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## PRESS RELEASE

### ✓ Commercial Fisher Folk License Renewal

The Belize Fisheries Department hereby informs the PUBLIC that it will commence with the renewal of fisher folk licenses on **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. A grace period for renewals will be in place **until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

Fishers are advised to bring along all required documents upon renewal to facilitate the process.

Licensing will be carried out for the following communities **at the Belize Fisheries Department Office in Belize City** on the dates specified below:

Date	Communities
<b>04<sup>th</sup> January – 06<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Belize City</b>
<b>09<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sarteneja, Copper Bank, Chunox – all fishers from Corozal &amp; Orange Walk Districts</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January – 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Hopkins &amp; Dangriga</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>San Pedro &amp; Caye Caulker</b>

**Kindly note that Punta Gorda (and surrounding villages), Monkey River, Independence, Riversdale, Seine Bight & Placencia are asked to renew ONLY at the Punta Gorda Fisheries Department Office from 04<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.**

**FISHERFOLK LICENSE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR RENEWALS**

- a) Fishers must submit their ORIGINAL expired fisher folk/ vessel license
- b) Fishers must present the ORIGINAL AND COPY of their valid Social Security Card or valid Passport
- c) Fishers must present a utility bill which must be in the fisher's name or otherwise authorized from the landlord and signed and sealed by a Justice of the Peace (JP)
- d) Fishers must fill and sign a Fisher Folk RENEWAL application form

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
<b>Fisher folk License</b>	\$25
<b>Vessel License</b>	\$25

*Note:*

*\* No exceptions will be made for incomplete documentation.*

*\* No permits to minors will be issued*

*In case of loss of Fisher Folk and/or Vessel license, the fisher must present the receipt issued by the Police Department or the report stating the loss of the license (Fisher Folk and/or Vessel license).*

## ✓ **Commercial Fishing Vessel License**

Commercial Fishing Vessel owners are hereby informed that vessels must comply with the requirements under the *VESSEL COLOR CODING SCHEME* under the Managed Access program by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Paint can be obtained from the Belize Fisheries Department offices in Belize City and Punta Gorda.

### **VESSEL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) Owner or master of the vessel must present ORIGINAL AND COPY of a valid commercial Fisher Folk license.
- (b) Must present ORIGINAL AND COPY of the vessel's valid Sea Worthy Certificate issued by the Belize Port Authority

#### **N.B.**

- 1. No further Issuance of licenses will be done after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**
- 2. Application for NEW LICENSES will be received as of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and will be processed starting February 01<sup>st</sup> 2017.**
- 3. Opening hours for licensing will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday (on regular working days).**

**Thank you for your collaboration and support!**