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FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatics Resources Development under Section 61 read with paragraphs (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996

DR. RAJITHA SENARATHNA,
Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,
28th August, 2012.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fishing Operations Regulations of catching Chank or Lobster in the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area, 2012.

2. These Regulations shall apply to every license holder, who engages in fishing operations to catch Chank or Lobster in the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1665/18 of August 04, 2010.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Fishing Operations Regulations, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 948/25 of November 07, 1996, no license holder shall engage in any fishing operations to catch Chank or Lobster in the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area, unless the license issued to such licence holder bears an endorsement, authorizing such fishing operation to catch Chank or Lobster in the case may be, in the South Coast (Hambantota Area).

4. No Fishing Operation License shall be-

- (a) issued or renewed except upon a recommendation made by the Fisheries Committee where such license holder is a registered member ; or
- (b) transferable or sold to any other person :

Provided however, in the case of permanent disability or death of such license holder, the Director-General shall, upon the recommendations made by the Fisheries Committee shall take steps to transfer the license of such license holder to a member of his family.

5. The Director-General may determine the number of license that may be issued upon the review of the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Plan.

6. Any person who wishes to engage in fishing operations to catch Chank or Lobster shall be required to have a separate Fishing Operation licence for each category.

7. The licence issued to a license holder who does not engage in fishing operations shall not be renewed by the Director-General, except upon a recommendation made by the Fisheries Committee.

8. (a) Every license holder shall maintain records of log books provided by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, relating to the catching of Chank or Lobster, including the quantities of catch in each such operations ; and
- (b) An officer authorized in that behalf by the Director-General shall, certify the log sheets at the end of every month and every license holder shall, submit the completed log books at the time of the renewal of the Fishing Operation License.

9. The bottom set gill nets that could be in a boat to catch Chank or Lobster shall be as follows :

- (a) maximum number of net pieces shall be twenty (20) for a non motorized traditional boat (NTRB) ; and
- (b) maximum number of net pieces shall be twenty five (25) for a motorized traditional boat (MTRB) and fiberglass boats with outboard motor (OFRD)

10. License holders shall, engage in fishing operations to catch -

- (a) Lobster by using scuba diving in the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area ; and
- (b) Chank in the South Cost (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p. m. only.

11. In these regulations :

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| “Director-General” | - | means Director-General appointed under Section 2 of the Fisheries and Aquatics Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 ; |
| “Fisheries Committee” | - | means a committee designated under Section 32 of the Fisheries and Aquatics Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the <i>Gazette Extraordinary</i> No. 972/ 15 of April 25, 1997 for the purpose of catching Chank or Lobster in the South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area ; |
| “License holder” | - | means a person to whom a fishing operation licence is issued to engage in any prescribed fishing operation |
| “member of his family”
in relation to person means | - | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) his surviving spouse ; or (ii) failing such surviving spouse, his son or daughter who is more than eighteen years of age ; or (iii) failing such surviving spouse, son or daughter of that person, one of his surviving parent ; or (iv) failing such surviving spouse, son or daughter or one of his surviving parent his brother or sister who is more than eighteen years of age. |
| “South Coast (Hambantota District) Fisheries Management Area”
means | - | means an area designated by the Order published in the <i>Gazette Extraordinary</i> No. 1665/18 of August 4, 2010. |