.
  - (c) the Chairman of the Fisheries Advisory Board;
  - (d) the Fisheries Administrator;
  - (e) the Financial Secretary or his representative from the Ministry of Finance;
  - (f) the Director, CZMA Institute;
  - (g) the Chairman of the Caribena Fishermen Cooperative;
  - (h) a representative from a local Tourism Industry 55 of 2003. Association or BTB;
  - (i) a local representative from the private sector; and 55 of 2003.
  - (j) the Mayor of San Pedro. 55 of 2003.
- 2. The members of the Board shall elect one of the members thereof to be its Chairman.
- 3. The Chairman may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and as from the date of the receipt of the instrument

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by the Minister, unless some other date is mentioned in the instrument, the Chairman shall cease to be Chairman but shall continue to be a member of the Board

- 4. The Board shall meet at least once every quarter or at such shorter intervals as may be necessary for the transaction of business.
- 5. Meetings of the Board shall be at such places and times as the Board may determine.
- 6. The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting and shall do so within seven days of his being requested to do so in writing by not less than four members of the Board.
- 7. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board but where at any meeting the Chairman is absent, the members present and constituting a quorum may elect a person from among themselves to be Chairman for that meeting.
- 8. Five members of the Board shall continue a quorum.
- 9. Decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of votes.
- 10. Every member of the Board shall have one vote but in cases where the voting is equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.
- 11. The constitution of the Board and any changes occurring therein from time to time shall be published in the *Gazette*.
- 12. Subject to the existence of a quorum, the powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

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- 13. All documents made by, and decisions of the Board shall be signed by the Chairman or by any member of the Board authorised to act in that behalf by the Board.
- 14. Subject to this Schedule the Board may regulate its own procedure.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture this 15th day of November, 1994.

## (RUSSEL GARCIA)

Minister of Agriculture Minister responsible for fisheries

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

## FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

#### ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

## PART I PRELIMINARY

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Interpretation.

#### **PART II**

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

- 3. Establishment of zones.
- 4. Rules for General Use Zone.
- 5. Rules for Conservation Zone.
- 6. Rules for Wilderness Zone.
- 7. Rules for Seasonal Closure Zone.

### **PART III**

# COMMERCIAL FISHING, RESEARCH, SPORT FISHING LICENCES AND REGISTRATION OF DIVE BOATS

8. Commercial Fishing Licences.

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- 9. Research Licences.
- 10. Sport fishing Licences.
- 11. Registration of dive boats.

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- 12. Licences not transferable.
- 13. Duration and renewal of licences.
- 14. Cancellation of licences.
- 15. Condition of Licences.
- 16. Duty to report accidents or damage to property.
- 17. Non-liability of Government.
- 18. Application of Fisheries Regulations.
- 19. Opening days of Reserve.
- 20. Admission fees.
- 21. Prohibition of certain acts.
- 22. Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.
- 23. Offences and Penalties.

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#### CHAPTER 210

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## FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

[18th May, 1996.]

### PART I PRELIMINARY

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

## FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

"fish" includes all the varieties of marine or fresh water animals or plant life;

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"Fisheries Administrator", means the Fisheries Administrator appointed under section 106 of the Belize Constitution for the purpose of the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder;

"fishing" means fishing for, capturing, taking or killing fish, or attempting to do any of the above by any method;

"Reserve" means the Glovers Reef Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (Glovers Reef Marine Reserve) Order;

"Reserve Manager", means an officer appointed for the purpose of managing the Reserve;

"Schedule" means the Schedule to these Regulations.

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## PART II ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

| 3.      | (1)     | For the purposes of the regulation and control of the Reserve, | Establishment of |
|---------|---------|--|------------------|
| there s | hall be | established four zones within the Reserves as follows:         | zones            |

- (a) the General Use Zone;
- (b) the Conservation Zone;
- (c) the Wilderness Zone; and
- (d) the Seasonal Closure Zone.
- (2) The description of the above Zones shall be as set out in the Schedule of the Fisheries (Glovers Reef Marine Reserve) Order.
- 4. (1) The General Use Zone shall be restricted for fishing only by fishermen who currently use this zone and such fishermen shall apply for a licence to fish in accordance with these Regulations.

Rules for General Use Zone.

- (2) No person shall be permitted to use fish traps, nets, or long lines in the Glovers Reef Marine Reserve.
- (3) No person shall, within the General Use Zone, cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage coral.
- 5. (1) There shall only be non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation Zone subject to the following restrictions:-

Rules for Conservation Zone.

(a) only the residents of the Glovers Reef Cayes who have special licences to fish shall be allowed to fish solely for subsistence purposes, and such fishing

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- shall be determined by the terms and conditions of each resident's licence;
- (b) sport fishing in the Conservation Zone shall only be carried out under a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations and such fishing shall only be carried out on a catch-and-release basis; and
- (c) spear fishing shall not be permitted.
- (2) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of the Conservation Zone except by means of a mooring that is officially designated for this purpose, (save in the case of an emergency where life and property are endangered), or with the prior written permission of the Reserve Manager.
- (3) All divers in the Conservation Zone shall adhere to the following rules:-
  - (a) divers shall register with the Reserve Manager prior to entering the Conservation Zone;
  - (b) charter dives shall first obtain a licence in accordance with these Regulations before operating in the Conservation Zone and all dive boats shall fly the "divers down flag" when they have divers in the water;
  - (c) only certified scuba divers, or divers undergoing a training course conducted by a recognized instructor shall be allowed to use scuba equipment in the whole of the Reserve;

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(d) dive guides shall be required to explain the rules of the Reserve to all divers within the Reserve;

- (e) all boats which need to operate in this zone shall first obtain registration from the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations.
- (4) For the purpose of this Regulation, "divers down flag" means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background.
- 6. (1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity shall be permitted within the Wilderness Zone.

Rules for Wilderness Zone.

- (2) No motorized boats shall be permitted within the Wilderness Zone except in cases of emergency or where written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.
- 7. (1) No person shall use the Seasonal Closure Zone without a relevant licence from the Fisheries Administrator.

Rules for Seasonal Closure Zone.

- (2) Any fisherman who is desirous of using the Seasonal Closure Zone shall apply for the relevant licence from the Fisheries Administrator to do so.
- (3) The Seasonal Closure Zone shall be closed to fishing for the period of 1st December to the 1st March of the following year.

## PART III COMMERCIAL FISHING, RESEARCH, SPORT FISHING LICENCES AND REGISTRATION OF DIVE BOATS

8. (1) Any person who is desirous of fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a commercial fisherman's licence in the

Commercial fishing licences.

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form prescribed as Form I of the Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation grant a commercial fisherman's licence in the form prescribed as Form II of the Schedule.

Schedule.

(3) Upon the expiry of a fishing licence granted under these Regulations, the licence holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of the same in the form prescribed as Form I of the Schedule.

Schedule.

(4) A fee of (\$50.00) shall be payable upon the receipt of a fishing licence or for the renewal of same.

Research licences.

- 9. (1) Any person who is desirous of conduction search in any zone shall apply for a licence to do so to the Fisheries Administrator in the form prescribed as Form III of the Schedule.
- (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation issue or grant a licence in writing to conduct research.
- (3) The Fisheries Administrator shall set conditions for research licences issued under these Regulations.
- (4) (a) A fee of Bz \$500.00 shall be payable upon the receipt of a research licence or for the renewal of same.
  - (b) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary at his discretion the fee payable for a research licence.

Sport fishing licences. Schedule.

10. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager for a fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form IV of the Schedule.

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(2) The Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager, as the case may be, may grant a fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form V of the Schedule.

Schedule.

- (3) A fee of Bz\$20.00 per month for Belizeans or Bz\$50.00 per month for non-Belizeans shall be payable upon receipt of a sport fishing licence.
- (4) The licensee shall not kill any fish caught under a sport fishing licence.
- 11. (1) Any dive boat operator who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for registration in the form prescribed as Form VI of the Schedule.

Registration of dive boats. Schedule.

- (2) A fee of Bz \$ 100.00 shall be payable upon registration of the boat.
- (3) Boat registration under this section shall expire on the 31st December next, after the date of issue.

### PART IV GENERAL

12. Licences issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable.

Licences not transferable.

13. Licences issued under these Regulations, unless otherwise stated, shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue and may be renewed for like period upon payment of the fees specified in these Regulations.

Duration and renewal of licences.

14. The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any licence granted under these Regulations if the licence holder breaches any condition of the licence or contravenes any provision of these Regulations or the Fisheries Regulations.

Cancellation of licences.

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Conditions of licences.

15. In issuing a licence under these Regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licences, as the case may be, having due regard to the nature of the licence and the need to protect the environment and natural resources.

Duty to report accident or damage to property.

16. Any person involved in an accident which involves personal injury or damage to property or the environment within the Reserve shall report such accident to the person in charge of the Reserve or to any officer of the Reserve or the Fisheries Administrator as soon as possible or at least within twelve (12) hours of the occurrence of the accident.

Non-liability of Government.

17. The Government shall not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Application of Fisheries Regulations.

18. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, 1977, shall apply within the Reserve.

Opening days of Reserve.

19. The Reserve Office shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission fees.

20. (1) For all water recreational activities, excluding sports and recreational fishing, fees shall be as follows:

- (a) Tourist ..... \$5.00 per person per day;
- (b) Scuba/Snorkel... \$20.00 per person per week;
- (2) No fees shall be payable by Belizeans and foreign children below twelve years of age.

Prohibition of certain acts. CAP. 210.

- 21. Without prejudice to the activities prohibited by the Fisheries Act and the penalties prescribed therein, no person shall-
  - (a) remove, damage or have in his possession any

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flora, fauna or part thereof except under a licence issued by the Fisheries Administrator;

- (b) deposit any material in or on the waters of the Reserve, except in the case where a licence to do so has been issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (c) deface or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice which is installed in the Reserve.
- 22. (1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.

Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.

- (2) No person shall within the Reserve engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.
- 23. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Offences and Penalties.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 3rd day of May, 1996.

### (RUSSEL GARCIA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry responsible for Fisheries

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## **SCHEDULE** [Regulation 8]

#### **FORM I**

## APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S LICENCE OR RENEWAL THEREOF

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied by two full face photographs of the applicant not exceeding one and one half inches by one inch in size. For first issue money should not be sent with the form. For first issue, proof of citizenship or valid work permit must be furnished with the application or at the time of actual issue of the licence.

To: The Fisheries Administrator.

#### PART A

|             | I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a fisherman's licence.  |
|-------------|---|
|             | Name  |
|             | Fishing Experience years (Full time yrs; Part time yrs)   |
|             | Home Address I am a boat owner (yes/no) Boat operator (yes/no) Crewman (yes/no)   |
|             | I am/am not a member of a Fishermens' Co-operative Society Name of Co-operative if a member Membership No. Previous Fisherman's licence No. |
|             | Date Issued   |
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#### **PART B**

To be completed in full for the first issue and on renewal only if change in the details given in the first issue application have taken place.

Type of fishing in which engaged and methods used. Please enter a tick against the appropriate method and enter the number of units applicable in the spaces provided.

|  | Lobster  | Scale       | Fish   | Conch                        | Other         |  |
|--|--|-------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Traps                                      | () No. ()  | Seine nets  | () No. | ()Diving()                   | Product       |  |
| Drums<br>Beach                             | () No. ()  | Cast nets   | () No. | ()                           |               |  |
| Traps                                      | () No. ()  | Set nets    | () No. | ()                           | Method        |  |
| Diving                                     | () No. ()  | Tangle Nets | () No. | ()                           |               |  |
| Other                                      | () No. ()  | Gill Nets.  | () No. | ()                           | No. of        |  |
|  |  | Trammel net | () No. | ()-1 or 2 wall               | Units         |  |
|  |  | Beach traps |        | ()-shore or ope<br>sea based | en            |  |
|  |  | Fish pots   | () No. | ()-any type                  |               |  |
|  |  | Drop lines  | ()     |                              |               |  |
|  |  | Long lines  | () No. | ()-indicate hoo              | ks/100 yards. |  |
| Approx                                     | ximate value of  | gear        |        |                              |               |  |
| Date of application Signature of Applicant |  |             |        |                              |               |  |
| Receiv                                     | THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Passport No() Received in Office() Work Permit() Birth Cert() |             |        |                              |               |  |
| r ree r                                    | eceivea  | •••••       | ( )    | Birth Cert                   | ( )           |  |

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#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **FORM II**

(Reg. 8)

#### FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

|   | Licence No.  |
|---|--|
| This licence is issued to                                       |  |
|   | (full name)  |
| of  | under the  |
|   | (address)  |
| is not transferable and takes effe<br>unless canceled.<br>Until | nd Regulations made thereunder. This licence ext from the date of issue and remains in force   |
| Fee Paid  | Receipt No.  |
|   | (Licensing Officer and Office Stamp) This licence must be produced on demand to any police officer, Customs officer or authorized fisheries officer and should be carried at all time. |
| PHOTOGRAPH  |  |

Note on Form II of licence.- It is intended that when circumstances permit that such licences be laminated or otherwise waterproof, but until such times the licence issued will be in printed or cyclostyled form similar to the above and will contain the above information in all cases. The licences to be made up in triplicate: original to licensee, duplicate to the records and the triplicate for reconciliation of accounts.

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## **SCHEDULE** [Regulation 9]

#### **FORM III**

# APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE

|                       | Date of Application  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Name of Applic        | ant including title or designation   |
| Address:              | Home Country   |
|                       | Telephone  |
| attached to the l     | who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions icence.   |
| Institution with      | whom connection or on whose behalf the work is to be carried   |
|                       | which work is to be carried out  |
| The following d<br>1. | ocuments are to be attached to this application:-  A list of the names and titles of persons who will be accompanying the licensee during the course of the work for whom the licensee shall be responsible. |

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2.

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A list of equipment, in triplicate, which the licensee wishes

to bring into the country for the scientific purposes and for

which a temporary import permit is requested.

3. A detailed programme, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or expedition including area of work.

| leader of a group of (                              | arch/an investigation in Belize on my of students/on the behalf of the institution  | named above                      |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
|   | oses:   |                                  |
| details of which are co<br>specimens for study in I | ontained in the attached pages. I will was Belize and will/will not wish to export the end of my stay. I will want to collect (xport. | vish to collect<br>ese specimens |
| Date:   | Signed:   |                                  |

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### **SCHEDUILE** [Regulation 10]

#### **FORM IV**

### APPLICATION FOR SPORT FISHING LICENCE TO FISH IN THE GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE

|  | Registration No   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Address:   | First Name:   |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone: ()  Marital Status: S/M/ Other:                                       | Date of birth: (dd/mm/yy) No of Children:   |  |  |  |  |
| WORK STATUS  Full Time [ ]; Owner of B  Part Time [ ]; Crew Mem  Other:; Captain | Boat [ ] BOAT STATUS Name of Boat: Length: Width: Engine Type: HP:  |  |  |  |  |
| Licence type Recreational [ ] Sport [ ] Others: Specify                          | IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION National ID [ ] Passport [ ] Drivers licence [ ] Co-operative ID [ ] Valid Fisherman's Licence Other [ ] Social Security No Cut along line |  |  |  |  |
| RESIDENT FISHERMAN LICENCE  Licence No.:  This licence is issued to              |   |  |  |  |  |
| THE SUBSIDIARY LAWS OF BELIZE  | (Full name)   |  |  |  |  |

the Government of Belize.

| of   |                                |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (address) under provision of the Fisheries Act, and the Fisheries (Glovers Reef Marine Reserve) Order, 1993.   |                                |  |  |  |  |
| This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless canceled. |                                |  |  |  |  |
| Until(Date)  |                                |  |  |  |  |
| Photograph of the Licensee   | Fee paid: \$<br>Receipt No     |  |  |  |  |
|  | Signature of Licensee          |  |  |  |  |
| (affix official stamp to photograph)   | Signature of Licensing Officer |  |  |  |  |

This is an official document of the Government of Belize and must be produced on demand to any police officer, customs officer, or fisheries officer. It should be carried at all times by the licensee during fishing activity.

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### SCHEDULE Regulation 10

#### **FORM V**

#### SPORT FISHING LICENCE

|   | Licence No.:                   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (1) This licence is is                  | ssued to                       |  |  |  |  |
|   | (full name)                    |  |  |  |  |
| of                                      | (address)                      |  |  |  |  |
| This licence is valid for a             | period of one month. Fromuntil |  |  |  |  |
| Photograph of the                       |                                |  |  |  |  |
| Licensee                                | Fees paid: \$                  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Receipt No.                    |  |  |  |  |
| (affix official stamp<br>to photograph) |                                |  |  |  |  |

This licence is subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The holder of this licence shall comply with the Fisheries Act and all Regulations made thereunder.
- 2. The licensee shall not maim or kill any fish caught under this licence and all sport fishing activity shall only be carried out on a catch and release basis.
- 3. This licence may at any time be canceled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.

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|-----|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
|     | DATE      |           | Fisheries Administrator |

NB This is an official document of the Government of Belize and must be produced on demand to any police officer, customs officer, or fisheries officer. It should be carried at all times by the licensee during sport fishing activities.

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# **SCHEDULE Regulation 11**

#### FORM VI

# APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN THE GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE

(in duplicate)

| (1)  | Nar   | ne of boat ow   | ner:         |                   |  |  |
|------|---|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--|--|
| (2)  | Name of captain:  |                 |              |                   |  |  |
| (3)  | Name of boat, if any:   |                 |              |                   |  |  |
| (4)  | Len   | gth of boat:    |              |                   |  |  |
| (5)  | Wic   | lth of boat:    | •••••        |                   |  |  |
| (6)  | Eng   | gine type and l | H.P.:        |                   |  |  |
| (7)  | Pas   | senger capaci   | ty:          |                   |  |  |
| (8)  | Type  | of activity:    | (Tick for ac | ctivity included) |  |  |
|      | (a)   | Snorkeling      | g            | ( )               |  |  |
|      | (b)   | Scuba Div       | _            | ( )               |  |  |
|      | (c)   | Glass-bot       | tom viewing  | ( )               |  |  |
|      | (d)   | Sport fish      | _            | ( )               |  |  |
| Date | :   |                 |              | Signature         |  |  |
|      |   |                 | Registration | on Form           |  |  |
| Nam  | e of bo   | at owner        |              |                   |  |  |
|      |   |                 |              |                   |  |  |
|      |   |                 |              |                   |  |  |
|      |   |                 |              |                   |  |  |
|      | This boat is registered to carry up to passenger and to conduct the following activities in the Glovers Reef Marine Reserve. i.e. |                 |              |                   |  |  |
|      |   | _               |              |                   |  |  |
|      |   |                 |              |                   |  |  |

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#### **Conditions of registration**

If carrying passengers to dive in Reserve, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (ii) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.
- (iii) To fly the "divers down" flag during all dives.
- (iv) Only certified scuba divers or those undergoing an approved training course will be allowed to use scuba tank.

If carrying passengers to carry out sport fishing, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To submit details to the Reserve Manager when requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (ii) To release fish wherever possible.

To apply the mark/sticker provided in a prominent position on the registered boat.

| Date |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
|      | Fisheries Administrator |

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

## FISHERIES PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE REGULATIONS

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

### FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

18 of 2000. Ch. 174.

(Section 13)

[19th February, 2000.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

### FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

Interpretation.

"fish" includes all the varieties of marine or fresh water animals or plant life;

"Fisheries Administrator" means the Fisheries Administrator appointed under section 107 of the Belize Constitution for the purpose of the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder;

CAP. 4. CAP. 210.

"fishing" means fishing for, capturing, taking or killing fish, or attempting to do any of the above by any method;

"Reserve" means the Port Honduras Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (Port Honduras Marine Reserve) Order;

"Reserve Manager" means an officer appointed for the purpose of managing the Reserve;

"Fishery Officer" means any technician, conservation officer, assistant fisheries officer or fishery officer employed by the reserve;

"Schedule" means the Schedule to these Regulations;

Schedule.

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"Sport fishing" means catch and release;

"recreational fishing" means fishing for fun with the intention to eat the fish caught but not for the purpose of selling;

"subsistence fishing" means fishing conducted by those who reside within the Reserve for the purpose of consuming the fish caught but not for selling such fish.

### PART II ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

Establishment of zones.

- 3. (1) For the purposes of the regulation and control of the Reserve, there shall be established four zones within the Reserve as follows:
  - (a) the General Use Zone;
  - (b) the Conservation I Zone;
  - (c) the Conservation II Zone;
  - (d) the Preservation Zone;

and a Special Management Area.

(2) The description of the above Zones shall be as set out in the Schedule of the Fisheries (Port Honduras Marine Reserve) Order.

Rules for General Use Zone.

4. (1) The General Use Zone shall be restricted to those with the appropriate fishing licence for any of the following, namely a commercial, sport, subsistence and recreational fishing licence. Fishermen shall apply for a licence to fish in accordance with these Regulations.

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(2) Only residents of Port Honduras who have special licences to fish shall be allowed to fish in this zone solely for subsistence purposes, and such fishing shall be determined by the terms and conditions of each resident's licence.

- (3) No person shall be permitted to use long lines or gill nets in the Port Honduras Marine Reserve.
  - (4) No person shall be permitted to use or erect beach traps.
- (5) No person shall, within the Port Honduras Marine Reserve, cast or drag any anchor in any manner that may damage coral reef formation.
- (6) Fishermen catching lobster shall preserve such lobster while in the Marine Reserve within its carapace but not as fillet.
- 5. (1) There shall only be non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation I Zone.

Rules for Conservational I Zone.

- (2) No person shall engage in water-skiing and jet skiing within this zone.
- 6. (1) Sport fishing in the Conservation II Zone shall only be carried out under a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations and such fishing shall only be carried out on a catch-and-release basis.

Rules for Conservational II Zone

- (2) No person shall engage in spear fishing with the Conservation II Zone.
- (3) No person shall engage in commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing within the Conservation II Zone.
- (4) No person shall engage in trawling, setting nets or traps within the Conservation II zone.

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- (5) No person shall engage in water-skiing and jet skiing within the Conservation II zone.
- (6) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of the Conservation I and II zones except by means of a mooring that is officially designated for this purpose, (save in the case of an emergency where life and property are endangered), or with the prior, written permission of the Reserve Manager.
- (7) All divers in the Conservation I and II zones shall adhere to the following rules:
  - (a) divers shall register with the Reserve Manager prior to entering the Conservation zones;
  - (b) charter dives shall first obtain a licence in the form prescribed as Form VI of the Schedule before operating in the Conservation zones and all dive boats shall fly the "divers down flag" when they

have divers in the water:

- (c) only certified scuba divers, or divers undergoing a training course conducted by a recognized instructor shall be allowed to use scuba equipment in areas of the Reserve where diving is permitted;
- (d) dive guides shall be required to explain the rules of the Reserve to all divers within the Reserve:
- (e) all boats which need to operate in these zones shall first obtain registration from the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations.

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Form VI. Schedule.

- (8) For the purpose of this Regulation "divers down flag" means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background.
- (9) All motor boats are to observe the low-wake-boat-way when approaching snorkellers or divers.
- 7. (1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no person shall engage in commercial fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity within the Preservation zone.

Rules for Preservation Zone.

- (2) No vessel shall be permitted within the Preservation zone except in cases of emergency or where written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.
- 8. (1) This area is reserved for special projects. Fishing and other activities may or may not be allowed depending on the status of the area in the management plan.

Rules for Special Management Area.

#### PART III COMMERCIAL FISHING, RESEARCH, SPORT FISHING LICENCES AND REGISTRATION OF DIVE BOATS

9. (1) Any person who is desirous of fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a commercial fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form I of the Schedule hereto.

Commercial fishing licences. Form I Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation grant a fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form II of the Schedule hereto.

Form II. Schedule.

(3) Upon the expiry of a fishing licence granted under these Regulations, the licence holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of the same in the prescribed form set out as Form I of the Schedule hereto.

Form I. Schedule.

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(4) A fee of (\$50.00) shall be payable upon the receipt of a fishing licence or for the renewal of the same.

# Research licences. Form III. Schedule.

- 10. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting research shall within the Reserve apply for a licence to do so to the Fisheries Administrator in the prescribed form set out as Form III of the Schedule hereto.
- (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation issue or grant a licence in writing to conduct research.
- (3) The Fisheries Administrator shall set conditions for research licences issued under these Regulations.
- (4) (a) A fee of Bz. \$500.00 shall be payable upon the receipt of a research licence or for the renewal of same.
  - (b) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary at his discretion the fee payable for a research licence.

# Sport fishing licences. Form IV. Schedule.

11. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager for a fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form IV of the Schedule.

#### Form V. Schedule.

- (2) The Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager, as the case may be, may grant a fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form V of the Schedule hereto.
- (3) A fee of Bz \$20.00 per month for Belizeans or Bz. \$50.00 per month for non-Belizeans shall be payable upon receipt of a sport fishing licence

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- (4) The licensee shall not kill any fish caught under a sport fishing licence.
- 12. (1) Any boat operator who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for registration in the prescribed form set out as Form VI of the Schedule hereto.

Registration of dive boats. Form VI. Schedule.

- (2) A fee of Bz \$100.00 shall be payable upon registration of the boat.
- (3) Boat registration under this regulation shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December next after the date of issue.

#### PART IV GENERAL

13. Licences issued under these regulations shall not be transferable.

Licences not transferable.

14. Licences issued under these Regulations, unless otherwise stated, shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue and may be renewed for like period upon payment of the fees specified in these regulations.

Duration and renewal of licences.

15. The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any licence granted under these regulations if the licence holder breaches any conditions of the licence or contravenes any provision of these regulations or the Fisheries Regulations.

Cancellation of licences.

16. In issuing a licence under these regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licences, as the case may be, having due regard to the nature of the licence and the need to protect the environment and natural resources.

Conditions of licences.

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Duty to report accident or damageto property.

17. Any person involved in an accident which involves personal injury or damage to property or to the environment within the Reserve shall report such accident to the person in charge of the Reserve or to any officer of the Reserve or to the Fisheries Administrator as soon as possible or at least within twelve (12) hours of the occurrence of the accident.

Non-liability of Government.

18. The Government shall not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Applications of Fisheries Regulations.

19. Notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, shall apply within the Reserve.

Opening days of Reserve.

20. The Reserve Office shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission fees.

- 21. (1) For all water recreational activities, excluding sports and recreational fishing, fees shall be as follows:
  - (a) Swimmers/Snorkelers \$8.00 per person per day;
  - (b) Scuba \$20.00 per person per week
- (2) No fees shall be payable by Belizeans and foreign children below twelve years of age.

Prohibition of certain acts. CAP. 210.

- 22. Without prejudice to the activities prohibited by the Fisheries Act and the penalties prescribed therein, no person shall-
  - (a) remove, damage or have in his possession any flora, fauna or part thereof except under a licence issued by the Fisheries Administrator;

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- (b) deposit any material in or on the waters of the Reserve, except in the case where a licence to do so has been issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (c) deface or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice which is installed in the Reserve
- 23. (1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas as special development areas.

Special development Areas.

- (2) No person shall within the Reserve engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.
- 24. All commercial, recreational, subsistence, and sport be fishermen shall render the weight of fish caught within the Reserve to the Reserve Rangers upon request.

Fish caught may weighed upon requested.

25. Any person employed (technician, conservation officer, Assistant Fisheries Officer or Fisheries Officer) by the Reserve for the purpose of management of the Reserve shall be a "Fishery Officer" for the purpose of upholding the Reserve regulations as well as the Fisheries Regulations.

Establishment of Fishery Officers.

26. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

Offences & Penalties.

(2) Not withstanding subregulation (1) above, any person who damages corals shall pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or some other higher penalty based on the assessed damage not exceeding one million dollars.

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Commencement.

27. These regulations shall come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 25th day of January, 2000.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives Minister responsible for Fisheries

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## SCHEDULE [Regulation 9(1)]

#### **FORM I**

### APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHER'S LICENCE OR RENEWAL THEREOF

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied by two full face photographs of the applicant not exceeding one half inches by one inch in size. For first issue money should not be sent with the form. For first issue, proof of citizenship or valid work permit must be furnished with the application or at the time of actual issue of the licence.

To: The Fisheries Administrator

#### **PARTA**

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a fisherman's licence.

| Name                            |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age y                           |                                   |
| (block capitals)                |                                   |
| Fishing Experience years        | s (Full time yrs; Part time yrs.) |
|                                 | I am a boat owner (yes/no)        |
| Boar                            | t operator (yes/no)               |
| Crew                            | rman(yes/no)                      |
| I am/am not a member of a Fishe | ermen's Co-operative Society      |
| Name of Co-operative if a mem   | ber                               |
| Membership No                   | Previous Fisherman's licence No   |
| Date Issued                     |                                   |

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#### PART B

To be completed in full for the first issue but on renewal only if change in the details given in the first issue application have taken place.

Type of fishing in which applicant is engaged and methods used. Please enter a tick (X) against the appropriate method and enter the number of units applicable in the spaces provided.

| Lobster Sca  | e Fish   | Conch   | Other    |  |
|--|--|---------|----------|--|
| Traps ( ) No. ( ) Product  | Seine nets( )  | No.( )  | Diving() |  |
| Drums ( ) No. Beach  | Cast nets ( )  | No. ( ) |          |  |
| Traps ( ) No. ( Diving ( ) No. (   |  |         | Method   |  |
|  | Apper  | ndix 2  |          |  |
| Other ( ) No. ( )  | ther() No.()  Gill Nets() No.()  No. of Units  Trammel net() No.() -1 or 2 wall  Beach traps() No.() -shore or open sea based  Fish pots() No.() -any type  Drop lines() |         |          |  |
| Long lines ( ) No. ( )-indicate hooks/ 100 yards.  |  |         |          |  |
| Other methods (specify).  Approximate value of gear  Place of normal landing of catch  Date of application  Signature of Applicant |  |         |          |  |
| THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:   |  |         |          |  |
| Passport No  |  |         |          |  |

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# SCHEDULE [Regulations 9(2)]

#### **FORM II**

#### FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

|  | Licence No  |
|--|---|
| This licence is issued to                          |   |
|  | (full name)   |
| of   | under the   |
|  | (address)   |
| is not transferable and takes ef unless cancelled. | and Regulations made thereunder. This licence fect from the date of issue and remains in force  |
| Fee Paid   | Receipt No .  |
|  | (Licensing Officer's signature and Office Stamp) This licence must be produced on demand to any police officer, Customs officer or authorized fisheries officer and should be carried at all times. |

#### **PHOTOGRAPH**

Note on Form II of Licence: it is intended that when circumstances permit, this licence should be laminated or otherwise waterproof, but until such times the licence issued will be in printed or cyclostyled for similar to the above and will contain the above information in all cases. The licence should be made up in triplicate, with the original being given to the licensee, duplicate to the records and the triplicate for reconciliation of accounts.

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# SCHEDULE [Regulation 10(1)]

#### **FORM III**

# APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE

| Date of Application   |
|---|
| Name of Applicant including title or designation  |
| Address: Home Country   |
| Whilst in Belize  |
| Telephone   |
| Name of person who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions attached to the licence                         |
| Institution with whom connection or on whose behalf the work is to be carried out   |
| Period during which work is to be carried out   |
| The following documents are to be attached to this application:   |
| 1. A list of the names and titles of persons who will be accompanying the licensee during the course of the work for whom the |

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licensee shall be responsible.

- 2. A list of equipment, in triplicate, which the licensee wishes to bring into the country for scientific purposes and for which a temporary import permit is requested.
- 3. A detailed programme, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or expedition inleuding area of work.

| leader of a group of ( ) s | students/on the behalf of the institution named above   |
|----------------------------|---|
| for the following purpose  | es: (State purpose)   |
|                            |   |
|                            |   |
| specimens for study in Be  | ained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect lize and will/will not wish to export these specimens and of my stay. I will want to collect specimen of ort. |
| Date:                      | Signed:   |

# SCHEDULE [Regulation 11(1)]

#### **FORM IV**

# APPLICATION FOR SPORT FISHING LICENCE TO FISH IN THE PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE

|   |                           |                   | ficial Use Only<br>ration No |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Last Name:  | First Naı                 | me:               |                              |
| Address:  |                           |                   |                              |
| Telephone: ( )  | Da                        | te of Bi          | rth:                         |
| Marital Status: S/ M/ Other:                                |                           |                   | (dd/mm/yy)                   |
| WORK STATUS   |                           | BOAT              | STATUS                       |
| Full Time [ ]: Owner of Boat [ Part Time [ ]: Crew Member [ | -                         | Length            | of Boat:                     |
| Other: Captain  | in[]                      |                   | Туре:НР:                     |
| LICENCE TYPE  | IDENTIFICA                | ATION             | INFORMATION                  |
| Recreational [ ] Sports [ ] Others: Specify                 | Valid Fisherma<br>Other [ | e [ ]<br>m's Lice | Co-operative ID [ ]          |

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#### RESIDENT FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

|  | Licence No:                                    |
|--|--|
| This licence is issued to(Ful  | <br>l name)                                    |
| ,  | ,  |
| of   |  |
| ,  | dress) and the Fisheries (Port Honduras Marine |
| This licence is not transferable and take in force unless cancelled. | es effect from the date of issue and remains   |
| Until(Date)  |  |
| Photograph of the Licensee   | Fee paid: \$                                   |
| (affix official stamp to photograph)                                 | Signature of Licensee                          |
|  | Signature of Licensing officer                 |

This is an official document of the Government of Belize and must be produced on demand to any police officer, Customs officer, or fisheries officer. It should be carried at all times by the licensee during fishing activity.

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# SCHEDULE [Regulation 11(2)]

### FORM V

### SPORT FISHING LICENCE

|                                 |  | Licence No:                     |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| This licence is                 | issued to  |                                 |  |
|                                 | (full name)  |                                 |  |
| of                              |  |                                 |  |
|                                 | (address)  |                                 |  |
|                                 |  |                                 |  |
| This licence is                 | valid for a period of one month.                   |                                 |  |
| From                            | until  |                                 |  |
|                                 |  | Fees paid: \$                   |  |
| Photograph of                   | Photograph of Licensee                             |                                 |  |
| ( og . og : 1                   |  | Receipt No.                     |  |
| (attix official s               | (affix official stamp to photograph)               |                                 |  |
| This ligance is                 | subject to the following conditions                |                                 |  |
| This licence is                 | subject to the following conditions                | S. <del>-</del>                 |  |
| 1.                              | The holder of this licence shall co                | omnly with the Fisheries Act    |  |
| 1.                              | and all Regulations made thereu                    |                                 |  |
|                                 | und un regulations made therea.                    | indor.                          |  |
| 2.                              | The licensee shall not maim or l                   | kill any fish caught under this |  |
|                                 | licence and all sport fishing activi               | Ş                               |  |
|                                 | a catch and release basis.                         |                                 |  |
|                                 |  |                                 |  |
| 3.                              | This licence may at any time be                    | cancelled if the licensee is in |  |
|                                 | breach of, any of the conditions                   | stipulated above.               |  |
|                                 |  |                                 |  |
| DATE:                           |  |                                 |  |
|                                 |  | Fisheries Administrator         |  |
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## SCHEDULE [Regulation 11(1)]

#### **FORM VI**

### APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN THE PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE

| (1)     | Name                | of boat owner        |                              |  |  |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| (2)     | Name                | of captain           |                              |  |  |
| (3)     |                     |                      |                              |  |  |
| (4)     |                     |                      |                              |  |  |
| (5)     | Width of Boat       |                      |                              |  |  |
| (6)     | Engine type and H.P |                      |                              |  |  |
| (7)     | Passenger capacity  |                      |                              |  |  |
| (8)     |                     |                      | (Tick for activity included) |  |  |
|         |                     |                      |                              |  |  |
|         | (a)                 | Snorkeling           | ( )                          |  |  |
|         | (b)                 | Scuba Diving         |                              |  |  |
|         | (c)                 | Glass-bottom viewing |                              |  |  |
|         | (d)                 | Sport fishing        | ( )                          |  |  |
| Date: . |                     |                      | Signature:                   |  |  |
|         |                     |                      | _                            |  |  |

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### **Registration Form**

| Name of boat owner   |
|--|
| Name of captain  |
| Name of boat   |
| This boat is registered to carry up to passengers and to conduct the following activities in the Port Honduras Marine Reserve. ie. |
| •••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••  |

### Conditions of Registration

If carrying passengers to dive in Reserve, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (ii) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.
- (iii) To fly the "divers down" flag during all dives.
- (iv) Only certified scuba divers or those undergoing, an approved training course will be allowed to use scuba tanks.

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If carrying passengers to carry out sport fishing, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To submit details to the Reserve Manager when requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (ii) To release fish wherever possible.

To apply the mark/sticker provided in a prominent position on the registered boat.

| Date |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
|      | (Fisheries Administrator) |
|      |                           |

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

### FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS.

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#### **CHAPTER 210**

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### FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

[5th May, 2001.]

#### PART I PRELIMINARY

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

### FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:-

"fish" includes all the varieties of marine or fresh water animals or plant life;

CAP. 4. CAP. 210. "Fisheries Administrator" means the Fisheries Administrator appointed under section 107 of the Belize Constitution for the purpose of the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder;

"fishing" means fishing for, capturing, taking or killing fish, or attempting to do any of the above by any method;

"Reserve" means the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve) Order.

"Reserve Manager" means an officer appointed for the purpose of managing the Reserve;

Schedule.

"Schedule" means the Schedule to these Regulations;

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"sport fishing" means catch and release;

"recreational fishing" means fishing for enjoyment with the intention to eat the fish caught but not for the purpose of selling;

"subsistence fishing" means fishing conducted by those who reside within the Reserve for the purpose of consuming but not for selling such fish.

### PART II ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

3. (1) For the purposes of the regulation and control of the Reserve, there shall be established four zones within the Reserves as follows:

Establishment of zones.

- (a) the General Use Zone;
- (b) the Conservation I Zone;
- (c) the Conservation II Zone;
- (d) the Preservation Zone.
- (2) The description of the Reserve shall be as set out in the Schedule of the Fisheries (Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve) Order.
- 4. (1) The General Use Zone shall be restricted for fishing only by fishermen who currently use this zone and such fishermen shall apply for a licence to fish in accordance with these Regulations.

Rules for General Use Zone.

(2) Only residents of the Bacalar Chico who have special licences to fish shall be allowed to fish solely for subsistence purposes, and such fishing shall be determined by the terms and conditions of each resident's licence;

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- (3) No person shall be permitted to use long lines, spearguns or gill nets in the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve.
- (4) No person shall be permitted to use or erect beach traps other than beach traps that have been there during 1996.
- (5) No traps shall be constructed with seine, cast nets, gillnets, trammel nets, or tangle nets.
- (6) Nets may only be used to round up the fish within the beach trap.
- (7) Each trap shall be monitored each day by the caretakers and birds, manatees, rays, turtles, crocodiles, nurse sharks and dolphins caught in or by the nets shall be released.
- (8) No beach trap shall be allowed to trap fish beyond its capacity where such fish maim and kill each other. Persons removing fish from traps shall do so at least every three days. Juvenile fish shall be released.
- (9) No person shall, within the General Use Zone, cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage coral.

Rules for Conservation I Zone. 5. There shall only be non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation I Zone.

Rules for Conservation II Zone

- 6. In Conservation II Zone:
  - (a) sport fishing shall only be carried out under a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations and such fishing shall only be carried out on a catch-and-release basis;

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- (b) spear fishing shall not be permitted;
- (c) only trolling is allowed during the months of December to February in each year; and
- (d) catch and release fishing tours may only remove fish for subsistence purposes during the tour.
- 7. (1) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of the Conservation I and II Zones except by means of a mooring that is officially designated for this purpose, (save in the case of an emergency where life and property are endangered), or with the prior written permission of the Reserve Manager.

Special Rules for Conservation I and II Zones.

- (2) All divers in the Conservation I and II Zones shall adhere to the following rules:-
  - (a) divers shall register with the Reserve Manager prior to entering any of the Conservation Zones;
  - (b) charter dives shall first obtain a licence in accordance with these Regulations before operating in any of the Conservation Zones and all dive boats shall fly the "divers down flag" when they have divers in the water;
  - (c) only certified scuba divers, or divers undergoing a training course conducted by a recognized instructor shall be allowed to use scuba equipment in the whole of the Reserve;
  - (d) dive guides shall be required to explain the rules of the Reserve to a diver within the Reserve;

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- (e) all boats which need to operate in any of the zones shall first obtain registration from the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations.
- (3) For the purpose of this Regulation, "divers down flag" means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red or blue background.

Rules for Preservation Zone.

- 8. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2) below, no fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity shall be permitted within the Preservation Zone.
- (2) No motorized boats shall be permitted within the Preservation Zone except in cases of emergency or where written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.

### PART III COMMERCIAL FISHING, RESEARCH, SPORT FISHING LICENCES AND REGISTRATION OF DIVE BOATS

Commercial fishing licences. Form I. Schedule.

- 9. (1) Any person who is desirous of fishing within the reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a commercial fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form I of the Schedule.
- (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation grant a fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form II of the Schedule.

Form II. Schedule.

(3) Upon the expiry of a fishing licence granted under these Regulations, the licence holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of the same in the form prescribed as Form I of the Schedule.

Form I. Schedule.

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(4) A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be payable upon the receipt of a fishing licence or for the renewal of the same.

10. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting research shall apply for a licence to do so to the Fisheries Administrator in the form prescribed as Form III in the Schedule

Research licences. Form III. Schedule.

- (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation issue or grant a licence in writing to conduct research.
- (3) The Fisheries Administrator shall set conditions for research licences issued under these Regulations.
- (4) (a) A fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be payable upon the receipt of a research licence or for the renewal of same.
  - (b) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary at his discretion the fee payable for a research licence.
- 11. (1) (a) Any person who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager for a sport fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form IV in the Schedule.

Sport fishing licences. Form IV. Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager, as the case may be, may grant a sport fishing licence in the form prescribed as Form V of the Schedule.

Form V. Schedule.

- (3) The licensee shall not kill any fish caught under a sport fishing licence.
- 12. (1) Any dive boat operator who is desirous of conducting scuba diving and snorkeling within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator

Registration of dive boats.

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Form IV. Schedule. for registration in the form prescribed as Form VI of the Schedule.

- (2) A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be payable upon registration of the boat.
- (3) Boat registration under this section shall expire on the 31st December next, after the date of issue.

### PART IV GENERAL

Licences not transferable.

13. Licences issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable.

Duration and renewal of licences.

14. Licences issued under these Regulations, unless otherwise stated, shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue and may be renewed for a like period upon payment of the fees specified in these Regulations.

Cancellation of licences.

15. The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any licence granted under these Regulations if the licence holder breaches any conditions of the licence or contravenes any provision of these Regulations or the Fisheries Regulations.

Conditions for licences.

16. In issuing a licence under these Regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licences, as the case may be, having due regard, to the nature of the licence and the need to protect the environment and natural resources. All tour guides will need to have a valid tour guide licence issued by the Belize Tourist Board.

Duty to report accident or damage to property.

17. Any person involved in an accident which occasions personal injury or damage to property or the environment within the Reserve shall report such accident to the person in charge of the Reserve or to any officer of the Reserve or the Fisheries Administrator or at least within twelve (12) hours of the occurrence of the accident, or as soon as possible thereafter.

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18. The Government shall not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Non-liability of Government.

19. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, shall apply within the Reserve.

Application of Fisheries Regulations.

20. The Reserve Office shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Opening days of Reserve.

21. For all water recreational activities there shall be no fees for the time being.

Admission fees.

22. Without prejudice to the activities prohibited by the Fisheries Act and the penalties prescribed therein, no person shall-

Prohibition of certain activities within the Reserve.

- (a) remove, damage or have in his possession any flora, fauna or part thereof except under a licence issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) deposit any material in or on the waters of the Reserve, except in the case where a licence to do so has been issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (c) deface or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice which is installed in the Reserve.
- 23. (1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate areas for certain activities.

Designation of certain areas by Fisheries Administrator.

(2) No person shall within the Reserve engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.

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Duties of fishermen.

24. All commercial, recreational, subsistence, and sport fishermen shall render the weight of fish caught within the reserve to the reserve rangers upon request.

Offences and penalties.

- 25. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (2) Any person who damages corals commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a find not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars and to pay an additional penalty based on assessed value of the damage caused.

Commencement.

26. These Regulations shall come into force on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Co-operatives this 26th day of April, 2001.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Co-operatives Ministry responsible for Fisheries

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### **SCHEDULE**

### **FORM I**

### APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S LICENCE OR RENEWAL THEREOF

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied by two full face photographs of the applicant not exceeding one half inches by one inch in size. For first issue, money should not be sent with the form. For first issue, proof of citizenship or valid work permit must be furnished with the application or at the time of actual issue of the licence.

To: The Fisheries Administrator.

### **PARTA**

| I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a fisherman's licence. |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name(block capitals)   | Age years  |  |  |  |
| ` ' '  | (Full time yrs; Part time yrs)                                     |  |  |  |
| Home Address   | I am a boat owner (yes/no) Boat operator (yes/no) Crewman (yes/no) |  |  |  |
| I am/am not a member of a Fishermer                                | a's Co-operative Society.  |  |  |  |
| Name of Co-operative (if a member)                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Membership No  | Previous Fisherman's licence No                                    |  |  |  |
| Date Issued  |  |  |  |  |
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### PART B

To be completed in full for the first issue and on renewal only if change in the details given in the first issue application have taken place.

Type of fishing in which engaged and methods used. Please enter a tick against the appropriate method and enter the number of units applicable in the spaces provided.

| Lobster                 | Scale Fish                                   | Conch                       | Other    |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|
|                         | No. ( ) Seine nets ( ) No. ( ) Cast nets ( ) |                             | Product  |
| Traps ( )               | No. ( ) Set nets ( )                         | No. ( )                     | Method   |
| Diving ( )              | No. ( ) Tangle Nets (                        | ) No. ( )                   |          |
| Other ( )               | No. ( ) Gill Nets ( )                        | No. ( )                     | No. of   |
|                         | Trammel net ( )                              | No.( )-1 or 2 wall          | Units    |
|                         |  | No. ( )-shore or open based | sea      |
|                         | Fish pots ( )                                | No.( )-any type             |          |
|                         | Drop fines ( )                               |                             |          |
|                         | Long lines ( )                               | No.()-indicate hooks/1      | 00yards. |
| Other methods (specify) |  |                             |          |
| Received in C           | FOR OFFICE USE ONI<br>Office                 | Work Permit                 | ( )      |

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#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **FORM II**

### FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

|   | Licence No  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| This licence is issued to   |   |  |  |
|   | (full name)   |  |  |
| of under the  | under the   |  |  |
|   | (address)   |  |  |
| provisions of the Fisheries Ac  | t and Regulations made thereunder.                  |  |  |
|   | and takes effect from the date of issue and remains |  |  |
| Fee Paid  | Receipt No.   |  |  |
| (Licensing Officer and Office Stamp) This licence must be produced on demand to any police officer, customs officer or authorized fisheries officer and should be carried at all times. |   |  |  |
| PHOTOGRAPH  |   |  |  |

Note on Form II of Licence: It is intended that when circumstances permit that such licences be laminated or otherwise waterproof, but until such times the licences issued will be in printed or cyclostyled form, similar to the above and will contain the above information in all cases. The licences are to be made up in triplicate: original to licensee, duplicate to the records and the triplicate for reconciliation of accounts.

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#### **FORM III**

### APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE

| Date of Applic | ation   |
|----------------|---|
| Name of Appli  | cant including title or designation   |
| Address:       | Home Country  |
| -              | who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions licence  |
| out            | whom connection or on whose behalf the work is to be carried  |
| Period during  | which work is to be carried out   |
| The following  | documents are to be attached to this application:   |
| 1.             | A list of the names and titles of persons who will be accompanying the licensee during the course of the work for whom the licensee shall be responsible. |

A list of equipment, in triplicate, which the licensee wishes to

bring into the country for the scientific purposes and for which

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a temporary import permit is requested.

3. A detailed programme, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or expedition including area of work.

|       | <b>3</b> / |
|-------|------------|
|       | 3          |
| Date: | Signed:    |

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### **SCHEDULE**

### **FORM IV**

### APPLICATION FOR SPORT FISHING LICENCE TO FISH IN THE BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE

For Official Use Only Registration No. \_\_\_\_

|  |   |             | Registration No.                          |
|--|---|-------------|---|
| Last Name: First Name: Address:  |   |             |   |
| Telephone: ( )   |   |             |   |
| Full Time [ ]; Owner of Boat [ ] Nan<br>Part Time [ ]; Crew Member [ ] Len |   | Nam<br>Leng | T STATUS e of Boat:th: width: ne Type: HP |
| LICENCE TYPE Recreational [ ] Sports [ ] Others: Specify                   | IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION National ID [ ] Passport [ ] Drivers licence [ ] Co-operative ID [ ] Valid Fisherman's Licence [ ] Social Security No. |             |   |
| cut along this line  |   |             |   |

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### RESIDENT FISHERMAN LICENCE

|  | Licence No:                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| This licence is issued to  |                                   |
| (Full name)  |                                   |
| of(address)  |                                   |
| under provisions of the Fisheries Act, and the Reserve) Regulations, 2001. This licence is a from the date of issue and remains in force (unle | not transferable and takes effect |
| 1  | oaid: \$<br>ipt No                |
| Signa  | ature of Licensee                 |
| affix official stamp to photograph Signa   | ature of Licensing officer        |

This is an official document of the Government of Belize and must be produced on demand to any police officer, customs officer, or fisheries officer. It should be carried at all times by the licensee during fishing activity.

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### **SCHEDULE**

### **FORM V**

### **SPORT FISHING LICENCE**

| This licence is issued to  |                         |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | (Full name)             |  |  |  |  |
| of   | (addmas)                |  |  |  |  |
|  | (address)               |  |  |  |  |
| This licence is valid for a period of one month. From until  |                         |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fee paid: \$            |  |  |  |  |
| Photograph of Licensee with official stamp to photograph   | Receipt No              |  |  |  |  |
| This licence is subject to the following   | owing conditions:-      |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The holder of this licence shall comply with the Fisheries Act and all Regulations made thereunder.   |                         |  |  |  |  |
| 2. The licensee shall not maim or kill any fish caught under this licence and all sport fishing activity shall only be carried out on a catch and release basis. |                         |  |  |  |  |
| 3. This licence may at any time be canceled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.  |                         |  |  |  |  |
| DATE   |                         |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fisheries Administrator |  |  |  |  |
|  |                         |  |  |  |  |

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### **SCHEDULE**

### FORM VI

# APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN THE BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE

| (1)   | Name                 | e of boat owner                           |  |
|-------|----------------------|---|--|
| (2)   | Name                 | e of captain                              |  |
| (3)   |                      | e of boat, if any                         |  |
| (4)   | Length of boat       |   |  |
| (5)   | Width of boat        |   |  |
| (6)   | Engine type and H.P. |   |  |
| (7)   | _                    | enger capacity                            |  |
| (8)   |                      | of activity: (Tick for activity included) |  |
|       | (a)                  | Snorkeling ( )                            |  |
|       | <i>(b)</i>           | Scuba Diving ( )                          |  |
|       | (c)                  | Glass-bottom viewing ( )                  |  |
|       | (d)                  | Sport fishing ( )                         |  |
| Date: |                      | Signature                                 |  |

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### **Registration Form**

| Name of captain                                  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| This boat is registered to carry up to           |   |  |  |  |
| Conditions of registration                       |   |  |  |  |
| If carrying passengers to dive in the following: | Reserve, the captain/guide is responsible for                                 |  |  |  |
| <i>(i)</i>                                       | To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.                         |  |  |  |
| (ii)   | To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones. |  |  |  |

### **CHAPTER 210**

### FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

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3. Establishment of an Advisory Committee.

### PART III ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

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### **CHAPTER 210**

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### (GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE) **REGULATIONS**

(Section 13)

[5th July, 2003.]

### **PART I PRELIMINARY**

Short title.

1. These Regulations maybe cited as the

### FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE **RESERVE) REGULATIONS**

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Advisory Committee" means the committee established under regulation 3;

"committee member" means any person appointed under regulation 3 to assist in the management of the Reserve;

"fish" includes all the varieties of marine or fresh water animals or plant life;

"fishing" means fishing for, capturing, taking or killing fish, or attempting to do any of the above by any method;

CAP. 4. CAP. 210. "Fisheries Administrator" means the Fisheries Administrator appointed under section 107 of the Belize Constitution for the purpose of the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder;

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"Fisheries Officer" means any technician, conservation officer, assistant fisheries officer or fisheries officer employed by the Reserve;

"recreational fishing" means fishing for the fun with the intention to eat the fish caught but not for the purpose of selling;

"Reserve" means the Gladden Spit Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (Gladden Spit and Silk Cayes Marine Reserve) Order;

"Reserve Manager" means an officer appointed for the purpose of managing the Reserve;

"Schedule" means the schedule to these Regulations;

Schedule.

"sport fishing" means catch and release.

### **PART II** ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3. (1) The Fisheries Administrator shall establish an Advisory Committee for the purpose of assisting in the management of the Reserve.

Establishment of an Advisory Committee

- **(2)** The committee members shall be appointed by the post they hold in their organization.
- The committee members shall consist of representatives from the following organizations:
  - Fisheries Department; (a)
  - *(b)* Forest Department;
  - (c) Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute;

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- (d) Placencia BTIA;
- (e) Placencia Village Council;
- (f) Friends of Nature;
- (g) Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association;
- (h) Northern Fishermen Cooperative;
- (i) Monkey River Fishermen; and
- (j) Placencia Tour Guide Association.

### PART III ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND RULES FOR ZONES

- Establishment of 4. (1) For the purposes of the regulation and control of the Reserve, Zones. there shall be established three zones within the Reserve as follows:
  - (a) the General Use Zone;
  - (b) the Conservation Zone 1; and
  - (c) the Conservation Zone 11 (Restoration Area and Spawning Area).
- (2) The description of the above Zones shall be as set out in the Schedule. Schedule hereto.
- Rules for General Use Zone.
- 5. (1) The General Use Zone shall be restricted to those with the appropriate fishing licence for commercial, sport or recreational fishing. Fishermen shall apply for a licence to fish in accordance with these regulations.

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(2) No person shall be permitted to use long lines, trawlers or gill nets in the Reserve unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator.

- (3) No person shall, within the General Use Zone, cast or drag any anchor in any manner that may damage coral reef formation.
- (4) Fishermen catching lobster shall possess lobster with its carapace, tailed but not as fillet while in the Reserve.
- (5) Fishermen catching conch shall possess conch whole or market clean but not as fillet or diced while in the Reserve.
- 6. (1) No person shall engage in commercial fishing, sport fishing or recreational fishing within the Conservation Zone I.

Rules for Conservation Zone I.

- (2) No person shall engage in water-skiing and jet-skiing.
- (3) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of the Conservation Zones except by means of a mooring that is officially designated for this purpose, (save in the case of an emergency where life and property are endangered), or with the prior written permission of the Reserve Manager.
- 7. (1) Restoration Area and Spawning Area-

Rules for Conservation Zone II.

- (a) No person shall engage in commercial, sports and recreational fishing;
- (b) No person shall engage in trawling, setting nets, long-lines and traps; and
- (c) No person shall engage in water-skiing and jet skiing.

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- (2) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of the Conservation Zones except by means of a mooring that is officially designated for this purpose, (save in the case of an emergency where life and property are endangered), or with the prior written permission of the Reserve Manager.
  - (3) Spawning area-
    - (a) no touching, chasing or molesting of whale sharks will be permitted;
    - (b) divers and snorkelers should remain at least 15 feet away in any direction from any whale shark;
    - (c) maximum depth for divers of any certification is 80 feet to avoid disturbing fish aggregations;
    - (d) boats shall remain at least 50 feet away from any whale shark;
    - (e) dive and snorkel boats should maintain a distance of at least 200 feet away from each other;
    - (f) all divers and snorkelers should be out of the water by 5:30p.m;
    - (g) six (6) dive and snorkel tours will be limited to two hours from March 1 to July 31 of any year inclusive;
    - (h) a maximum of two boats per day per tour operator will be allowed;
    - (i) all boats will be allowed to carry a maximum of 12 visitors at any one time;

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- (j) no vessel larger that 48 feet will be allowed within this area; and
- (k) the Fisheries Department reserves the right to close the Spawning Area because of inclement weather conditions or for any other reason it deems necessary.
- 8. (1) Divers shall register with the Reserve Manager prior to entering the Conservation Zones.

General Reserve Rules.

(2) Charter dives shall first obtain a licence in the prescribed form set out as Form VI of the Schedule hereto before operating in the Conservation Zones and all dive boats shall fly the "divers down flag" when they have divers in the water.

Form VI. Schedule.

- (3) Only certified scuba divers, or divers undergoing a training course conducted by a recognized instructor shall be allowed to use scuba equipment in areas of the Reserve where diving is permitted.
- (4) Dive guides shall be required to explain the rules of the Reserve to all divers within the Reserve
- (5) All boats which need to operate in this zone shall first obtain registration from the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations.
- (6) For the purpose of this Regulation "divers down flag" means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background.
- (7) All motorboats are to observe the low wake boat way when approaching snorkelers or divers.

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- (8) For SCUBA tours a maximum of eight divers per licensed dive master will be permitted.
- (9) For snorkel tours a maximum of eight snorkelers per licensed tour guide will be permitted.

### PART IV COMMERCIAL FISHING, RESEARCH, SPORT FISHING LICENCES AND REGISTRATION OF DIVE BOATS

Commercial fishing licences. Form I. Schedule.

9. (1) Any person who is desirous of fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a commercial fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form I of the Schedule

Form II. Schedule. (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation grant a fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form II of the Schedule after consultation with the advisory committee.

Form I. Schedule.

- (3) Upon the expiry of a fishing licence granted under these Regulations, the license holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of the same in prescribed form set out as Form I of the Schedule.
- (4) A fee of (\$25.00) shall be payable upon the receipt of a fishing licence or for the renewal of the same.

Research licences. Form III. Schedule.

- 10. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting research shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a licence to do so in the prescribed form set out as Form III of the Schedule.
- (2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation issue or grant a licence in writing to conduct research.

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- (3) The Fisheries Administrator shall set conditions for research licences issued under these regulations.
- (4) (a) A fee of \$500.00BZ shall be payable upon the receipt of a research licence or for the renewal of same.
  - (b) The Fisheries Administrator may in his discretion, waive or vary the fee payable for a research licence.
- 11. (1) Any person who is desirous of conducting sport/recreational fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager for a fishing licence in the prescribed form set up as Form IV of the Schedule.

Sport/ recreational fishing licence. Form IV. Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator or the Reserve Manager, as the case may be, may grant a fishing license in the prescribed form set up as Form V of the Schedule.

Form V. Schedule.

- (3) A fee of \$100.00BZ shall be payable upon receipt of a sports fishing licence.
- (4) The licensee shall not kill any fish caught under a sport fishing license.
- 12. (1) Any boat operator who is desirous of conducting SCUBA diving/snorkeling within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for registration in the prescribed form set up as Form VI of the Schedule.

Registration of Dive Boats. Form VI. Schedule.

- (2) A fee of \$100.00BZ shall be payable upon registration of the boat.
- (3) Boat registration under this section shall expire on the 31st December of any year inclusive.

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### PART IV LICENCES

Licences not transferable.

13. Licences issued under these regulations shall not be transferable.

Duration and renewal of licences.

14. Licences issued under these regulations, unless otherwise stated, shall be valid until December 31 of any year and maybe renewed for like period upon payment of the fees specified in these regulations.

Cancellation of licences.

15. The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any licence granted under these regulations if the license holder breaches any conditions of the licence or contravenes any provision of these regulations or the Fisheries Regulations.

Condition of licences.

16. In issuing a licence under these regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licences, as the case may be, having due regard to the nature of the licence and the need to protect the environment and natural resources.

### PART V GENERAL

Duty to report accident.

17. Any person in an accident which involves personal injury or damage to property or the environment within the Reserve shall report such accident to the person in charge of the Reserve or to any officer of the Reserve or the Fisheries Administrator as soon as possible or at least within twelve (12) hours of the occurrence of the accident.

Non-liability of Government.

18. The Government shall not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Application of Fisheries Regulations.

19. Notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations, the Fisheries Regulations shall apply within the Reserve.

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20. The Reserve Office shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Opening days of Reserve.

21. (1) For all water recreational activities, excluding sports and recreational fishing, fees shall be as follows:

Admission fees.

- (a) Swimmers/Snorkelers \$ 10.00 per person per day in the General Use Area.
- (b) Scuba \$30.00 per person per week in the General Use Area.
- (c) Scuba \$ 100.00 per person in the Spawning Area.
- (d) Snorkel \$50.00 per person in the Spawning Area.
- (e) Belizeans will pay \$15.00 per person in the Spawning Area.
- (2) No fees shall be payable by Belizeans and foreign children below twelve years of age.
- 22. Without prejudice to the activities prohibited by the Fisheries Act and the Penalties prescribed therein, no person shall-

Prohibition of certain acts.

- (a) Remove, damage or have in his possession any flora, fauna or part thereof except under a license issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) Deposit any material in or on the waters of the Reserve, except in the case where a license to do so has been issued by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (c) Deface or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice

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which is installed in the Reserve.

### Designated Areas.

- 23. (1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas as special development areas.
- (2) No person shall within the Reserve engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.

# Rendering fish catch information to Rangers.

24. All commercial, recreational and sport fishermen shall render the weight of fish caught within the Reserve to the Reserve Rangers upon request.

## Establishment of Fisheries Officers.

25. Any person employed (technician, conservation officer, Assistant Fisheries Officer or Fisheries Officer) by the Reserve for the purpose of management of the Reserve, shall be a Fisheries Officer to uphold the Reserve Regulations as well as the Fisheries Regulations.

### Offences and Penalties.

- 26. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of and these regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) any person who damages corals shall pay a penalty of five hundred dollars and an additional penalty may be imposed based on the assessed damage but such penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

#### (SERVULO BAEZA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

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#### **SCHEDULE**

### FORM I [Regulation 9 (1),(3)]

### APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S LICENSE RENEWAL THEREOF

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied by two full face photographs of the applicant not exceeding one half inch by one inch in size. For first issue money should not be sent with the form. For first issue, proof of citizenship or valid work permit must be furnished with the application or at the time of actual issue of the license.

To: The Fisheries Administrator

#### **PARTA**

| hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a fisherman's license. |                           |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Name(block capitals)   | Ageyears                  |  |  |
| Fishing Experienceyears (Full                                    | timeyrs, Part time yrs)   |  |  |
| Home Address   | I am a boat owner (yes/no |  |  |
|  | Boat operator (yes/no)    |  |  |
|  | Crewman(ves/no            |  |  |

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| I am/am not a member of Fishermen's Co-operative Society  |            |  |   |  |
|---|------------|--|---|--|
| Name of Co-operative if a member  |            |  |   |  |
| Membership No   | Previo     | ous Fisherman's  | license No  |  |
| Date Issued   |            |  |   |  |
|   | PAR        | ТВ   |   |  |
| To be completed in ful details given in the firs  |            |  | , .   |  |
| Type of fishing in whice the appropriate method provide.  |            |  | _   |  |
| Lobster ScaleF Traps () No. () Product Drums () No. () Beach Traps () No. () Method Driving () No. () Other () No. () |            | No. ( )  ( ) No. ( ) she ( ) No. ( ) | Other Diving()  No. of 1 or 2 wall Units ore or open sea based any type |  |
| Other methods (specify)   | Long lines | ()No.()ind   | icate hooks/100 yards.  |  |
| rr  |            |  |   |  |

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| gear                              |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Place of normal landing of catch. |                        |
| Date of application               | Signature of Applicant |
|                                   |                        |
|                                   |                        |
| THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE          | ONLY: Passport No      |
| Received in Office                | Work Permit            |
| Fee received                      | () Birth Cert          |
|                                   |                        |

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### FORM II [Regulation 9(2)]

### FISHERMAN'S LICENSE

| License No   |  |
|--|--|
| This license is issued to  |  |
| of   |  |
| provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder.   |  |
| This license is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless canceled. |  |
| Until  |  |
| (Licensing Officer and Office Stamp) This license must be produced on demand to                                |  |

(Licensing Officer and Office Stamp)
This license must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer or authorized Fisheries Officer and should be carried at all times.

#### **PHOTOGRAPH**

Note on Form II of License: It is intended that when circumstances permit that such licenses be laminated or otherwise waterproof, but until such times the licenses issued will be in printed or cyclostyled form, similar to the above and will contain the above information in all cases. The licenses to be made up in triplicate: original to licensee, duplicate to the records and the triplicate for reconciliation of accounts.

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# FORM III [Regulation 10(l)]

### APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE GLADDEN SPIT & SILK CAYE MARINE RESERVE

| Date of Application       |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Name of Applicant inc     | eluding title or designation  |
| Address:                  | Home Country  |
|                           | Telephone   |
| ±                         | responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions                           |
| Institution with whom out | connection or on whose behalf the work is to be carried york is to be carried out |
|                           |   |

The following documents are to be attached to this application:

- 1. A list of the names and titles of persons who will be accompanying the licensee during the course of the work for whom the licensee shall be responsible.
- 2. A list of equipment, in triplicate, which the licensee wishes to bring into the country for the scientific purposes and for which a temporary import permit is requested.
- 3. A detailed programme, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or expedition including area of work.

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| I wish to conduct research/an investigation in<br>leader of a group of () students/on the behalf o | •                              |
|--|--------------------------------|
| for the following purposes:  |                                |
|  |                                |
| details of which are contained in the attached specimens for study in Belize and will/will not v   | vish to export these specimens |
| for further study at the end of my stay. 1 will w species for study/and export.                    | vant to collect ( )specimen of |
| Date   | Signed                         |

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# FORM IV [Regulation 11(1)]

### APPLICATION FOR SPORT FISHING LICENSE TO FISH IN THE GLADDEN SPIT & SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE

|                        |                 |                  | For Official us                     | se only              |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                        |                 |                  | Registration 1                      | No.                  |
| Last Name:             |                 | . First N        | Vame:                               |                      |
| Address:               |                 |                  |                                     |                      |
|                        |                 |                  | of Birth:                           |                      |
| 1 ()                   |                 |                  | (dd/mm/yy                           |                      |
| Marital Status: S/M    | / Other:        | No. of           | Children:                           |                      |
| WORK STATUS            |                 |                  | BOAT STATUS                         |                      |
| FullTime[]             | Owner of Boa    | ıt [ ]           | Name of Boat:                       |                      |
| Part Time []           | Crew Membe      | r[]              | Length:                             |                      |
| With:                  |                 |                  | •                                   |                      |
| Other:                 | Captain         | []               | EngineType:HP:                      |                      |
| LICENSE TYPE           | IDENTIFICA      | ATION            | INFORMAT                            | ION                  |
| Recreational []        | National ID [   | ] Passpo         | ort[]                               |                      |
| Sport []               | Drivers license | e[]              | Cooperative []                      |                      |
| Other:                 | Valid Fisherma  | an's Lice        | ense []                             |                      |
| Specify:               | Other           |                  |                                     |                      |
|                        | Social Securit  | y No             |                                     |                      |
| RES                    | SIDENT FISHE    | RMAN             | 'S LICENSE                          |                      |
| TEL C                  |                 | 14171211         | License No:                         |                      |
| This license is issued | d to            |                  | Election 1 (o                       |                      |
|                        |                 | name)            |                                     |                      |
| of                     | ,               | ,                |                                     |                      |
| 01                     | (add            | lress)           |                                     |                      |
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This license is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless canceled.

| Until(Date)                          |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                      | Fee paid \$           |
| Photograph of the Licensee           | Receipt No            |
|                                      | Signature of Licensee |
| (affix official stamp to photograph) |                       |
|                                      | Signature of          |
|                                      | Licensing officer     |

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### FORM V [Regulations 11(2),(4)]

### **SPORT FISHING LICENSE**

|                   | LicenseNo:  |
|-------------------|---|
| This license is   | issued to   |
|                   | (Full name)   |
| OI                | (address)   |
| This license is   | valid for a period of one month   |
|                   | until   |
| 110111            | Fees paid: \$   |
|                   | Receipt No.   |
| Photograph of     | Licensee with official stamp to photograph:   |
| Thotographon      | Electisee with official stamp to photograph.  |
| This license is s | subject to the following conditions:  |
| 1.                | The holder of this license shall comply with the Fisheries Act and all Regulations made thereunder.   |
| 2.                | The licensee shall not maim or kill any fish caught under this license and all sport fishing activity shall only be carried out on a catch and release basis. |
| 3.                | This license may at any time be canceled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.  |
| DATE              |   |
| D. 11 L           | Fisheries Administrator   |
| NB. This is an    | official document of the Government of Belize and must be   |

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### FORM VI [Regulations 8(2),12(1)]

### APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN THE GLADDEN SPIT & SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE

| (1)                                    | Name of boat owner                             |  |
|--|--|--|
| (2)                                    | Name of captain                                |  |
| (3)                                    | Name of boat, if any                           |  |
| (4)                                    | Length of boat                                 |  |
| (5)                                    | Width of boat                                  |  |
| (6)                                    | Engine type and H.P                            |  |
| (7)                                    | Passenger capacity                             |  |
| (8)                                    | Type of activity: (Tick for activity included) |  |
|  | (a) Snorkeling ( )                             |  |
|  | (b) Scuba Diving ( )                           |  |
|  | (c) Glass bottom viewing ()                    |  |
|  | (d) Sport fishing ()                           |  |
| <b>.</b>                               |  |  |
| Date: .                                | Signature                                      |  |
| Registration Form                      |  |  |
| Name                                   | of boat owner                                  |  |
| This boat is registered to carry up to |  |  |
| This bo                                | oat is registered to carry up to               |  |

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### Conditions of registration

If carrying passengers to dive in Reserve, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (ii) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.
- (iii) To fly the 'drivers down' flag during all dives.
- (iv) Only certified scuba divers or those undergoing an approved training course will be allowed to use scuba tanks.

If carrying passengers to carry out sport fishing, the captain/guide is responsible for the following:

- (i) To submit details to the Reserve Manager when requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (ii) To release fish wherever possible.

To apply the mark/sticker provided in a prominent position on the registered boat.

| Data |       |                         |
|------|-------|-------------------------|
| Date | ••••• |                         |
|      |       | Fisheries Administrator |

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### **CHAPTER 210**

# FISHERIES (HOL CHAN AREA MARINE RESERVE) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve.

**SCHEDULE** 

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### **CHAPTER 210**

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(Section 14)

57 of 1987. 100 of 1999. Ch. 174.

[ 25th July, 1987.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

# FISHERIES (HOL CHAN AREA MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

2. The area known as "Hol Chan Area", as more fully described in the Schedule hereto, is declared to be a marine reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve.

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#### **SCHEDULE**

### Zone A

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef on the South of Ambergris C aye containing about 2.73 sq. kilometres and also described as the area enclosed by the lines joining the four points having grid coordinates N (1976 253.3 N, 396 509.6 E); K (1976 010 N, 398 100 E); L (1974 320 N, 397 610 E); M (1974 616.8 N, 396 064.4 E); L (1974 320 N, 397 610 E); M (1974 616.8 N, 396 064.4 E) respectively.

### Zone B

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef on the South of Ambergris C aye containing 5.9 sq. kilometres and also described as the area enclosed by the lines joining the five points having grid coordinates I (1976 375 N, 392 500 E); J (1976 775 N, 393 100 E); N (1976 253.3 N, 396 509.6 E); M (1974 616.8 N, 396 064.4 E); H (1976 375 N, 390 500 E) respectively.

### Zone C

ALL THAT AREA comprising land and sea containing 2.53 sq. kilometres situate at the South end of Ambergris Caye bounded on the North, South and West by the sea and on the East by land known as Boca Chica and also described as all that area enclosed by the lines joining the eight points having grid coordinates A (1976 375 N, 392 000 E); P (1976 517.8 N, 391 781.1 E); Q (1976 534.1 N, 391 848.1 E); R (1977 343.2 N, 391 000 E); D (1978 000 N, 390 750 E); E (1978 000 N, 389 500 E); G (1977 000 N, 389 500 E); H (1976 375 N, 390 500 E); respectively.

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### Zone D

All that area comprising the sea and reef on the south of Ambergris Caye containing about 2 sq miles and also described as the area enclosed by the lines joining the 4 points having grid coordinates NW (395312.500E, 197485.00 N), NE (397610.00E, 1974320.00 N), SE (397018.200E, 1972129.00N), SW (394768.300E, 1972659.00n respectively.

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# FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.
- 3. Map of Marine Reserve.
- 4. Repeals.
- 5. Commencement.

**SCHEDULE** 

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### CHAPTER 210

### FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

136 of 2001. Ch. 210.

[22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2001.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

### FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

2. The area specified in the Schedule to this Order is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purpose of the Fisheries Act.

Declaration of Marine Reserve Schedule. CAP. 210.

3. A map of the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve is set out in the Schedule to this Order, and may be seen at the Office of the Fisheries Administrator, Fisheries Department, Belize City.

Map of Marine Reserve Schedule.

4. The Fisheries (Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve) Order, 1996, shall stand repealed upon the commencement of this Order.

Repeals. S.I. No. 88 of 1996.

5. This Order shall come into force on the 18th day of September, 2001.

Commencement.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 18th day of September, 2001.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives

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# SCHEDULE [Orders 2 and 3]

### **BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE**

### PRESERVATION ZONE

Comprising of approximately 638 acres and commencing at the northeast most point of the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve having scaled UTM coordinates of 413277 East and 2011384 North; thence in a Southeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 1,149 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 413566 East and 2010279 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,380 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 411250 East and 2009724 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,396 meters to a point where it meets the Northern boundary of the said marine reserving having scaled UTM coordinates of 411509 East and 2011078 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,830 meters to the point of commencement.

### **CONSERVATION I ZONE**

Comprising of approximately 1,573 acres and commencing at the southeastern most point of the Preservation Zone and having scaled UTM coordinates of 413566 East and 2010279 North; thence in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,675 meters to a point having the scale UTM coordinates of 414228 East and 2007 683 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,424 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 411858 East and 2007178 North; thence Northwesterly for a distance of approximately 2,622 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates 411250 East and 2009725 North; thence Northeasterly along the southern boundary of the Preservation Zone for a distance of approximately 2,380 meters to the point of commencement.

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### **CONSERVATION II ZONE**

Comprising of approximately 1,987 acres commencing at a point along the eastern boundary of the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve having scaled UTM coordinates of 414430 East and 2004758 North; thence in a Southerly direction along the eastern boundary of the Marine Reserve for a distance of approximately 725 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 4143 70 East and 2004035 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction along the eastern boundary of the Marine Reserve for a distance of approximately 2,373 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 412832 East and 2001141 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction continuing along the boundary of the Marine Reserve for a distance of approximately 2,683 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 410434 East and 2001013 North; thence in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,480 meters until it meets the Eastern boundary of Bacalar Chico National Park at a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 4095 10 East and 2002163 North; thence in a Northerly direction along the eastern boundary of the National Park for a distance of approximately 4,831 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 412015 East and 2004777 North; thence in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,405 meters to the point of commencement.

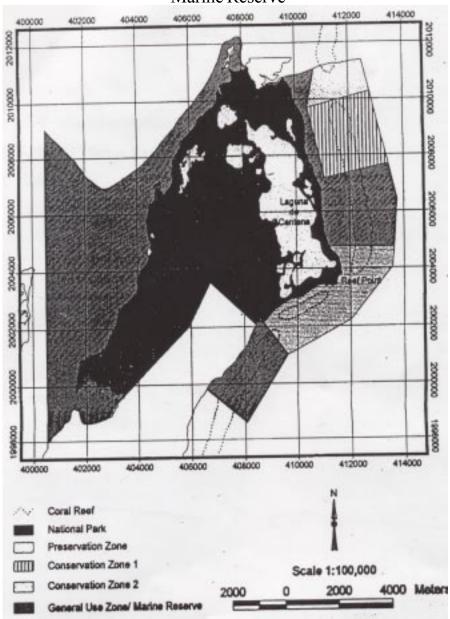
### **GENERAL USE ZONE**

All the area of the Marine Reserve except for the areas designated and described as Preservation Zone, Conservation I Zone and Conservation II Zone and comprising of approximately 11,379 acres.

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117 of 1996. Ch. 174.

### FISHERIES (SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[31st August, 1996.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

### FISHERIES (SAPODHLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

Declaration of Marine Reserve. Schedule.

The area known as the "Sapodilla Cayes", as more fully described in the Schedule hereto, is hereby declared to be a marine reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 28th day of August, 1996.

### (RUSSELL GARCIA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

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SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE





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### **SCHEDULE (Paragraph 2)**

### SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE

**ALL THAT** portion of the Caribbean Sea being part thereof and being described as follows:

On the North bounded by an East-West line approximately 1,000 m. north of Tom Owen's Caye, on the East, South and West by the Gulf of Honduras therein enclosed, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Point A Northeast of Tom Owen's Cave having scaled UTM coordinates 3 69 498 East 1791 221 North; thence in a general westerly direction to a Point B Northwest of Seal Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 355 156 East 1791 221 North; thence in a general southerly direction to a Point C Southwest of Seal Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 355 156 East 1787 804 North; thence in a general Southeasterly direction to a Point D West of Ragged Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 357 21 0 East 1779 812 North; thence in a general Southeasterly direction to a Point E Southwest of Ragged Cave having scaled UTM coordinates 359 601 East 1777 459 North; thence in a general easterly direction to a Point F Southeast of Ragged Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 363 074 East 1777 459 North; thence in a general northeasterly direction to a point G Southeast of Lime Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 366 061 East 1779 812 North; thence in a general northeasterly direction to a point H having scaled UTM coordinates 369 498 East 1787 804 North; thence in a general northerly direction to the point of commencement.

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# FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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# FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[31st August, 1996.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

# FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

Declaration of Marine Reserve. Schedule. 2. The area known as the "South Water Caye", as more fully described in the Schedule hereto, is hereby declared to be a marine reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 28th day of August, 1996.

### (RUSSELL GARCIA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

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# **South Water Caye Marine Reserve** 9.8 Kilometers Matine Reserve Boundary Scale 1:200,000

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### **SCHEDULE (PARAGRAPH 2)**

### SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE

**ALL THAT** portion of the Caribbean Sea being part thereof and being described as follows:

On the South bounded by an East-West line approximately 1,000 m. South of Wappari Caye, on the East by the Caribbean Sea, on the North by an East-West line approximately 1,250 m. North of Tobacco Range and on the West by the Inner Channel therein enclosed, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Point A Southeast of Carrie Bow Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 386 299 East 1852 080 North; thence in a general northerly direction to a Point B Northeast of Tobacco Caye Entrance having scaled UTM coordinates 3 89 290 East 1870 681 North; thence in a general westerly direction to a Point C Northwest of Coco Plum Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 379 668 East 1870 775 North; thence in a general south-westerly direction to a Point D Northwest of Quamina Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 368 036 East 1842 612 North; thence in a general southerly direction back to a Point E Northwest of Wippari Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 367 942 East 1829 542; thence in a general easterly direction to a Point F Southwest of Tarpum Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 379 168 East 1829 535 North; thence in a general northerly direction to a Point G Southwest of Wee Wee Caye having scaled UTM coordinates 380 973 East 1852 121 North; thence in a general easterly direction back to the point of commencement.

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# FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE) ORDER ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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|----|-----------------------|------------|
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|    | _                     | SCHEDULE   |

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### **CHAPTER 210**

35 of 1998. Ch. 174.

### FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[25th April, 1998.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

### FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

Declaration of Marine Reserve. Schedule. CAP. 210. 2. The area known as the "Caye Caulker", as more fully described in the Schedule hereto, is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purpose of the Fisheries Act.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 14th day of April, 1998.

### (RUSSELL GARCIA)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

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### **SCHEDULE (Paragraph 2)**

### **CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE**

ALL THAT portion of the Caribbean Sea which encompasses that area around the most Northern portion of Caye Caulker and extending in a southeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 2.8 miles from the island's most Northern tip and includes most of the reef in front of Caye Caulker which is located in the Northern Reef Province, in the Belize District. The Marine Reserve in its entirety, comprises approximately 39133460 sq meters and its geographical boundaries are more particularly described as follows:-

Commencing at a point, northwest of Caye Caulker, having the scaled UTM coordinate of 390206 East and 1968130 North;

thence in a southeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 6498 meters to a point having the scaled UTM coordinate of 396671 East and 1967478 North;

thence in a southwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 11130 meters to a point having the scaled UTM coordinate of 394458 East and 1956570 North;

thence in a northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 2158 meters to a point having the scaled UTM coordinate of 392320 East and 1956864 North;

thence continuing in a northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 2445 meters to a point having the scaled UTM coordinate of 391913 East and 1959275 North;

thence in a northeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 6803 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinate of 392935 East and 1966001 North;

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thence in a northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 1393 meters to a point on the east coast of Caye Caulker having scaled UTM coordinate of 391550 East and 1966147 North;

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thence in a northeasterly direction along the East Coast of said Caye Caulker, around the Northern Coast to a point on the West Coast having a scaled UTM coordinate of 391192 East and 1966183 North;

thence in a northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 898 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinate of 390299 East and 1966280 North;

thence continuing in a northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 1852 meters to the point of commencement.

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### **CHAPTER 210**

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### **CHAPTER 210**

9 of 2000. Ch. 174.

### FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[5th January, 2000.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

## FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

Declaration of Marine Reserve Schedule I CAP. 210. 2. The area known as "Port Honduras", as more fully described in Schedule I to this Order is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purpose of the Fisheries Act.

Map of Marine Reserve Schedule II. 3. A map of the said area is set out in Schedule II to this Order, and the said map may be seen at the office of the Fisheries Administrator, Fisheries Department, Belize City.

Commencement.

4. This Order shall come into force on the 25th day of January, 2000.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 25th day of January, 2000.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Cooperative

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### **SHEDULE I (Paragraph 2)**

### PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea comprising of General Zones, Conservation Zones and Preservation Zones and more fully described as follows:-

### A. GENERAL USE ZONES

Commencing at a Point A lying South East of Monkey River Village having scaled UTM coordinates 341 784 East 1 810 803 North; thence in a general easterly direction to a Point B having scaled UTM coordinates 342 573 East 1810 803 North; thence in a general southerly direction to a Point C having scaled UTM coordinates 341 784 East 1 791 754 North; thence in a general south-westerly direction to a Point D having scaled UTM coordinates 328 384 East 1 784 002 North; thence in a westerly direction to a Point E south of the Rio Grande River Mouth having scaled UTM coordinates 3 10 122 East 1 783 740 North; thence in the direction of the coastline contour back to the point of commencement.

### **B.** CONSERVATION ZONES

(i) East Snake Caye 0.805-kilometers (half a mile) radius around the Caye scaling UTM coordinates:

Northern point 338 588.85 East

1 793 101.35 North

Eastern point 339 545.54 East

1 792 120.74 North

Southern point 338 517.10 East

1 791 140.13 North

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Western point 337 632.16 East 1 792 096 82 North

(ii) West and South Snake Cayes 0.805-kilometers (half a mile) radius around the Cayes having an overlap and scaling at UTM coordinates:

Northern point 331 868.09 East

1 791 666.31 North

North-eastern point 332 489.94 East

1 791 164.04 North

Eastern point 332 705.19 East

1 789 944.26 North

South-eastern point 332 800 East

1 788 533.14 North

Southern point 331 915.92 East

1 788 270.05 North

South-western point 331 389.74 East

1 788 628.81 North

Western point 330 767.89 East

1 789 968.18 North

North-western point 330 983.15 East

1791 331.47 North

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(iii) Wild Cane Caye 0.88805 kilometers (half a mile) radius around the Caye scaling UTM coordinates:-

Northern point 325 984.43 East

1796 019.26 North

Eastern point 326 582.36 East

1 795 445.24 North

Southern point 325 888.76 East

1 795 134.32 North

Western point 325 410.42 East

1795 397. 41 North

### C. PRESERVATION ZONES

Middle Snake Cayes 0.805 kilometers (half a mile) radius around the Cayes scaling UTM coordinates:

Northern point 333 709.72 East

1 792 599.08 North

Eastern point 334 809.91 East

1 791 498.89 North

Southern point 333 709.72 East

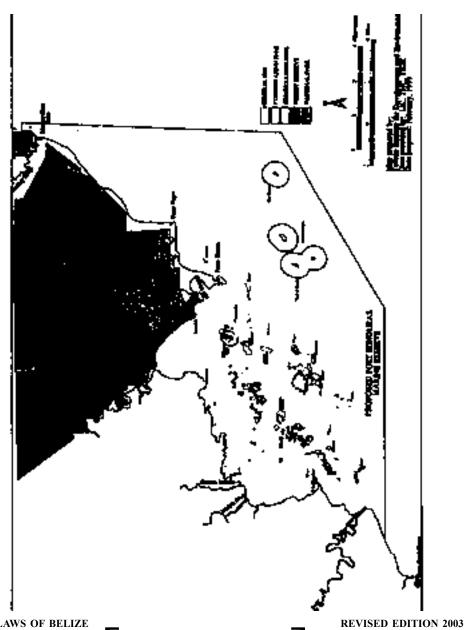
1 790 398.69 North

Western point 332 633.44 East

1791 498.89 North

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### CHAPTER 210

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# FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[29th July, 2000.]

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to establish the Gladden Spit and Silk Caye Area, with wide community-initiated management and participation, as a Marine Reserve for the immediate management of whale shark tourism, diving and snorkeling;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is hereby provided as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

# FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

Declaration of Marine Reserve. Schedule. CAP. 210. 2. The area specified in the Schedule to this Order shall be and is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

Map of Reserve Schedule. 3. A map of the Marine Reserve established pursuant to paragraph 2 above is attached in the Schedule to this Order and may be seen at the office of the Fisheries Administrator, Fisheries Department, Belize City.

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**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 18th day of May, 2000.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives

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### **SCHEDULE**

### GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea comprising the General Use Zone and the Conservation Zone and more fully described as follows:-

### A. GENERAL USE ZONE

Commencing at a point BND-NW, lying more than 0.5 miles southeast of Gladden Caye, and having scaled UTM coordinates 389 229 East 1 830 932 North; thence in a general southeasterly direction to a point BNDM, having scaled UTM coordinates 390 330 East 1824 363 North; thence in a general southwesterly direction to a point, BND-SW, having scaled UTM coordinates 387 507 East 1 817 964 North; thence on a bearing of 1350 (true bearing) for 2.50 miles to a point one-half mile outside of the step reef drop-off at a point BND-SE, having scaled UTM coordinates 390 332 East 1815 123 North; thence bearing 41° (true bearing) parallel to the reef to a point BND-ES, having scaled UTM coordinates 398 167 East 1824 130 North; thence bearing 0° (true bearing) to a point BND-EN, having scaled UTM coordinates 398 197 East 1 826 714 North; thence bearing 3190 (true bearing) parallel to the reef to a point, BND-NE, one-half mile from the steep reef drop-off, and having scaled UTM coordinates 392 095 East 1833 735 North; thence bearing 225<sup>0</sup> (true bearing) for a distance of 2.50 miles, back to the point of origin. Note that all points have been taken using NAD27 Central America Datum.

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### **B. CONSERVATION ZONE 1**

The Silk Cayes Conservation Zone includes: an approximately 0.25 mile area surrounding the Northern, Middle and South Silk Cayes and also including two shallow reefs to the south east of Middle Silk Caye and bounded by scaled UTM coordinates:

| NTSE  | 388 652 East |
|-------|--------------|
| TILDE | 300 032 Last |

1818393 North

NTSW 388 153 East

1818 798 North

NTNW 389 300 East

1820230 North

NTNE 389 793 East

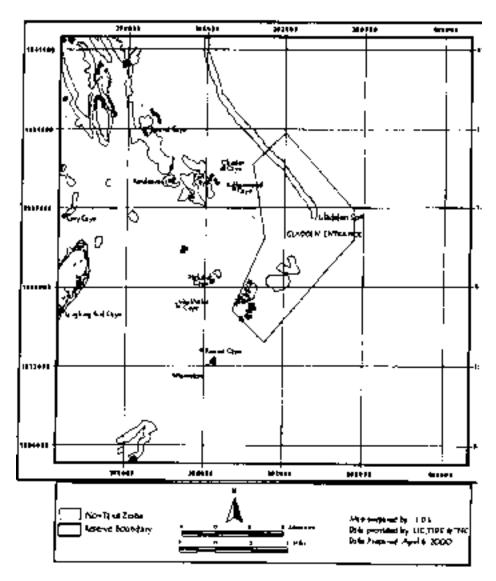
1819833 North

NTESE 389 518 East

1818855 North

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### MAP OF GLADDEN SPLIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE



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### CHAPTER 210

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### FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

(Section 14)

[22nd September, 2001.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

## FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.

Declaration of Marine Reserve Schedule. CAP. 210. 2. The area specified in the Schedule to this Order is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

Map of Marine Reserve. Schedule. 3. A map of the Glovers Reef Marine Reserve is set out in the Schedule to this Order, and may be seen at the Office of the Fisheries Administrator, Fisheries Department, Belize City.

Repeals. S. I. No. 38 of 1993. 4. The Fisheries (Glovers Reef Marine Reserve) Order, 1993, shall stand repealed upon the commencement of this Order.

Commencement.

5. This Order shall come into force on the 18th day of September, 2001.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 18th day of September, 2001.

### (DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives

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# SCHEDULE [Paragraphs 2 and 3]

### **GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE**

#### **Conservation Zone**

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea, being part of the Glovers Reef Atoll, enclosed within the 100 fathom depth contour save the portions enclosed within the Seasonal Closure Zone, the General Use Zone and the Wilderness Zone consisting of 7,077 hectares and being describe as follows:-

Commencing at a point lying on the 100-fathom depth contour and having scaled UTM coordinates of 407807 East and 1858159 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 7.15 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 420132 East and 1853219 North; thence in a southwesterly direction along the 100-fathom depth contour for an approximate distance of 8.18 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 409051 East and 1847134 North; thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 5.86 nautical kilometers to a point having UTM coordinates of 407660 East and 1857910 North; thence in a northeasterly direction along the said 100m fathom depth contour for a distance of approximately .162 nautical kilometers to the point of commencement.

### Seasonal Closure Zone

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea consisting of the Channel situate at the north eastern corner of the Glovers Reef atoll, consist of 1,551 hectares and being describe as follows:-

Commencing at a point lying on the 100m-fathom depth contour and having scaled UTM coordinates of 427622 East and 1870298 North; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately .748 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 428983 East and 1870287 North;

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thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.960 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 428982 East and 1866670 North; thence in a Westerly direction for a distance of approximately 2.315 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 424704 East and 1866671 North; thence in a Northerly direction of a distance of approximately 1.956 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM of 424701 East and 1870290 North; thence in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1.584 nautical kilometers to the point of commencement.

### **General Use Zone I**

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea situate within the Glovers Reef atoll being part thereof consisting of 22, 609 hectares and being describe as follows:-

The upper portion commencing at a point where the 100-fathom depth contour intersects with the most northerly point of the Conservation Zone, the said point having scaled UTM coordinates of 407807 East and 1858159 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction along the said 100 fathom depth contour for a distance of 16.74 nautical kilometers to a point having scale UTM coordinates of 427622 East and 1870292 North; thence in Westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.584 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 424701 East and 1870290 North; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.956 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 424704 East and 1866671 North; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1.569 nautical kilometers to a point lying to the 100-fathom depth contour and having scale UTM coordinates of 427615 East and 1866670 North; thence in a Southerly direction along the said 100-fathom depth contour for a distance of approximately 9.415 nautical kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 420132 East and 1853219 North; thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 7.154 nautical kilometers to the point of commencement

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### **General Use Zone II**

The lower point of the herein describe General Use Zone consisting of 3,560 hectares and commences from a point on the 100-fathom depth contour and having scaled UTM coordinates of 407660 East and 1857910 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 10,854 kilometers to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 409051 East and 1847134 North; thence southwesterly along the said 100-fathom depth contour for a distance of 9.341 nautical kilometers to the point of commencement.

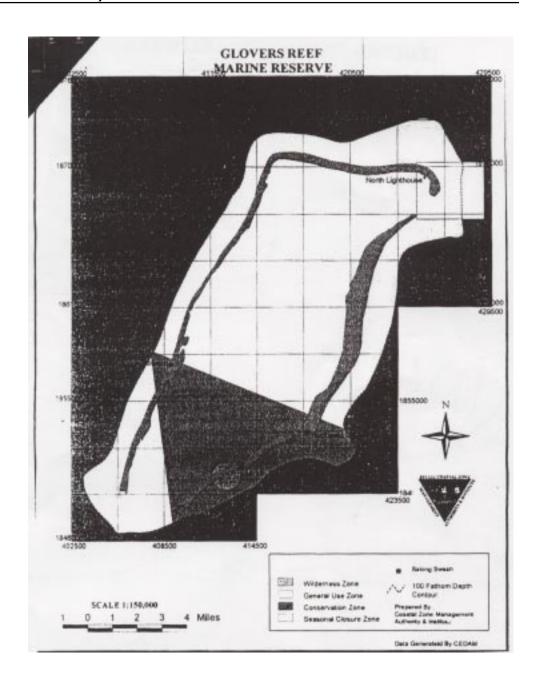
### Wilderness Zone

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea situate within the Glovers Reef atoll consisting of 270 hectares, being part thereof and being describe as follows:-

The said Wilderness zone bounded by the circumference of a circle within the Conservation Zone of the atoll, with .08 nautical kilometers from the southwestern end of Middle Caye enclosed, including the fringing marine area enclosed within a radius of .8 nautical kilometers.

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