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SEA CUCUMBER FISHING SEASON NOTICE

In accordance with Section 11 of Statutory Instrument No. 67 of 2009, under the Fisheries Act Chapter 210 of the Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000-2003, the Fisheries Administrator hereby informs all fishers and the public that the season for the extraction for all species of sea cucumber will remain closed for 2017. Thus, no person should fish or have in his possession any sea cucumber.

This is necessary for the Department to undertake a more comprehensive assessment of the stocks to strengthen management measures for the conservation and sustainable utilization of this species. The cooperation of the fishing community and the public is greatly appreciated.

For additional information or to report any illegal fishing activity please contact the Fisheries Department office at telephone number: 224-4552 / 203-2623 or email: fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz

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