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**FISHERIES RESOURCES ACT
CHAPTER 210**

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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES ACT (COMMENCEMENT)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Commencement of Act No. 7 of 2020.

CHAPTER 210

CAP. 210.
R.E.2020.
20 of 2020.

**FISHERIES RESOURCES ACT (COMMENCEMENT)
ORDER**

(Section 94)

[10th February, 2020]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the—

**FISHERIES RESOURCES ACT
(COMMENCEMENT) ORDER.**

Commencement
of Act. No. 7 of
2020.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 94 of the Fisheries Resources Act (No. 7 of 2020), and all other powers thereunto me enabling, **I, GODWIN HULSE**, Minister responsible for Fisheries, do hereby appoint the 14th of February, 2020 as the day on which the said Act shall come into force.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 10th day of February, 2020.

HON. GODWIN HULSE

*Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment,
Sustainable Development and Immigration (Minister
responsible for Fisheries)*

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (GILL NET PROHIBITION)
REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Prohibition on gill net.
4. Consequential amendment.

CHAPTER 210

CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.
158 of 2020.

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (GILL NET PROHIBITION)
REGULATIONS**
(Section 87)

[5th November, 2020]

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (GILL NET
PROHIBITION) REGULATIONS.**

Interpretation.

2. In this Regulations—

“fisheries waters” means the waters of the exclusive economic zone, territorial sea and internal waters as defined in section 2 of the Maritime Areas Act; and

CAP.11.

“gill net” means a wall or curtain of rectangular netting constructed from mono-or multi-filament nylon or natural or synthetic fibres typically arranged in a diamond or square mesh, which may or may not be suspended vertically in the water column between floats attached to the top edge and weights attached to the bottom edge, or attached to poles.

Prohibition on
gill net.

3.—(1) No person shall use a gill net of any mesh size or length for the purpose of, or as a method of, catching fish in fisheries waters.

(2) No person shall land, sell, buy or be in possession of any fish obtained in fisheries waters by the use of a gill net.

(3) No person shall have in his possession a gill net in fisheries waters.

(4) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) a fine of five thousand dollars;
- (b) imprisonment for six months; or
- (c) both such fine and term of imprisonment.

4. The Fisheries Regulations is amended by repealing regulation 15:01.

Consequential amendment.
Sub. Leg.
1991. Ed.
Vol. IV.
CAP. 174. p7.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 4th day of November, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, and Sustainable Development
(Minister responsible for Fisheries)

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (MARINE RESERVE) (PROHIBITION)
REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Offence and penalty.
4. Commencement.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (MARINE RESERVE) (PROHIBITION)
REGULATIONS**

CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.
76 of 2009.

(Section 93)

[Gazetted 23rd May 2009.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES (MARINE RESERVE) (PROHIBITION)
REGULATIONS.**

2.—(1) No person shall engage or attempt to engage, or assist a person to engage or to attempt to engage in spearfishing, of any kind, within the Reserves prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Interpretation.

Schedule.

(2) A person within any of the Reserves prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations, who possesses any of the following equipment on board a vessel, or on his person, will be presumed to be engaging in, or to be attempting to engage in, spearfishing in contravention of these Regulations and that person shall be held liable in accordance with regulation 3—

Schedule.

- (a) speargun;
- (b) polespears;
- (c) handspears;
- (d) hawaiian slings;
- (e) ikijime or kill spike;

- (f) spearfishing masks; or
- (g) any other elastic, pneumatic powered, or mechanically powered spearguns or slings.

Offence and
Penalty.

3.—(1) A person who contravenes these regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both fine and imprisonment.

(2) Where a court finds a person found guilty of an offence under these Regulations shall, the court for the first contravention may, and for the second or subsequent contravention shall, in addition to the penalty in sub regulation (1), order that any boat, vehicle or aircraft together with any auxiliary engine and any fishing tackle and equipment used or employed in the commission of an offence under these Regulations, be forfeited.

Commencement.

4. These Regulations shall come into force on signature.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 13th day of May, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

SCHEDULE

[Reg. 2]

BACALAR CHICO

CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE

GLADDEN SPIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE

GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE

HOL CHAN AREA MARINE RESERVE

PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE

SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE

SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SPECIES DESIGNATION AND
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Prohibition.
4. Designation of species for sport fishing.
5. Offence and penalty.
6. Negative Resolution.
7. Commencement.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SPECIES DESIGNATION AND
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS**

CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.
114 of 2009.

(Section 93)

[26th September, 2009.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES (SPECIES DESIGNATION AND
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“bonefish” means the fish commonly known in Belize as macabi, the scientific name of which is *albulavulpes*;

“catch and release” means the act of catching fish and then releasing them back immediately into the waters of Belize in the same state that the fish was landed;

“establishment” means any restaurant, store, market or private dwelling where fish is collected, processed or stored with the intention to sell or distribute such fish;

“permit fish” means the fish commonly known in Belize as Permit, the scientific name of which is *trachinotus falcatus*;

“tarpon” means the fish commonly known in Belize as tarpon, the scientific name of which is *megalops atlanticus*.

3.—(1) No person shall have in his possession any bonefish, permit fish or tarpon or any of its product forms, save and except in the act of catch and release.

Prohibition.

(2) No establishment shall, have in its possession any bonfish, permit fish or tarpon or any of its product forms.

Designation of species for sport fishing.

4. The species of fish prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations are designated for the purposes of sport fishing.

Offence and Penalty.

5. Every person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term of six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

Negative Resolution.

6. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.

Commencement.

7. These Regulations shall come into force on the 14th of September, 2009.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 14th day of September, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

SCHEDULE

[Reg. 4]

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
White Marlin	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>
Blue Marlin	<i>Makaira nigricans</i>
Sailfish	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>
Atlantic sailfish	<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>
Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>
Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>
Dolphin fish	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>
Tripletail	<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>
Spanish Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>
King Mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>
Cero	<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>
Skip jack tuna	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>
Big eye tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>
Little tunny	<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>
Swordspine snook	<i>Centropomus ensiferus</i>
Fat snook	<i>Centropomus parallelus</i>
Tarpon snook	<i>Centropomus pectinatus</i>
Mexican snook	<i>Centropomus poeyi</i>
Pompano	<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>
Florida pompano	<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>
Palometa pompano	<i>Trachinotus goodei</i>

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (NASSAU GROUPER & SPECIES
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Restriction.
4. Traditional fishing during closed season.
5. Fish fillet to have skin patch.
6. Prohibition on parrot fish.
7. Offence and penalty.
8. Repeal of S.I. 162 of 2003.
9. Commencement.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (NASSAU GROUPEL & SPECIES
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS**

CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.
49 of 2009.

(Section 93)

[11th April, 2009.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES (NASSAU GROUPEL & SPECIES
PROTECTION) REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“nassau grouper” means the fish commonly known in Belize as grouper, the scientific name of which is *Epinephelus striatus*;

“grazers” means any fish of the scaridae family, including the genus *scarus* and *sparisoma*; any fish of the acanthuridae family

“total length” means the measurement of a fish from the most forward point of the head, with the mouth closed, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side;

“whole fish” means any fish with the viscera completely removed.

3.—(1) No person shall take in the waters of Belize, or buy, sell or have in his possession any nassau grouper between the 1st December and the 31st March inclusive in any year, except for the Nassau grouper taken from the sites of Maugre Caye at Turneffe Islands and Northern Two Caye at Light house Reef, descriptions of which are provided in Schedule 1.

Restriction.

Schedule.

(2) No person shall take in the waters of Belize, or buy, sell or have in his possession, any nassau grouper which is less than 20 inches in total length or greater than 30 inches in total length.

(3) Every nassau grouper caught in the waters of Belize shall be landed whole.

Traditional fishing during closed season.

4.—(1) A person desirous of engaging in traditional fishing at Maugre Caye at Turneffe Islands or at Northern Two Caye at Lighthouse Reef, during the closed season shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a special licence to fish.

(2) A licence issue pursuant to subregulation (1) shall be issued subject to catch data required to be sent to the Fisheries Administrator as stipulated on such license.

Fish fillet to have skin patch.

5. Every fish, other than the Nassau grouper and the grazers, caught in the waters of Belize landed as fillet fish shall have a skin patch of 2 inches by 1 inch.

Prohibition on parrot fish.

6. No person shall take in the waters of Belize, or buy, sell or have in possession any grazers.

Offence and penalty.

7.—(1) A person who contravenes any of these Regulations is 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 fine and imprisonment.

(2) A person found guilty of taking or possessing any undersized fish during the closed season, or taking any prohibited fish, is liable, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, to a fine of thirty dollars in respect of each such fish.

Repeal of S.I. 162 of 2003.

8. The Fisheries (Nassau Grouper Protection) Regulations, 2003 (S.I. No. 162 of 2003) are repealed.

9. These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2009. Commencement.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 1st day of April, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

SCHEDULE I

[Reg.3]

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea, reefs and cayes and more fully described (using WGS 84 datum) for each site as follows:

Maugre Caye, Turneffe Atoll: Commencing at a point 1 with scaled UTM coordinates 418 701 East 1 950 997 North; thence proceeding east for a distance of 1.99 miles to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 421 890 East 1 950 997 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of 1.82 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 421 885 East 1 948 085 North; thence proceeding west for a distance of 1.09 miles to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 420 145 East 1 948 085 North, thence proceeding on a bearing of 350° for a distance of 0.66 miles to a point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 957 East 1 949 124 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 278° for a distance of 0.79 miles, to a point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 418 705 East 1 949291 North; thence proceeding north for a distance of 1.07 miles to the point of origin.

Northern Two Cayes, Lighthouse Reef: Commencing at a point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 448 895 East 1 933 422 North; thence proceeding east for a distance of 1.30 miles to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 450 968 East 1 933 422 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of 1.63 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 450 968 East 1 930 819; thence proceeding on a bearing of 312° for a distance of 1.08 miles to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 449673 East 1 931 965 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 271° for a distance of 0.49 miles to a point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 448 896 East 1 931 978 North; thence proceeding north for a distance of 0.90 miles to the point of origin.

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (SEA CUCUMBER) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Restrictions on sea cucumbers.
3. Licences generally.
4. Offence and penalty.
5. Commencement.

FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES (SEA CUCUMBER) REGULATIONS**CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.
67 of 2009.*(Section 13)**[9th May, 2009.]*

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—**FISHERIES (SEA CUCUMBER) REGULATIONS.**Restrictions on
sea cucumbers.**2.**—(1) No person shall engage or attempt to engage, or assist a person to engage or attempt to engage in any fishing, of any kind, for any sea cucumber without a special license from the Fisheries Administrator.

First Schedule.

(2) A person desiring to engage in the fishing of sea cucumber shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator, in the form prescribed in the First Schedule, for the issue or renewal, as the case may be, of a sea cucumber special fishing license.

(3) Every application submitted pursuant to subregulation (2) shall be accompanied by evidence of possession of a valid fisherman's licence.

Second
Schedule.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation, grant a sea cucumber special fishing licence in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(5) A fee of seventy-five dollars (BZ \$75.00) per seasonal year shall be payable for the issue of a sea cucumber special fishing licence.

(6) Every licence issued pursuant to these Regulations shall be valid for one seasonal year, unless otherwise expressed in the

special licence, and may be renewed for a like period upon payment of the prescribed fee.

(7) Every holder of a sea cucumber special fishing licence shall furnish to the Fisheries Administrator by the end of November of each year the following information—

- (a) complete details of meat weight in pounds;
- (b) quantity and species fished;
- (c) area fished; and
- (d) date and time each catch was fished.

(8) Every holder of a sea cucumber special fishing licence who does not furnish the information requested by the Fisheries Administrator as prescribed in subregulation (7) above, shall be refused a sea cucumber special fishing licence in the following year.

(9) Every person fishing for sea cucumber shall fish within the established quota, area of extraction and season as prescribed in the special licence issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

(10) No person shall fish for, or harvest, at any time in the waters of Belize, or buy, sell, have in his possession, export, or attempt to export, any sea cucumber between July 1st and December 31st, inclusive, in any year.

(11) The Fisheries Administrator shall, on a yearly basis, determine the catch quota, areas of extraction and season of extraction of the sea cucumber and shall cause its findings to be published in the *Government Gazette* and in three widely circulated newspapers in Belize.

Licences
generally.

3.—(1) A licence issued pursuant to these Regulations is not transferable.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator, in issuing a special licence pursuant to these Regulations, may attach conditions to such licence, as is deemed fit having due regard for the need to protect the environment and natural resources.

Offence and
penalty.

4.—(1) A person who contravenes any of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction, to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both fine and imprisonment.

(2) A person found liable of contravening any of the provisions of these Regulations, or any provisions of the Fisheries Regulations, as amended, shall suffer the cancellation of his license.

66/1977.
168/1991.
55/1993.
143/1993.
68/1997.
13/1999.
66/2002.
56/2003.
90/2003.
103/2003.

Commencement.

5. These Regulations come into force on signature.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 6th day of May, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Reg. 2(2)]

APPLICATION FOR A SEA CUCUMBER
SPECIAL FISHING LICENCE OR FOR RENEWAL THEREOF

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.

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a sea cucumber special fishing licence.

Name: _____ Age: _____ years

(block capitals)

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 Fishermen's Co-operative Society.

Name of Co-operative if a member: _____

Membership No. _____ Previous Fisherman's Licence No. _____

Date issued: _____

THIS PART IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Passport No. _____ ()

Received in Office: _____ **Work Permit:** _____ ()

Fee received _____ () **Birth Certificate:** _____ ()

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Reg. 2(4)]

SEA CUCUMBER SPECIAL FISHING LICENCE FORM

Licence No.: _____

This licence is issued to _____

(full name)

of _____

(address)

under

the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder for fishing sea cucumbers as follows:

(a) established quota _____*(b)* area of extraction _____*(c)* season _____

This licence is not transferrable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force from ____ day of, _____ 20 ____, to ____ day of _____, 20 ____, or until cancelled.

Until _____

Fee Paid _____ Receipts _____

(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:**

(1) it is intended that, when circumstances permit, such licences be laminated or otherwise waterproof, but remain in such times the licences issued, will be 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.

(2) The Sea Cucumber Season is closed during July 1st and December 31st, inclusive, in any year.

(3) It is imperative that the following information be submitted to the Fisheries Administrator by the end of November of each year.

- (a) complete details of meat weights in pounds;
- (b) quantity and species fished;
- (c) area fished; and
- (d) date and time each catch was fished.

Failure to furnish this information as stipulated shall result in disqualification for a further licence until information is furnished.

(4) Liability for contravention of any provision of the Fisheries Act or Regulations made thereunder voids this Licence.

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SPAWNING AGGREGATION SITE
RESERVES) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF ORDER

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserves.
3. Maps of Marine Reserves.
4. Protection of fish spawning grounds.
5. Commencement.

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE 2

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SPAWNING AGGREGATION SITE
RESERVES) ORDER**
(Section 14 (1))

161 of 2003.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

[1st November, 2003.]

1. This Order may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES (SPAWNING AGGREGATION SITE
RESERVES) ORDER.**

2. The areas specified below, and fully described in Schedule 1 to this Order are hereby declared to be Marine Reserves for the purposes of the Fisheries Resources Act—

Declaration of
Marine Reserves.
Schedule 1,
CAP. 210.

Rocky Point, Ambergris Caye

Dog Flea Caye, Turneffe Islands Atoll

Caye Bokel, Turneffe Islands Atoll

Sandbore, Lighthouse Reef Atoll

South Point, Lighthouse Reef Atoll

Emily or Caye Glory

Northern Glover's, Glover's Reef Atoll

Gladden Spit

Rise and Fall Bank, Sapodilla Cayes

Nicholas Caye, Sapodilla Cayes

Seal Caye, Sapodilla Cayes

Maps of the Marine Reserves, Schedule 2.

3. Maps of the Reserves listed in Paragraph 2 above, are set out in Schedule 2 to this Order, and may be seen at the Office of the Fisheries Administrator. Fisheries Department, Belize City.

Protection of fish spawning grounds.

4.—(1) The relevant areas referred to in paragraph 2 shall be closed to fishing all year round in order to protect important fish spawning grounds.

(2) The areas referred to in paragraph (1) shall be zoned as Conservation 1 (No Extraction) Zones. Areas listed above in paragraph (2) that are wholly or partially in marine reserves, but not included within any seasonal closure or conservation zone, may be used for limited fishing by traditional users who are designated by, and to the extent recommended by, the co-managers of the respective marine reserve. Fishermen and the type and quantity of fishing so designated shall be approved by the Fisheries Administrator, who shall grant Special Licenses accordingly.

(3) Details of all catches made in these areas shall be submitted to the Fisheries Administrator as prescribed by the terms of the license issued.

(4) Licenses shall be reviewed on an annual basis, and shall be cancelled for non-compliance or if monitoring results determine that no fishing shall be allowed.

Commencement.

5. This Order shall come into force on the 21st day of October, 2003.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 21 day of October, 2003.

(SERVULO BAEZA)

Minister of Agriculture, and Fisheries

SCHEDULE 1

[Reg. 2]

SPAWNING AGGREGATION SITE RESERVES

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea, reefs and cayes zoned as Conservation Zone 1 and more fully described (using WGS 84 datum) for each site as follows–

Rocky Point - Commencing at a point 1 on the barrier reef with scaled UTM coordinates 413280 East 2004933 North; thence proceeding 0.75 miles east to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 414484 East 2004941 North; thence proceeding 1.69 miles south to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 414492 East 2002 244 North; thence proceeding 1.67 miles west to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 411 819 East 2 002 244 North; thence proceeding north 0.75 miles to a point 5, on the barrier reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 411 819 East 2003 440 North; thence proceeding 0.66 miles in a northeasterly direction on a bearing of 65° (true bearing) to a point 6, on the barrier reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 412774 East 2 003 882 North; thence proceeding 0.73 miles on a bearing of 26° (true bearing) to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.195 square miles.

Dog Flea Caye, Turneffe Atoll - Commencing on the fore reef at a point 1, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 420 656 East 1 937 720 North; thence proceeding 1.02 miles on a bearing of 90° (true bearing) to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 422 281 East 1 937717 North; thence proceeding 1.72 miles south to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 422 277 East 1934 965 North; thence proceeding 1.67 miles west to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 605 East 1 934 958 North; thence proceeding 0.29 miles north to a point 5, on the fore reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 597 East 1935420 North; thence proceeding 0.82 miles on a bearing 39° (true bearing) to a point

6, on the fore reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 420427 East 1936444 North; thence proceeding 0.81 miles on a bearing of 10° (true bearing) to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.20 square miles.

Caye Bokel, Turneffe Atoll - Commencing at point 1, at the steep reef drop off in southwestern Turneffe Atoll, having scaled UTM coordinates 401 894 East 1 897817 North; thence proceeding 0.84 miles southeasterly on a bearing of 120° (true bearing) to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 403 049 East 1 897 140; thence proceeding northeasterly 1.00 mile on a bearing of 62° (true bearing) to a point 3. having scaled UTM coordinates 404 458 East 1 897 890 North; thence proceeding south 1.60 miles to a point 4. having scaled UTM coordinates 404 461 East 1 895 326 North; thence proceeding west 1.60 miles to a point 5. having scaled UTM coordinates 401 894 East 1 895 322 North; thence proceeding north 1.56 miles to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.15 square miles.

Sandbore, Lighthouse Reef - Commencing at a point 1, on the fore reef in northern Lighthouse Reef Atoll, and having scaled UTM coordinates 451 192 East 1 930 118 North; thence proceeding east for 1.40 miles to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 453 438 East 1 930 118 North; thence proceeding south for 1.90 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 453 438 East 1 927 071 North; thence proceeding west for 1.01 miles to a point 4, on the fore reef, and having scaled UTM coordinates 451817 East 1 928 071 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 5° (true bearing), along the reef; for 0.94 miles along the reef to a point 5. having scaled UTM coordinates 451 954 East 1 928 572 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 334° (true bearing) for a distance of 1.08 miles along the reef to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.00square miles.

South Point, Lighthouse Reef Atoll - Commencing at a point 1. on the steep reef drop-off near Southern Lighthouse Reef Atoll, having scaled UTM coordinates 433 229 East 1 894 507 North; thence proceeding 0.82 miles on a bearing of 114° (true bearing)

to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 434 429 East 1 893 978 North; thence proceeding 1.68 miles on a bearing of 78°(true bearing) to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 437055 East 1894 545 North; thence proceeding 1.05 miles south to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 437 055 East 1 892 863 North; thence proceeding 2.39 miles west to a point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 433 229 East 1 892 863 North; and thence proceeding 1.03 miles north to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.10square miles.

Emily or Caye Glory - Commencing at a point 1 having scaled UTM coordinates 393586 East 1 890 786 North; thence proceeding 1.52 miles east to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 396010 East 1 890782 North; thence proceeding 1.84 miles south to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 396010 East 1 887845 North; thence proceeding 0.95 miles west to a point 4. on the barrier reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 394 486 East 1 887 837 North; thence proceeding 0.82 miles on a bearing of 5° (true bearing) to a point 5, on the barrier reef, having UTM scaled coordinates 394602 East 1 889 141 North; thence proceeding 0.82 miles on a bearing of 309° (true bearing) to a point 6, on the barrier reef, having scaled UTM coordinates 393 586 East 1 889970 North; thence proceeding 0.51 miles north to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.10 square miles.

Northern Glover's, Glover's Reef Atoll - Commencing at a point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 426 566 East 1 868 812 North; thence proceeding east for 1.21 miles to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 428494 East 1 868 816 North; thence proceeding south for 1.58 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 428 494 East 1 866 294 North; thence proceeding 1.75 miles west to a point 4. having scaled UTM coordinates 425 687 East 1 866 290 North; thence proceeding north for a distance of 0.79 miles to a point 5. having scaled UTM coordinates 425 687 East 1 867 557 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 62° (true bearing) for a distance of 0.56 miles, to a point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 426 472 East 1 867 974 North; thence

proceeding on a bearing of 6° (true bearing) for 0.53 miles to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.78 square miles.

Gladden Spit - Commencing at a point 1, within the Gladden Spit Marine Reserve, having scaled UTM coordinates 396 934 East 1 823 908 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 45° to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 393 792 East 1 831767 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 139° to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 398 189 East 1826763 North; thence proceeding south to a point 4; having scaled UTM coordinates 398 174 East 1 824 163 North; thence proceeding west to a point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 396052 East 1 824 169 North; thence proceeding north, to a point 6. having scaled UTM coordinates 396 051 East 1 826 392 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 325° to the point of origin and encompassing 5.61 square miles.

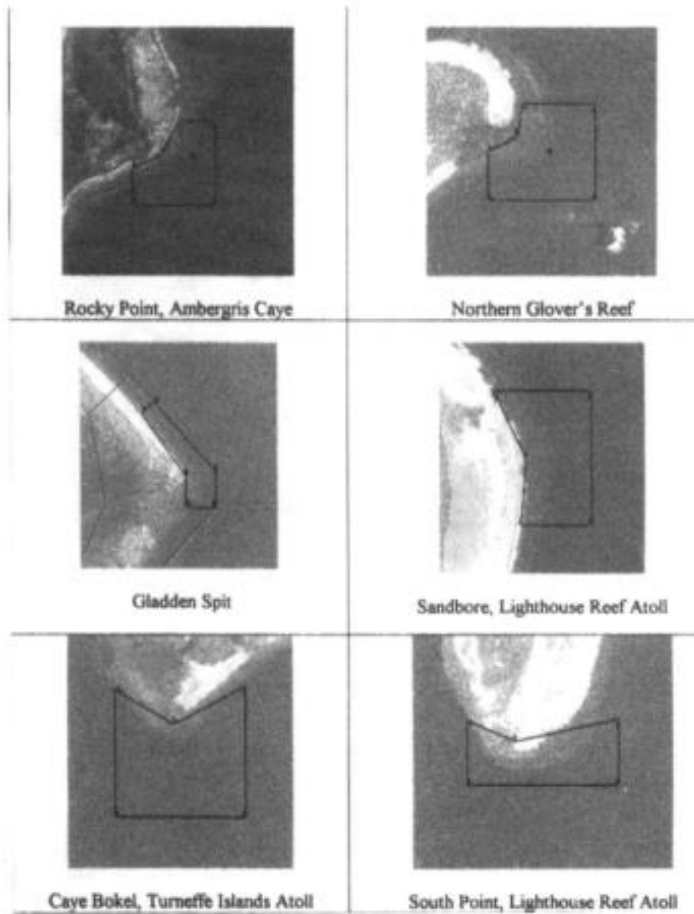
Rise and Fall Bank, Sapodilla Cayes - Commencing at a point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 358517 East 1 778 594 North; thence proceeding east for a distance of 2.75 miles to a point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 362914 East 1 778600 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of 2.45 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 362 920 East 1 774 686 North; thence proceeding west for 2.75 miles to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 358 517 East 1 774686 North; thence proceeding north for 2.44 miles to the point of origin, and encompassing 6.64 square miles.

Nicholas Caye, Sapodilla Cayes - Commencing at a point 1, on the fore reef, and having scaled UTM coordinates 365 615 East 1 783 053 North; thence proceeding east for a distance of 1.13 miles to a point 2. having scaled UTM coordinates 367 425 East 1 783 038 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of 1.75 miles to a point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 367 430 East 1 780 245 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 271°(true bearing) for a distance of 2.15 miles to a point 4, on the east side of Lime Caye. having scaled UTM coordinates 363 984 East 1 780 313 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 42°(true

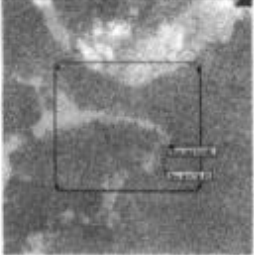
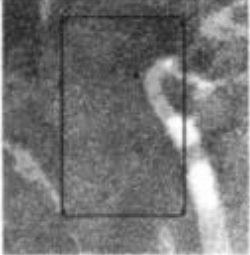
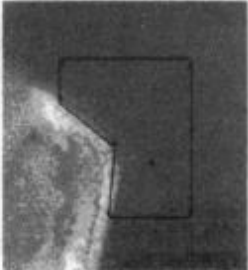
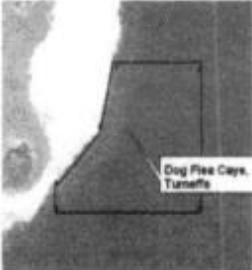
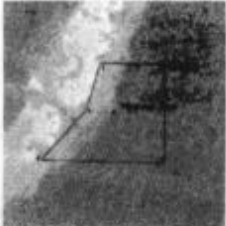
bearing) for a distance of 1.18 miles to a point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 365 245 East 1 781 729 North; thence proceeding on a bearing of 16° (true bearing) for a distance of 0.86 miles to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.60 square miles.

Seal Caye, Sapodilla Cayes - Commencing at a point 355 111 East 1 789 940 North; thence proceeding 1.24 miles east to a point 2. having scaled UTM coordinates 357 100 East 1 789 940 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of 2.04 miles to a point 3. having scaled UTM coordinates 357 100 East 1 786 683 North; thence proceeding west for a distance of 1.24 miles to a point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 355 1 1 1 East 1 786 683 North; thence proceeding north for 2.04 miles to the point of origin, and encompassing 2.50 square miles.

SCHEDULE 2

[Reg. 3]

Site maps made using georeferenced Lands at TM imagery as base maps, and indicating the scaled UTM coordinates as indicated in Schedule 1, above.

 <p>Rise and Fall Bank, Sapodilla Cayes</p>	 <p>Seal Caye, Sapodilla Cayes</p>
 <p>Emily or Caye Glory</p>	 <p>Dog Flea, Turneffe Islands Atoll</p>
 <p>Nicholas Caye, Sapodilla Cayes</p>	

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF APPLICATION)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Extension of application.

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF APPLICATION)
ORDER**

34 of 1987.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

(Section 3)

[25th April, 1987.]

1. This Order may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES ACT (EXTENSION OF
APPLICATION) ORDER.**

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.

Extension of
application.

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Fishery Officers.

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT) ORDER

(Section 4)

[28th October, 1989.]

112 of 1989.
79 of 1990.
29 of 1999.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

1. This Order may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES OFFICERS (APPOINTMENT)
ORDER.**

2. **I, MICHAEL ESPAT**, 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 “**FISHERY OFFICERS**” for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act and the regulations made thereunder—

Fishery Officers.

- (a) Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) Fisheries Officer;
- (c) Assistant Fisheries Officer;
- (d) Fisheries Inspector;
- (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;
- (f) Miguel Alamilla Manager, Hol Chan Marine Reserve;
- (g) Alberto Patt Biologist, Hol Chan Marine Reserve;

79 of 1990.
29 of 1999.

- (h) Edgar Badillo Conservation Officer,
Hol Chan Marine
Reserve;
- (i) Grimaldo Acosta Conservation Officer,
Hol Chan Marine
Reserve;
- (j) Antonio Calderon Conservation Officer,
Hol Chan Marine
Reserve;
- (k) Dylan Gomez Biologist, Bacalar Chico
Marine Reserve;
- (l) Isaias Majil Conservation Officer,
Bacalar Chico Marine
Reserve;
- (m) Auriol Samos Conservation Officer,
Bacalar Chico Marine
Reserve;
- (n) Orvin Longsworth Conservation Officer,
Glovers Reef Marine
Reserve;
- (o) Herson Mora Logistics Coordinator,
Fisheries Department.
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CHAPTER 210

FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Duty.
3. Exception.

CHAPTER 210**FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER***(Section 9)*

Ch. 133.
 Ch. 174
 7 of 1966.
 50 of 1966.
 4 of 1968.
 CAP. 210.
 R. E 2003.
 R.E. 2020.

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the—**FISH (EXPORT DUTY) ORDER.**

Duty.

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—

7 of 1966.

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

50 of 1966.

(b) on shrimp three cents a pound;

(c) on other fish whether fresh, salted, smoked or cured, one cent a pound.

Exception.
 4 of 1968.

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.

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

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH) REGULATIONS***(Section 13)**[27th January, 1968.]*5 of 1968.
9 of 1968.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—**FISHERIES (EXPORT OF FISH)
REGULATIONS.**

Export of fish.

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.Offence.
9 of 1968.**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.

SCHEDULE

[Reg. 2]

LICENCE TO EXPORT FISH

9 of 1968.

Permission is granted for the export of:

Name of Exporter:

Means of Export:

Port of Export:

This licence is subject to the following conditions:

This licence is valid for days from the date hereof.

DATE:

Minister of Natural Resources and Trade

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES REGULATIONS****ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS****PART I***Preliminary*

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.

PART II*General*

3. Criteria for possession of crawfish.
4. No removal of eggs from female lobster.
5. No taking of soft-shelled crustacean.
- 5:01. Shrimp season and criteria for obtaining license for trawling.
6. Criteria for possession of conch.
7. Permit to use Scuba Equipment.
- 7:01. Trawling prohibited.
8. Fishing by means of beach seine, trap, weir or stop net.
- 8:01. Prohibitions relating to traps.

- 8:02. Application for authorisation to possess or use traps.
- 8:03. Power to grant authorisation.
- 9. No sale of bonefish.
- 10. Possession of turtle.
- 11. Permission by Fisheries Administrator to possess turtle or eggs.
- 12. *[Repealed by S.I. No. 10 of 2011].*
- 12:01. No possession of green and loggerhead turtle.
- 12:02. Criteria for possession of *Dermatemys mawii* turtles.
- 12:03. Permit.
- 12:04. No sale of turtle shell article.
- 13. Turtle for traditional or cultural use.
- 14. No import or export of turtle.
- 14:01. Contravention of Regulations.
- 14:02. Prohibition of nets to take Hicatee from freshwater bodies.
- 15. Net constructed of natural or artificial fibre.
- 15:01. *[Repealed by S.I. No. 158 of 2020].*
- 15:02. Prohibitions relating to gill nets to freshwater bodies.
- 15:03. Prohibition of other nets etc. in freshwater bodies.
- 15:04. Application for registration to use gill net.

- 15:05. Power to grant registration.
16. Wanton waste of fish.
17. No beach seine, trap etc. to be used within inhabited locality in Belize.
18. Use of anaesthetics.
19. No sale of coral.
20. Licence for sale of black coral.
- 20:01. Prohibitions relating to whelks.
- 20:02. Application for a whelk fishing licence.
- 20:03. Power to grant licence.
- 20:04. Landing of whelk shell without the meat prohibited.
- 20:05. Duty of fisheries administrator.
21. Record of purchase of fish for export.
22. Exporter of fish to pay duty.
23. Export of crawfish not to exceed quota.
24. Export of conch not to exceed quota.
- 24A. Determination of catch quota, export quota, etc.
- 24B. Offence and penalty of exceeding catch quota or export quota.
- 24C. Possession of fish during closed season prohibited, etc.
25. Permission to export catfish.

- 26. No restriction to passage of boats or fish.
- 26:01 Offence to catch whale shark.
- 26:02. Period during which shark fishing etc. is prohibited.
- 26:03. Offences relating to shark and shark finning.
- 26:04. Application for shark fishing licence.
- 26:05. Power to grant shark fishing licence.
- 26:06. Power to grant permit for exportation of shark meat and fins.
- 26:07. Offence of breach of conditions.
- 27. Offence.
- 27:01 Presumption as to possession of fish.

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Licensing

- 28. Foreign fishing vessel licence.
- 29. General conditions applicable to foreign fishing vessels.
- 30. Records to be in English.
- 31. Local representatives.
- 32. Fisheries agreements.
- 33. Stowage of fishing gear.
- 34. Local fishing vessel licence.

35. General conditions applicable to local fishing vessels.
36. Marketing and identification of fishing vessels.
37. Fisherman's licence.
38. Research permits.
39. Marine bioresearch licence.
40. Terms and conditions of licences and permits.
41. Distinguishing marks.
42. Offence and penalty for contravening Regulation 41.
43. Returns.
44. Custody and disposal of seized articles.
45. Forfeiture.
46. Cancellation of licences and permits.
47. 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].*

PART IV

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Section I – Definitions

56. *[Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].*

Section II - Quality Assurance Regulations

57. *[Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].*

58. *[Repealed by S. I. 13 of 1999].*

59. Containers to export fish.

60. Samples of fish for analysis.

61. Inspection by fishery officer.

62. Preserving the identity of fish.

63. Removal of tag placed on container by a fishery officer.

64. Certificate of inspection.

65. Disposal of decomposed fish.

66. Time for disposal of fish.

67. Re-inspection of fish.

68. Decision of Minister to be final.

- 69. Removal of inspection marks.
- 70. Inspection Certificate null and void.
- 71. Registration of establishments.
- 72. Issue of Certificate of Registration.
- 73. Certificate of Registration not transferable.
- 74. Cancellation of Certificate of Registration.
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- 74. Cancellation of Certificate of Registration.

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- 77. Labelling of fish.
- 78. Wrappers for fish.
- 79. Label not to be deceptive.
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- 81. Quality designations to be approved.
- 82. Marking of containers.
- 83. Requirements for export.

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- 85. Drains.
- 86. Surfaces of walls.
- 87. Ventilation.
- 88. Rooms to be free from cracks.
- 89. Screened windows.

90. Self-closing doors.
91. Sanitary washbasins.
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96. Metal frames.
97. Construction of tables.
98. Containers for holding fish before dressing.
99. Containers for dressing fish.
100. Storage of offal.
101. Flumes for conveying fish.
102. Toilet facilities.

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103. Processing of fish.
104. Ice.
105. Food handler's certificate.
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107. No nail polish.

108. Disinfection of hand coverings.
109. Overalls.
110. Waterproof garments.
111. Overcoats to be clean.
112. Cleaning of waterproof garments.
113. Provision of protective clothing.
114. No smoking.
115. Cleaning of floors.
116. Cleaning of utensils.
117. Storage of utensils.
118. Sewage.
119. Removal of offal.
120. Marking of offal containers.
121. No animals.
122. Insect control.
123. Unnecessary material.
124. Beach area.
125. Cleaning materials.
126. Equipment to be in good repair.

127. No toxic chemicals.

FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

THIRD SCHEDULE

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CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

[1st October, 1977.]

PART I

Preliminary

Ch. 174.
66 of 1967.
71 of 1978.
24 of 1980.
17 of 1982.
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.
23 of 2005.
135 of 2005.
1 of 2010.
10 of 2011.
78 of 2011.
54 of 2012.
88 of 2012.
81 of 2019.
CAP. 210
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

FISHERIES REGULATIONS.

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 middorsal line 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 these Regulations;

24 of 1980. “conch” means any mollusc of the species *Strombus gigas Linne*; “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;

135 of 2005. “establishment” means any restaurant, store, market or private dwelling where fish is collected, processed or stored with the intention to sell or distribute;

10 of 2011.
CAP. 11. “exclusive economic zone” has the meaning assigned in the Maritime Areas Act;

135 of 2005. “fisherman” means a person who takes part in fishing, processing or collecting marine products in commercial quantities;

135 of 2005. “fish buyer” means any person who purchases fish in such quantities with intent to redistribute;

135 of 2005. “fish handler” means any person involved in the collecting and transporting of fish in commercial quantities with the intention to distribute;

135 of 2005. “fish vendor” means any person who collects fish in such quantities with the intention to sell at a fixed location or otherwise;

135 of 2005. “fishing vessel” means any vessel used, outfitted or designed for the purpose of commercial fishing or sport fishing and includes or any vessel designed for catching, processing or transporting fish;

- “freshwater body” means river, creek, stream, lagoon or other inland watercourse in Belize; 78 of 2011.
- “fully processed conch” also known as “filleted conch,” means conch that has been removed from the shell and from which all body organs have been totally removed from the conch foot; 135 of 2005.
- “internal waters” has the meaning assigned in the Maritime Areas Act; 10 of 2011. CAP. 11.
- “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;
- “mesh size” means the measurement from knot to knot across the diagonal of the tightly stretched wet mesh;
- “partially processed conch,” also known as “market clean conch,” means conch that has been removed from the shell and from which the operculum, intestines, proboscis, head, eye stalks, ventral portion of the mantle tissue and some of the thick-darkened skin on the foot have been removed; 135 of 2005.
- “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*;
- “Shrimp” means and includes fish of the genus *Penaeus* but does not include the freshwater shrimp of the genus *Macrobrachium*; 44 of 1986.

- 10 of 2011.
CAP. 11. “territorial sea” has the meaning assigned in the Maritime Areas Act;
- “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;
- “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;
- 55 of 1993. “turtle” means a marine or freshwater turtle as distinguished from a terrestrial species of tortoise;
- 135 of 2005. “unprocessed conch” means conch that has been removed from the shell but which have all organs attached.
- 24 of 1980. 2:01. A reference in these Regulations to any fish shall, where the context 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.
168 of 1991.
143 of 1993.
- (a) if the cape length is less than three or the tail weight is less than four ounces;
 - (b) between the 15th February and the 14th June, inclusive, in any year;
 - (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;
 - (f) fillet or diced lobster tail meat, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.
- 90 of 2003.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) above
- 68 of 1997.
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- (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 aquaculture purposes under a special license 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.
103 of 2003.
10 of 2011.

5:01. Shrimp season will officially open on July 15th 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.

Criteria for
possession of
conch.
71 of 1978.
103 of 2003.
135 of 2005.

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

- (a) any conch between the 1st July and the 30th September, inclusive, in any year;
- (b)
 - (i) at any time, conch the overall shell length of which does not exceed 7 inches or 17.8 centimeters;
 - (ii) the weight if unprocessed conch taken from which does not exceed 7 ½ ounces or 213 grams;
 - (iii) the weight of partially processed conch taken from which does not exceed 3.0 ounces or 85 grams;
 - (iv) the weight of fully processed conch taken from which does not exceed 2 ¾ ounces or 78 grams.

(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. 90 of 2003.

(3) No person or establishment shall buy, sell or have in his possession diced conch (*Strombus gigas*) meat except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator. 135 of 2005.

(4) The conch (*Strombus gigas*) catch quota for Belize shall be set on an annual basis by the Minister and shall not exceed 70% of the maximum sustainable yield. 135 of 2005.

(5) The conch (*Strombus gigas*) meat export quota shall be set on an annual basis by the Minister and shall not exceed 95% of the catch quota. 135 of 2005.

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

7:01.—(1) No person shall engage in any form of trawling in the— Trawling prohibited.

(a) intemal waters;

(b) territorial sea;

(c) exclusive economic zone.

(2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the fine specified in section 15 of the Act.

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. Fishing by means of 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.

78 of 2011.
Prohibitions
relating to traps.

8:01.—(1) No person shall possess or use a trap to take fish from the internal waters, unless prior authority from the Fisheries Administrator to take fish from a particular fishery is obtained.

(2) A person who contravenes this Regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.

(3) This regulation does not apply to lobster trap or beach trap.

Application for
authorization to
possess or use
trap. Second
Schedule.

8:02.—(1) Subject to regulation 8:01, a person who intend to take fish using a trap shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator in the form set out as Form HI of the Second Schedule for authorisation to take fish using a trap.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) evidence of possession of a valid fisherman's licence, if applicable;
- (b) evidence of fishing vessel licence, if applicable;
- (c) design of the trap;
- (d) the type of materials from which the trap is made;

- (e) any other information or documentation required by the Fisheries Administrator for the purpose of considering the application.

8:03.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may issue to the applicant an authorization in the form set out as Form 3 of the Third Schedule.

Power to grant authorisation. Third Schedule.

(2) An authorization is valid for one year but may be subject to renewal on application.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator may suspend or revoke the authorization at any time where the applicant has contravened these Regulations.

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

No sale of bonefish.

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).

Permission by
Fisheries
Administrator to
possess turtle or
eggs.
66 of 2002.
Pre-approved
Turtle Excluder
Device.
66 of 2002.

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.

12. [Repealed by S.I. No 10 of 2011].

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

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

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

Criteria for
possession of
Dermatemys
mawaii 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 1st May to the 31st 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);

Fifth Schedule.

- (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.

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

Permit.
55 of 1993.

12:04.—(1) No person shall buy, sell or have in his possession any articles made of turtle shell.

No sale of turtle shell articles.
55 of 1993.

(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.

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.—(1) 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.

78 of 2011.
Prohibition of
nets to take
Hicatee from
freshwater
bodies.

14:02.—(1) No person shall possess or use a net to take the turtle of the species *Dermatemys mawaii* commonly known as Hicatee from a freshwater body.

(2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both

Net constructed
of natural or
artificial fibre.

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.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to—

- (a) throw or cast nets;
- (b) the holder of a special license for scientific investigation who may be permitted to use webbing of smaller mesh,

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;

10 of 2011.

- (c) 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.

15:01 [*Repealed by S.I. No. 158 of 2020.*]

78 of 2011.
Prohibitions relating to gill nets in internal waters.

15:02.—(1) No person shall take fish in the freshwater bodies of Belize by—

Prohibitions relating to gill nets in freshwater bodies.

(a) using a gill net that is greater than 100 meters in length;

(b) joining gill nets the total length of which exceed 100 meters.

(2) No person shall have in his possession a gill net which by itself or joined with another gill net, that exceeds 200 meters.

(3) No person shall set a gill net within a radius of—

(a) one mile of a bridge;

(b) one-half mile of the outfall of a tributary.

(4) No person shall use a gill net to take fish from the New River Lagoon and its tributaries including Lemonal Creek, Irish Creek, Dawson Creek, Ramgoat Creek or Crab Catcher Lagoon.

(5) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.

15:03.—(1) No person shall set a gill net, seine net, stop net, or long line in a river, creek, or stream that is more than one-fourth

Prohibition of other nets etc. in freshwater bodies.

of the distance across that river, creek or stream but which shall not exceed 200 meters in total length.

(2) No person shall set a gill net, seine net, stop net or long line in a lagoon that is more than one-tenth of the distance across the lagoon but which shall not exceed 200 meters in total length.

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of 500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.

Application for registration to use gill net. Second Schedule.

15:04.—(1) A person who intend to engage in fishing using a gill net that is not prohibited under these Regulations shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator in the form set out as Form II of the Second Schedule for registration to take fish using a gill net.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) evidence of possession of a valid fisherman's licence, if applicable;
- (b) evidence of fishing vessel licence, if applicable;
- (c) any other documentation required by the Fisheries Administrator for the purpose of considering the application.

Power to grant registration.

Third Schedule.

15:05.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may issue to the applicant a unique registration number and grant a certificate of registration in the form set out as Form 4 of the Third Schedule.

(2) A certificate of registration granted under subregulation (1) is valid for a period of one year but is subject to renewal on application.

(3) Where a fisherman has lost the certificate of registration issued under subregulation (1), he shall apply to the fisheries administrator for a replacement which shall be accompanied by the following—

- (a) a police report;
- (b) the appropriate fee as set out in Table L of the Sixth Schedule.

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.

Wanton waste of fish.

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:

No beach seine, trap etc. to be used within inhabited locality in Belize.

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

Use of anaesthetics.

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

No sale of coral.

20.—(1) No person shall—

Licence for sale of black coral.

- (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 under a license obtained therefore from the Fisheries Administrator under this regulation.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation “black coral” means any coral of the order Antipatharia.

Prohibition relating to whelks.

20:01.—(1) No person shall take, buy, sell, possess, or export whelk of the species *Cittarium pica* (commonly known as the West Indian Top Shelf Whelk) unless that whelk is at least 62 millimetres or 2.44 inches in diameter.

(2) Pursuant to regulation 20:02 and subregulation (1) a person may take, buy, sell, possess, or export whelk only during the period 1st October in one year to 1st January of the following year,

provided that the person is in possession of a whelk fishing license in accordance with regulation 20:02.

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.

Application for a whelk fishing licence.

20:02.—(1) A person who intend to engage in an activity pursuant to regulation 20:01 other than exporting of whelk shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a whelk fishing licence in the form set out as Form J1 in the Second Schedule.

Second Schedule.

(2) Where a person intends to export the shell and meat of a whelk, the person shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a special export licence in the form set out as Form K1 in the Second Schedule.

Second Schedule.

(3) An application under subregulations (1) or (2) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) evidence of possession of a valid fisherman's licence, if applicable;
- (b) the appropriate license fee as set out in Table M of the Sixth Schedule, which is refundable where the fisheries administrator refuses to grant a license.

Sixth Schedule.

- (c) any other documentation required by the Fisheries Administrator for the purpose of considering the application.

20:03.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a licence under regulation 20:02 to an applicant subject to any one or more of the following conditions that—

Power to grant licence.

- (a) there is no wanton waste of whelks;
- (b) both the meat and shell of whelks caught will be utilized;
- (c) the person shall fish for whelks so long as the person remains within the established quota;
- (d) at least 5% of the established quota is sold on the local market;
- (e) any other conditions which the Fisheries Administrator deems appropriate.

(2) The licenses shall be—

- (a) in the form set out as Form 5 or Form 6 of the Third Schedule;
- (b) valid for a period specified under regulation 20:01(2) and may be subject to renewal.

Third Schedule.

20:04. A person who land whelk shell without its meat commits an offence.

Landing of whelk shell without the meat prohibited.

20:05.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator, on an annual basis, shall—

Duty of fisheries administrator.

- (a) determine the catch quota, areas of extraction, and period of extraction of whelks; and
- (b) determine the catch quota, areas of extraction for fishing of sharks, and the number of licences to be issued; and
- (c) publish the determinations in the *Gazette* and in at least 3 newspapers of general circulation in Belize.

(2) Where the catch quota declared under subregulation (1)(a) or (b) is filled, the whelk fishing season or the shark fishing season, as the case may be, shall be declared closed by the Fisheries Administrator.

Record of purchase of fish for export.

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.

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

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.

Export of crawfish not to exceed quota.

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

Export of conch 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.

24A.– (1) The Minister shall, on an annual basis determine catch quota, export quota, areas of extraction and season of extraction for any fish.

88 of 2012.
Determination of catch quota, export quota, etc.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of these Regulations in respect of a prescribed period for the taking, buying, selling or having possession of any fish, the Minister may–

- (a) after consultation with the Fisheries Administrator; and
- (b) where the catch quota or export quota has been filled for that fish,

by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare the season of extraction closed.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator shall, prior to the declaration of the closure of a season pursuant to regulation 24A (2), give notice of that closure by publication in at least three newspapers widely circulated in Belize.

24B.–(1) A fish exporter or establishment who exceeds its catch quota or export quota by more than one thousand pounds commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Offence and penalty of exceeding catch quota or export quota.

(2) Where a fish exporter or establishment has exceeded its allocated catch quota or export quota by more than one thousand pounds, in addition to the penalties imposed under subregulation 24B(1) above, a reduction of its quota shall be applied in the following year by the amount representing the excess between its allocated quota and the actual quota.

24C. A person or establishment shall not have in possession any fish once the season has been declared closed, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

Possession of fish during closed season prohibited.

- Permission to export catfish. **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.
- No restriction to passage of boats or fish. **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.
- Offence to catch whale shark. 56 of 2003. **26A.**—(1) No shark of the species *Rhincodon typus* commonly known as the Whale Shark, shall be caught or killed in the waters of Belize.
- (2) Any person who contravenes Regulation 26A (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.
- Period during which shark fishing etc. is prohibited. 78 of 2011. **26:02.**—(1) No person shall take, buy, sell, possess, or export shark meat or fins during the period 1st August to 31st October in any year.
- (2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.
- Offences relating to shark and shark finning. 78 of 2011. **26:03.**—(1) No person shall take or kill any shark of the species *Ginglymostoma cirratum* (commonly known as nurse shark) in the waters of Belize.
- (2) No person shall engage in shark finning.
- (3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$,100.00 and not more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or to both.

26:04.—(1) A person who intend to take sharks, or buy, sell, possess, or export shark meat or shark fins other than those prohibited under regulations 26:01 and 26:03, shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a shark fishing licence or a shark meat and fins export permit, as the case may be, in the forms set out in the Second Schedule as Form L1 and Form M1, respectively.

Application for shark fishing licence. 78 of 2011.

Second Schedule.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) evidence of possession of a valid fisherman’s licence, if applicable;
- (b) the appropriate fee as set out in Table N of the Sixth Schedule;
- (c) any other documentation required by the Fisheries Administrator for the purpose of considering the application.

Sixth Schedule.

26:05.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a shark fishing licence to an applicant subject to the following conditions—

Power to grant shark fishing licence. 78 of 2011.

- (a) that the person supply the following information [relating to the season which ended] to the Fisheries Administrator by the end of August of each year—
 - (i) name of shark species, number of sharks, fishing location of sharks caught;
 - (ii) date when the shark was caught;
 - (iii) weight (in pounds) of shark meat of each shark by species and by date;
- (b) that there is no wanton waste;

- (c) that the shark meat and fins are landed and utilized;
- (d) that the shark meat and fins landed shall not exceed 5% of the wet meat weight;
- (e) that the shark is landed at authorized landing ports only;
- (f) that the fins are at least partially attached to the carcass prior to inspection by the proper authority at the landing port;
- (g) that the fishing of sharks will be done only by use of a circular fishing hook and fishing net with a mesh size of at least 6 inches;
- (h) that fishing for sharks is done within the declared areas of extraction so long as the person remains within the declared quota;
- (i) any other conditions which the Fisheries Administrator deems appropriate.

(2) A shark fishing licence granted under subregulation (1) is valid for the period other than the period specified under regulation 26:02(1) and may be renewed on application.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator shall not grant a renewal to the holder of a shark fishing licence who fails to furnish the information pursuant to subregulation (1).

Third Schedule.

(4) The shark fishing license shall be in the forms set out as Form 7 of the Third Schedule.

26:06.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a permit to export shark meat or fins to an applicant subject to the conditions that the person supply the following information to the Fisheries Administrator prior to the date of exportation—

Power to grant permit for exportation of shark meat and fins.
78 of 2011.

- (a) name of shark species, number of sharks, fishing location of sharks caught;
- (b) date when the shark was caught;
- (c) weight (in pounds) of shark meat of each shark by species;
- (d) number and weight of shark fins;
- (e) the name of the fisherman from whom the shark meat and fins were purchased;

(2) The permit for the exportation of shark meat and shark fins shall be in the form set out as Form 8 of the Third Schedule.

Third Schedule.

(3) The permit under subregulation (2) is valid for the period other than the period specified under regulation 26:02(1) and may be renewed on application.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator shall—

- (a) immediately revoke a license for the exportation of shark meat and shark fins where the holder of the license fails to furnish the information required under that subregulation (1);
- (b) not grant a renewal to the holder of a licence who fails to furnish the information pursuant to subregulation (1).

Offence of breach of conditions. 78 of 2011.

26:07. A person who fails to comply with any of the conditions of a shark fishing license or a permit to export the meat or fins of a shark commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$ 100.00 nor more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment of 6 months or to both.

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.

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

(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 license is consistent with the applicable fisheries management plan, and that the amount of fish authorized to be taken by such foreign fishing vessel in the fisheries management plan will not be exceeded by or through the issue of such license;
- (b) the issue of such license shall not cause unreasonable harm to the local fishing industry, consideration being taken in this respect to whether the license 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 license shall be beneficial to the Belizean economy and shall be in the public interest;
- (d) the applicant for such license 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 organization 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 license;
- (b) that any change at any time before or after the issue of a foreign fishing vessel license in the particulars and information set out in the application form for the license 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 master of each foreign fishing vessel, and each crew member thereof, shall while in the waters of Belize pursuant to the license, 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 authorized 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 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;

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(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—

- (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

- (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 authorized 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 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 sub regulations (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 Seventh Schedule hereto;

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- (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.

(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 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.

(4) The fees payable in respect of a local fishing vessel license shall, depending on the length of the local fishing vessel concerned, be of an amount set out in Table B of Sixth Schedule hereto.

Table B.
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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 sub-regulations (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 license 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 license in the particulars and information set out in the application form for the license 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—

- (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;
- (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 to board and remain on board the vessel as an observer.

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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.
1 of 2010.

(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.

(2:01) A person desiring to engage in fishing in Belize shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a fisherman's licence in accordance with these Regulations.

66 of 2002.
1 of 2010.
81 of 2019.

(3) A person applying for a Fisherman's Licence under subregulation (2:01) shall submit to the Fisheries Administrator—

- (a) a completed application form;
- (b) the prescribed application fee; and
- (c) any of the following—
 - (i) a valid Belizean Passport;
 - (ii) a valid Belizean Voters Identification Card or Social Security Card, along with proof of address; or
 - (iii) a valid Belizean Driver's Licence, accompanied by a Belizean Birth Certificate or Belizean Nationality Certificate.

1 of 2010.
81 of 2019.

(3:01) The Fisheries Administrator shall not grant a Fisherman's Licence unless the applicant—

- (a) is a Belizean;
- (b) is at least 18 years of age;
- (c) provides evidence of residing in Belize for a continuous period of at least six months prior to the date of application;
- (d) provides evidence that the marine product will be for sale only in Belize;
- (e) provides original receipts of sale or marine products in Belize, if the application is for the renewal of a Fisherman's Licence.

(3:02) A license issued pursuant to this regulation shall expire on 31st December of each year and is subject to renewal upon payment of the prescribed fee. 1 of 2010.

(3:03) A person who contravenes subregulation (2:01) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed under section 10 of the Act. 1 of 2010.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator may waive the requirements of subregulation (3) with regards to regulations 28 to 33. 66 of 2002.

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. Research permits.

(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 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 Schedule of hereto.

Table D.
Sixth Schedule.

(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.

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.

Marine
bioresearch
licence.

(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 bioprospecting shall train Belizean citizens and permanent residents in related fields;
- (c) an organization deriving revenue from the use of biodiversity 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;
- (d) no bioprospecting 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.

Terms and
conditions of
licences and
permits.

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

- (a) shall be valid for such period as may be specified in the license 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 seven days of such cessation, inform the Fisheries Administrator of that fact and return the licence for cancellation.

41.—(1) Before the issuing of a licence to fish on respect of any vessel, the Fisheries Administrator shall allot a distinguishing mark to that vessel and shall advise the owner of the vessel of the mark so allotted.

Distinguishing marks.

(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.

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.

Offence and penalty for contravening Regulation 41.

43.—(1) Every person or exporter engaged in any of the operations to which reference is made in these 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—

Returns.

Form EI.
Second Schedule.

(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.

Custody and disposal of seized articles.

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.

(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 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.

45.—(1) On convicting any person of an offence against these Regulations, the court—

Forfeiture.

- (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 may be applied towards payment of the outstanding fines.

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.

Cancellation of licences and permits.

(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.

General offence
and penalty.

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.

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].*

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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.

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

Samples of fish for analysis.

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.

Inspection by fishery officer.

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.

Preserving the identity of fish.

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.

Removal of tag placed on container by a fishery officer.

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 be condemned by the fishery officer.

Certificate of inspection. Third Schedule.

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

Time for disposal of fish.

day of inspection unless an extension of time for disposal is granted by the Minister.

Re-inspection 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.

Decision of Minister to be final.

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

Removal of inspection marks.

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.

Inspection Certificate null and void.

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

Registration of establishments.

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.

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 31st December in the year in which such certificates are granted.

74. The Minister may cancel a Certificate of Registration where—

Cancellation of Certificate of Registration.

- (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.

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.

Transportation of fish.

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.

Containers for fish to be clean.

Section III – Labelling

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—

Labelling of fish.

- (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.

Wrappers for fish.

78. Containers or wrappers in which fresh frozen or dressed fish is packed shall be clean and of good presentation.

Label not to be deceptive.

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.

No Designation without authority of Minister.

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.

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.

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

Requirements for export.

(a) crawfish unless such crawfish complies with the requirements of Table A of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;

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(b) dressed fish unless such fish complies with the requirements of Table B of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;

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(c) fillet unless such fillet complies with the requirements of Table C of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;

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(d) “market clean” conch unless such “market clean” conch complies with the requirements of Table D of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations;

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(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.

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.

Surfaces of walls.	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.	
Ventilation.	87. Adequate ventilation shall be provided in working areas.	
Rooms to be free from cracks.	88. Rooms where fish is dressed 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.	
	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.
Sanitary washbasins.	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.	
	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 provided.	Sanitary water.
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 watertight.

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.

Metal frames.

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

Construction of tables.

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 waterproof plywood, manufactured to a standard approved by the Fisheries Administrator.

Containers for holding fish before dressing.

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.

Containers for dressing fish.

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.

Storage of offal.

Flumes for conveying fish.

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.

(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

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| Processing of fish. | 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). | |
| Ice. | 104. Only ice made of clean water from a source approved by the Fisheries Administrator shall be used in a fish processing establishment. | |
| Food handler's Certificate. | 105. All persons employed in a fish processing plant must possess a valid food handlers' 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. |
| Overalls. | 109. All employees engaged in grading, packing, and cleaning of fish shall wear overalls, or other protective clothing. | |
| Waterproof garments. | 110. In a fish processing plant, filleters, skimmers, scalers and handlers of dressed fish shall wear clean waterproof 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 waterproof garments. | 112. Waterproof 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.	
Storage of utensils.	114. No person shall smoke or spit in the processing plant.	No smoking.
	115. Floors in wet working areas shall be kept clean and be thoroughly washed and disinfected at least once daily.	Cleaning of floors.
	116. Utensils coming in contact with processed fish shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once per working day or part thereof.	Cleaning 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.	Marking of offal containers.
	120. Offal containers shall be used only for offal, and distinctly marked.	No animals.
	121. Dogs, cats, and other animals shall not be allowed in a fish processing establishment.	Insect control.
	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.

Unnecessary material.

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

Beach area.

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

Cleaning materials.

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

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.

No toxic chemicals.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form 1

PORT OF EXPORT DUTY				ENTRY FOR			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Exporter</i>	<i>Name of Ship</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Weight of fish</i>	<i>Type of fish</i>	<i>Rate of duty</i>	<i>Amount of duty</i>

I declare the above particulars to be just and true in all respects.

Declared before me,

*Comptroller.
Exporter.*

SECOND SCHEDULE

Form E1

TO: FISHERIES ADMINISTRATOR
 FROM:

DATE:

NAME OF VESSEL:
 SMACK, DRY BOAT, SKIFF, (MARK WHICH)
 SIZE OF BOAT:
 BASED AT:

<i>Catch (Species)</i>	<i>Weight (lbs.)</i>	<i>Type of Gear Used</i>	<i>Area Fished</i>	<i>Time Spent Fishing</i>	<i>No. of Fishermen</i>

SECOND SCHEDULE (*CONT*)

Form F1

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO COLLECT
AQUARIUM FISH IN BELIZE

66 of 2002.

To: Fisheries Administrator
Date of Application _____
Name of Company _____
Address _____
On behalf of _____ (company)
I, _____
(person applying)

am applying for a licence (or renewal) to collect aquarium fish
in the waters of Belize from the _____ area.

Fish will be housed and packaged at _____

(address)

All applicants must still comply with all relevant Regulations
and must follow the approved conditions of the proposal. Failure
to comply with the above may result in cancellation of the
licence and a fine.

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only Date Approved _____ Approved by _____ RCR # _____ Comments:

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)

Form G1

66 of 2002.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS IN BELIZE

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application _____

Name of Farm _____

Location of the Farm _____

On behalf of _____ (farm), I, _____
(person applying)

am applying for a licence (or renewal) to conduct aquaculture operations with _____ at stocking densities of

(species)

(PLs or fingerlings/acre) in total of _____ acres of production ponds.

Seedstock will be obtained from _____

Processing will be done by _____

Production cycles per year _____

All applicants for an Operations Licence must have signed an Environmental Compliance Plan with the Department of the Environment.

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only
Date Approved _____
Approved by _____
RCR # _____
Comments:

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)
[Regulation 8:02]

Form H1

78 of 2011.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION TO TAKE FISH
BY USE OF TRAPS OR POSSESSION OF TRAPS

Belize Fisheries Department

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

Number of Traps: _____

Type of materials used to make trap and Make of Trap: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) evidence of possession of valid fisherman’s licence
- (2) evidence of possession of valid fishing vessel licence
- (3) design of trap

NB: It is an offence to give false or misleading information.

Signature of Applicant _____

Fishing License # _____

For Official Use Only

RCR Number: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Licensing Officer: _____

Signature of Licensing Officer: _____

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)
[Regulation 15:04(1)]

Form II

78 of 2011.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO TAKE FISH
USING GILL NETS

Belize Fisheries Department

<p><i>For Official Use Only</i></p> <p>Reference: Date received: Date Approved: Approved by: Number of Gill Nets: Registration No. assigned:</p>
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To: Fisheries Administrator

- (1) First Application Yes No
 - (2) Application for replacement of certification of registration Yes No
- (If answer to (2) is yes, attach items (3) and (4) below.)

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant or proposed name for registration: _____

Date of Birth (if applicable): _____

Nationality: _____

Applicant's permanent or business address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

Gill Net Information:

Gill Net	Total Length (Meters)	Mesh Size	Draft (Meters)	Gill Net Registration Number
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Total combined lengths of gill nets (in meters): _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) evidence of possession of valid fisherman's licence
- (2) evidence of possession of valid fishing vessel licence
- (3) police report
- (4) fee of \$25.00

NB: Items (3) and (4) above only applies in application for replacement of certificate of registration.

It is an offence to give false or misleading information.

Signature of Applicant

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)
[Regulation 20:02]

Form J1

78 of 2011.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO TAKE, BUY, SELL,
EXPORT WHELKS

(Whelk Fishing Licence)

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) evidence of possession of valid fisherman’s licence
- (2) fee of \$75.00

NB: The taking of whelk under 62 millimetres or 2.44 inches in diameter is prohibited.

The taking of whelk outside of 1st October to 1st January is prohibited.

It is an offence to give false or misleading information.

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only

RCR Number: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Licensing Officer: _____

Signature of Licensing Officer: _____

BELIZE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Capture Fisheries Unit

Whelk Data Collection Sheet (Fisherman)

Fisherman name: _____

Date	Location	Species	Wet meat weight (kg)	No. of shells	No. hours fishing	No. of fisherman

Note: This data sheet must be completed and submitted to the Belize Fisheries Department at the end of each month. Failure to comply may disqualify the holder of a whelk fishing license to renew his license in the following year.

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)

[Regulation 20:02(2)]

Form K1

APPLICATION TO EXPORT WHELK

78 of 2011.

<p>For Official Use Only</p> <p>RCR Number: _____</p> <p>Date of Application: _____</p> <p>Date of Issuance: _____</p> <p>Date of Expiry: _____</p> <p>Licensing Officer: _____</p> <p>Signature of Licensing Officer: _____</p>

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Contact Information: Tel. _____

Cel. _____

Email. _____

Signature of Applicant

BELIZE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT*Capture Fisheries Unit**Whelk Data Collection Sheet (Exporter)*

Exporter name: _____

Date	Port of Export	Species	Export quantity (kg)*	Value of export (\$US)

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) evidence of possession of valid fisherman's licence
(2) fee of \$500.00

NB: It is an offence to give false or misleading information.

* Note. This data sheet must be completed and submitted to the Belize Fisheries Department at the end of each month. Failure to comply may disqualify the holder of a Whelk export permit to renew his/her license in the following year. The weight of fins shall not exceed more than 5% of the total meat weight. This percentage shall be used to calculate total wet weight of animals.

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)
[Regulation 26:04(1)]

Form L1

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO TAKE, BUY, SELL
OR POSSESS SHARK MEAT AND FINS (SHARK
FISHING LICENSE)

78 of 2011.

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only

RCR Number: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Licensing Officer: _____

Signature of Licensing Officer: _____

BELIZE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Capture Fisheries Unit

Shark Meat and Fins Data Collection Sheet (Fishermen)

Fisherman name: _____

Date	Location	Species	Wet meat weight (kg) [†]	No. of fins	No. hours fishing	No. of fishermen

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) evidence of possession of valid fisherman's licence
- (2) fee of \$100.00

NB: It is an offence to give false or misleading information.

[†] Note. This data sheet must be completed and submitted to the Belize Fisheries Department at the end of each month. Failure to comply may disqualify the holder of a shark fishing license to renew his license in the following year.

SECOND SCHEDULE (CONT)
[Regulation 26:04(1)]

Form M1

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO EXPORT SHARK
MEAT AND FINS (SHARK MEAT AND FINS EXPORT
LICENSE)

78 of 2011.

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Contact Information: Tel. _____

Cel. _____

Email. _____

Signature of Applicant

For Official Use Only

RCR Number: _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Date of Expiry: _____

Licensing Officer: _____
 Signature of Licensing Officer: _____

BELIZE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Capture Fisheries Unit

Shark Meat and Fins Data Collection Sheet (Exporter)

Exporter name: _____

Date	Port of Export	Species	Export quantity (kg) [‡]	Value of export (\$US)

[‡] Note. This data sheet must be completed and submitted to the Belize Fisheries Department at the end of each month. Failure to comply may disqualify the holder of a Shark Meat and Fins export permit to renew his/her license in the following year. The weight of fins shall not exceed more than 5% of the total meat weight. This percentage shall be used to calculate total wet weight of animals.

THIRD SCHEDULE

FORM 1

(Reg. 64)

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

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

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.....

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 3

(Reg. 8:03)

78 of 2011.

FORM OF AUTHORISATION – TRAPS

Issued by the Belize Fisheries Department

Date of Authorization: _____

Name of Trap Owner: _____

Fisherman License Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

Number of Traps Approved: _____

Type and Make of Traps: _____

Signature of Officer

Official Stamp

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 4

(Reg. 15:05)

78 of 2011.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION – USE OF
GILL NETS

Issued by the Belize Fisheries Department

Date of Certificate Issue: _____

Name of Gill Net Owner: _____

Fisherman License Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Fishing Area: _____

Number of Nets Approved: _____

Type and Make of Nets: _____

Gill net's Registration Number: _____

Gill net approved for:

Freshwater body Specify body _____

Internal waters

Prohibitions:

1. Gill net if joined must not exceed 300 meters (internal waters) or 200 metres (freshwater body)
2. Gill net must not be used in the shorelines of Monkey River or Placencia

3. Gill net must not be set within a radius of one mile of a bridge or one-half mile of the outfall of a tributary
4. Gill net must not be used in the New River Lagoon or its tributaries

Replacement Certificate:

Signature of Officer

Official Stamp

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 5 [Reg. 20:03(2)(a)]

78 of 2011.

FORM OF LICENCE TO TAKE, BUY, SELL, POSSESS
WHELKS

Licence No

This licence is issued to

(full name)

(holder of Fisherman Licence No. valid

until

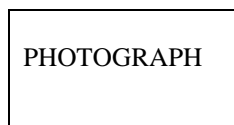
of.....

(address)

under the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

F'ee 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.

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.

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 6 [Reg. 20:03(2)(a)]

78 of 2011.

FORM OF LICENCE TO EXPORT WHELKS

Licence No

This licence is issued to
(full name)

(holder of Fisherman Licence No.
valid until)
of.....

(address)

under the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

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.

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.

Other conditions: All holders of a Permit to export whelk shall provide the Fisheries Administrator a monthly report of all whelk export data including date of export, port of export, name and address of final buyer, country, species, quantity (pounds) and value in Belize dollars.

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 7 [Reg. 26:05(4)]

78 of 2011.

FORM OF LICENCE TO FISH FOR SHARKS
(SHARKS FISHING LICENCE)

Licence No

This licence is issued to
(full name)

(holder of Fisherman Licence No. valid
until)
of.....
(address)

under the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made
thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the
date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

F'ee 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.

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.

THIRD SCHEDULE (CONT)

FORM 8 [Reg. 26:06(2)]

78 of 2011.

FORM OF PERMIT TO EXPORT SHARK MEAT AND FINS

Permit No

This Permit is issued to
(full name)

of.....
(address)

under the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This permit is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless suspended or revoked.

Until

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.

Note on Form I1 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.

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 swimmerets 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 ° F (- 23.3 ° C).

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).

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 or fish steak in clean running water;
- (d) 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 ° F (28.9 ° C);
- (h) store and maintain before shipment every frozen fillet or fish steak at a temperature not higher than - 10 ° F (23.3 ° C).

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 or 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 ° F (23.3 ° C).

FIFTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 12:02(E)]

55 of 1993.

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)

SIXTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 28(4)]

55 of 1993.
66 of 2002.
78 of 2011.

[Regulations 15:05(2)(b), 20:02(3)(b), 26:04(2)(b)]

- TABLE A - Fees for foreign fishing vessel licenses less than 45 ft overall length - \$1,000.00 per annum
- TABLE B - Fees for local fishing vessel licenses 20ft to 30 feet overall Length - \$25.00 per annum.
- TABLE C - Fees for fisherman's license - \$25.00 per annum.
- TABLE D - Fees for Research Permit - \$200.00 per annum.
- TABLE E - Fees for marine bio-prospecting license - \$1,000.00 per annum
- TABLE F - Fees for Fish Exporters License - \$50.00 per annum.
- TABLE G - Fees for Fish processing Plant License - \$1,000.00 per annum.
- TABLE H - Fees for Black Coral License - \$50.00 per annum.
- TABLE I - Fees for Fish Exporters Permit - \$5.00 per annum.
- TABLE J - Fees for Aquaculture Operation - \$1,000.00 per annum
- TABLE K - Fees or Aquarium Fish Collectors License - \$200.00 per annum.

TABLE L**	-	Fee for replacement of registration tag for gill nets - \$25.00
TABLE M	-	Fee for application to take, buy, sell, possess whelks - \$75.00
		Fee for exportation of whelks - \$500.00
TABLE N	-	Fee for shark fishing license - \$100.00
		Fee for exportation of shark meat and fins - \$300.00

** Tables L, M and N were added by S. I. No. 78 of 2011.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

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

55 of 1993.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR MARKING OF
FISHINGVESSELS

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 license 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.

2. 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 stern in such a way as to be clearly visible both from the sea and the air; and

- (ii) for vessels other than local fishing vessels or in decked 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

(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 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.
 - (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 eighth 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 (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**137 of 2001.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.*(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*

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 kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 420132 East and 1853219 North; thence in a south-westerly direction along the 100-fathom depth contour for an approximate distance of 8.18 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 409051 East and 1847134 North; thence in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 5.86 nautical kilometres 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 kilometres to the point of commencement.

Seasonal Closure Zone

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea consisting of the Channel situate at the northeastern 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 kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 428983 East and 1870287 North;

thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.960 nautical kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres to a point having scaled

UTM coordinates of 420132 East and 1853219 North; thence in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 7.154 nautical kilometres to the point of commencement.

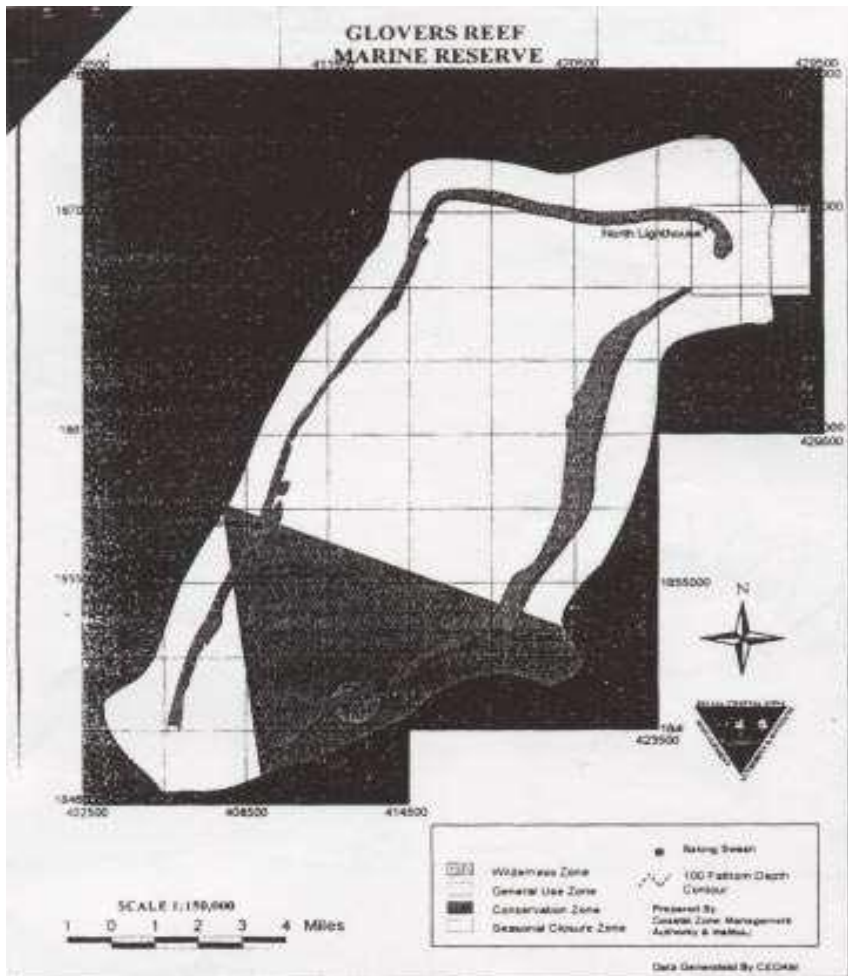
General Use Zone II

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 kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 409051 East and 1847134 North; thence south-westerly along the said 100-fathom depth contour for a distance of 9.341 nautical kilometres 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 kilometres from the southwestern end of Middle Caye enclosed, including the fringing marine area enclosed within a radius of .8 nautical kilometres.



CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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Establishment of Zones and Rules for Zones

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4. Rules for General Use Zone.
5. Rules for Conservation Zone.
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CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS
(Section 13)

70 of 1996.
Ch.174.
CAP. 210 R.E.
2020

[18th May, 1996.]

PART I

Preliminary

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (GLOVERS REEF 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 106 of the Belize
Constitution for the purpose of the Fisheries Act and the
regulations made thereunder;

Chapter 210.

“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.

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 Reserves as follows—

- (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.

Rules for General Use Zone.

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.

(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.

Rules for Conservation Zone.

5.—(1) There shall only be non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation Zone subject to the following restrictions—

- (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 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 divers 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;

- (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.

Rules for
Wilderness
Zone.

6.—(1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity shall be permitted within the 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.

Rules for
Seasonal Closure
Zone.

7.—(1) No person shall use the Seasonal Closure Zone without a relevant licence from the Fisheries Administrator.

(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*

Commercial
fishing licences.
Schedule.

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 form prescribed as Form I of the Schedule.

Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen 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.

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

9.—(1) Any person who is desirous of conducting research 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.

Research
licences.
Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen 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.

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.

Schedule.

(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.

Registration of dive boats.

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.

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 31st December next, after the date of issue.

PART IV

General

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| <p>12. Licences issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable.</p> | <p>Licences not transferable.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Duration and renewal of licences.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Cancellation of licences.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Conditions of licences.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Duty to report accident or damage to property</p> |
| <p>17. The Government shall not be liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.</p> | <p>Non-liability of Government.</p> |
| <p>18. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, 1977, shall apply within the Reserve.</p> | <p>Application of Fisheries Regulations.</p> |

- 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 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.
- Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas. **22.**—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.
- (2) No person shall within the Reserve engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.
- Offences and Penalties.

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.

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

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 Age years
(block capitals)

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

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.

<i>Lobster</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Fish</i>	<i>Conch</i>	<i>Other</i>
Traps () No. ()	Seine nets	() No. () ()	() Diving	Product
Drums () No. ()	Cast nets	() No. ()		_____
Beach 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	() 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. ()

Received in Office

Work Permit ()

Free received ()

Birth Certificate ()

FORM II

(Reg. 8)

FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

Licence No.

This licence is issued to

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(full name)

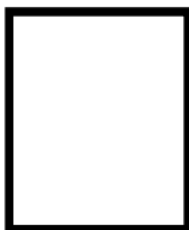
of under the

(address)

provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

Fee Paid Receipt No.



PHOTOGRAPH

(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.

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.

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 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 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.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my own behalf/as leader of a group of () students/on the behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:

.....

details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect () specimen of species for study/and export.

Date: Signed:

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 10]

FORM IV

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

<p>For Official Use Only</p> <p>Registration No. _____</p>
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<p>Last Name: _____ First Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Telephone: ()- _____ Date of birth: _____ (dd/mm/yy)</p> <p>Marital Status: S/M/Other: _____ No. of Children: _____</p>

<p>WORK STATUS</p> <p>Full Time []; Owner of Boat []</p> <p>Part Time []; Crew Member []</p> <p>Other: _____; Captain []</p>
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<p>BOAT STATUS</p> <p>Name of Boat: _____</p> <p>Length: _____ Width: _____</p> <p>Engine Type: _____ HP: _____</p>
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Licence type
Recreational []
Sport []
Others:
Specify _____

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION	
National ID []	Passport []
Diver licence []	Co-operative ID []
Valid Fisherman's Licence	
Other [_____]	
Social Security No. _____	

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RESIDENT FISHERMAN LICENCE

Licence No. _____

This licence is issued to.....
(Full name)

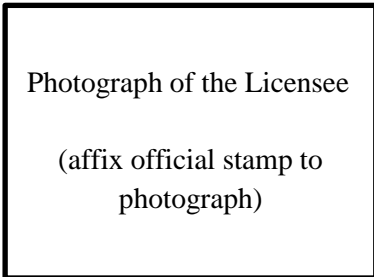
of.....
.... (address)

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)

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.



Fee paid: \$ _____

Receipt No. _____

Signature of Licensee

Signature of Licensing Officer

SCHEDULE

Regulation 10

FORM V

SPORT FISHING LICENCE

Licence No.: _____

(1) This licence is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)

This licence is valid for a period of one month.

From until

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.

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.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 11

FORM VI
APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR
OPERATION IN THE GLOVERS REEF 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: (Tick for activity included)
 - (a) Snorkeling
 - (b) Scuba Diving
 - (c) Glass-bottom viewing
 - (d) Sport fishing

Date: Signature

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of boat owner

Name of captain

Name of boat

This boat is registered to carry up to _____ passenger and to conduct the following activities in the Glovers Reef Marine Reserve. i.e.

.....

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

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

(Section 14)

[5th January, 2000.]

9 of 2000.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

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*

SCHEDULE 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

Western point	337 632.16 East 1 792 096 82 North
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(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
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North-eastern point	332 489.94 East 1 791 164.04 North
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Eastern point	332 705.19 East 1 789 944.26 North
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South-eastern point	332 800 East 1 788 533.14 North
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Southern point	331 915.92 East 1 788 270.05 North
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Southern-western point	331 389.74 East 1 788 628.81 North
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Western point	330 767.89 East 1 789 968.18 North
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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 1 796 019.26 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 1 795 397. 41 North

C. PRESERVATION ZONES

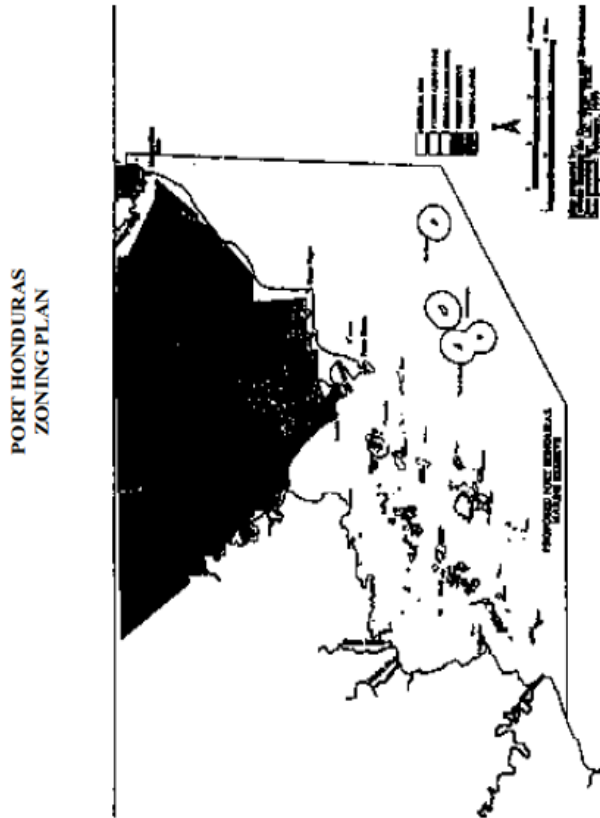
Middle Snake Cayes 0.805 kilometers (half a mile) radius around the Cayes scaling UTM coordinates–

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

SCHEDULE II

(Paragraph 3)

MAP OF PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE



CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS.**

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**
(Section 13)

18 of 2000.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

[19th February, 2000.]

PART I

Preliminary

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

**FISHERIES (PORT HONDURAS MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“fish” includes all the varieties of marine or freshwater 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 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. “Schedule” means the Schedule to these Regulations;

“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.

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.

Rules for
General Use
Zone.

(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 within 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

(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 license 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:

Form VI.
Schedule.

(e) all boats which need to operate in these zones shall first obtain registration from the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations.

(8) For the purpose of this Regulation “divers down flag” means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background.

(9) All motorboats 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

(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 license.

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.

(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.

Form V.
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..

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 31st 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

Conditions of
licences.

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.

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 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 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 by 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) Notwithstanding 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.

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

Commencement.

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

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

PART A

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

Name

(block capitals)

Age years

Fishing Experience years

(Full time years; Part time years.)

Home Address I am a boat owner (yes/no)

..... Boat operator (yes/no)

..... Crewman(yes/no)

I am/am not a member of a Fishermen's Co-operative Society

Name of Co-operative if a member

Membership No Previous Fisherman's licence No.....

Date Issued

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	Scale Fish	Conch	Other
Traps () No.	() Seine nets ()	No. ()	Diving ()
Product			
Drums () No.	Cast nets ()	No. ()	_____
Beach			
Traps () No. ()	Set nets ()	No. ()	Method
Diving () No. ()	Tangle Nets ()	No. ()	

Appendix 2

Other () No. ()	Gill Nets ()	No. ()	No. of Units
	Trammel net ()	No. () -1 or 2 wall	No. of Units
	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. ()	
Received in Office	Work Permit
Fee received	() Birth Cert

SCHEDULE

[Regulations 9(2)]
FORM II

FISHERMAN'S LICENCE

Licence No

This licence is issued to

(full name)

of under the

(address)

provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

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.

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.....
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.....

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 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 program, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or expedition including area of work.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my own behalf/ as leader of a group of () students/on the behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:

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(State purpose)

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details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect specimen of species for study/and export.

Date: Signed:

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 11(1)]

FORM IV

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

For Official Use Only
Registration No. _____

Last Name: First Name:
Address:
.....
Telephone: (-) Date of Birth:
(dd/mm/yy)

Marital Status: S/ M/ Other:

WORK STATUS

BOAT STATUS

Full Time []: Owner of Boat [] Name of Boat:
Part Time []: Crew member [] Length:
Width:
Other: Captain [] Engine Type:..... HP:

LICENCE TYPE

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Recreational [] National ID [] Passport []
Sports [] Drivers License [] Co-operative ID []
Others: Valid Fisherman’s Licence []
Specify Other [.....]
Social Security No.

(Cut along this line)

RESIDENT FISHERMAN’S LICENCE

Licence No:

This licence is issued to

(Full name)

of

(address)

under provision of the Fisheries Act, and the Fisheries (Port Honduras Marine Reserve) Order, 1999.

This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until

(Date)

.....

Photograph of the Licensee

Fee paid: \$

Receipt No.

Receipt No.

.....

Signature of Licensee

(Affix official stamp to photograph)

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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.

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

Photograph of Licensee

Fees paid: \$

Receipt No.

(affix official stamp to photograph)

This licence is 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 cancelled if the licensee is in breach of, any of the conditions stipulated above.

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.

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) 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) Snorkelling
 - (b) Scuba Diving
 - (c) Glass-bottom viewing
 - (d) Sport fishing

Date: Signature:

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.

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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 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.

Date
.....
(Fisheries Administrator)

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER***(Section 14)**[22nd September, 2001.]*

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the—**FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO 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 purpose of the Fisheries Act.Map of Marine
Reserve.
Schedule.**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.Repeals.
S. I. No. 88 of
1996.**4.** The Fisheries (Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve) Order, 1996, 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*

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 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.

CONSERVATION II ZONE

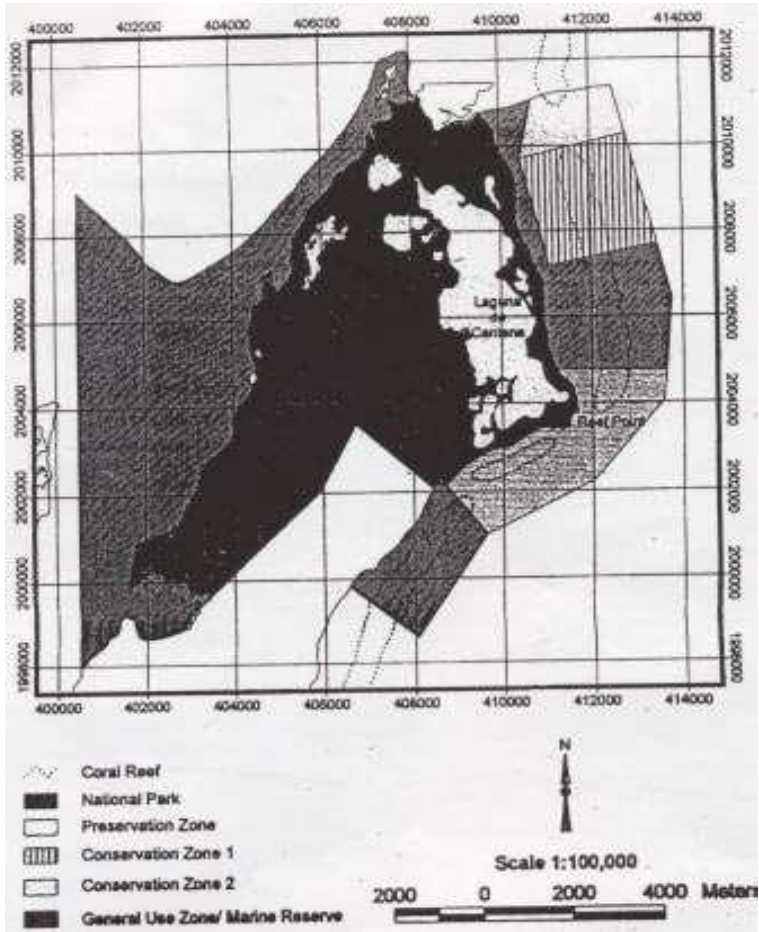
Comprising of approximately 1,987 acres commencing at a point along the eastern boundary of the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve having scaled UTM coordinates of 414430 East and 2004758 North; thence in a Southerly direction along the eastern boundary of the Marine Reserve for a distance of approximately 725 meters to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 414370 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 409510 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.

BACALAR CHICO

MARINE RESERVE



CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (BACALAR CHICO MARINE RESERVE)
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6. Rules for conservation II Zone.
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8. Rules for Preservation Zone.
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19. Application of Fisheries Regulations.
20. Opening days of Reserve.
21. Admission fees.
22. Prohibition of certain activities within the Reserve.
23. Designation of certain areas by Fisheries Administrator.
24. Duties of fishermen.
25. Offences and penalties.
26. Commencement.

SCHEDULE

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Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

CHAPTER 210**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 freshwater animals or plant life;

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“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” means the Schedule to these Regulations;

Schedule.

“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;

(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 license issued in accordance with these Regulations and such fishing shall only be carried out on a catch-and-release basis;

(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;
- (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” mean a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red or blue background.

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.

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 form prescribed as Form II of the Schedule.

Form I.
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.

(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.

Form V.
Schedule.

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

Form VI.
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.

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

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 fine 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 26th 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

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 9(1)(3)]

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.

PART A

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

Name Age years
(block capitals)

Fishing Experience Years (Full time years;
Part time years)

Home Address I am a boat owner (yes/no)

..... Boat operator (yes/no)

..... Crewman (yes/no)

I am/am not a member of a Fishermen's Co-operative Society.

Name of Co-operative (if a member)

Membership No. Previous Fisherman's licence No.

Date Issued

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()	No.() Cast nets ()	No.()	
Beach	No.() Set nets ()	No.()	
Traps ()	No.() Tangle Nets()	No.()	Method
Diving ()	No.() Gill Nets ()	No.()	_____
Other ()	Trammel net ()	No.()-1 or 2 wall	No. of
	Beach traps ()	No.()-shore or open	Units
	Fish pots ()	sea based	_____
	Drop fines ()	No. ()-any type	
	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.()

Received in Office Work Permit ()
Fee received () Birth Cert ()

FORM II
[Regulation 9(2)]
FISHERMAN’S LICENCE

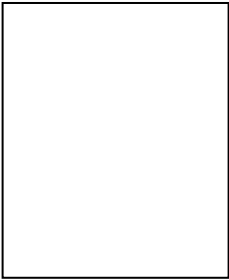
Licence No.

This licence is issued to
(full name)

of under the
provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made
thereunder.

This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of
issue and in force (unless cancelled) until.....

Fee Paid Receipt No.

	<p>(Licensing Office and Office Stamp) This license must be produced on demand to any police officer, customs officer or authorised fisheries officer and should be carried at all times</p>
<p>PHOTOGRAPH</p>	

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.

FORM III

[Regulation 10(1)]

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN
THE BACALAR CHICO 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 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.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my own behalf/ as

leader of a group of () students/on the behalf of the institution named above

for the following purpose: (specify)

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.....

details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect () specimen of species for study/and export.

Date: Signed:.....

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 11(1)]

FORM IV

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

For Official Use Only

Registration No. _____

Last Name: First Name:

Address:
.....

Telephone: () Date of Birth:
(dd/mm/yy)

WORK STATUS

Full Time [] ; Owner of Boat []

Part Time [] ; Crew Member []

Other:; Captain []

BOAT STATUS

Name of Boat:

Length: Width:

Engine Type: HP

LICENCE TYPE

Recreational []

Sport []

Others:

Specify

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

National ID [] Passport []

Driver license [] Co-operative ID []

Valid Fisherman's License []

Social Security No.

Cut along this line

RESIDENT FISHERMAN LICENCE

Licence No:

This licence is issued to
(Full name)

of
(address)

under provisions of the Fisheries Act, and the Fisheries (Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve) Regulations, 2001. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless cancelled) until
(Date)

Photograph of the Licensee
affix official stamp to photograph.

Fee paid: \$.....

Receipt No.

Signature of License

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.

FORM V

[Regulation 11(2)]

SPORT FISHING LICENCE

This licence is issued to
 (Full name)
 of
 (address)

This licence is valid for a period of one month.

From until

Photograph of Licensee with official stamp to photograph.	Fee paid: \$..... Receipt No
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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 cancelled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.

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.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 12(1)]

FORM VI

APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION FOR
OPERATION IN THE BACALAR CHICO
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 ()

Date: Signature

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of boat owner

Name of captain

Name of boat

This boat is registered to carry up topassengers
and to conduct the following activities in the Bacalar Chico
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.

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HOL CHAN MARINE
RESERVE) (REVOCATION) REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Revocation of Regulations.

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

147 of 2020.
R.E. 2020.

[17th October, 2020].

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HOL CHAN MARINE
RESERVE) (REVOCATION) REGULATIONS.**

2. The Fisheries (Hol Chan Marine Reserve) Regulations, 1988,
is revoked.

Revocation of
Regulations,
Sub. Leg. Rev.
Ed. 1991 Vol. IV
CAP. 174 p40

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 5th day
of October, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

*Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, and
Sustainable Development
(Minister responsible for Fisheries)*

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (HOL CHAN AREA MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.
3. Map of Marine Reserve.
4. Repeal.

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE II

CHAPTER 210

(Section 14(1)(b))

FISHERIES (HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE) ORDER

146 of 2020.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.

[17th October, 2020]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER.**

2. The area known as the Hol Chan, as more fully described in Schedule I to this Order, is hereby declared to be a marine reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Resources Act.

Declaration of
Marine Reserve.
Schedule I.
Act No. 7 of
2020.

3. The map of the Hol Chan Marine Reserve is set out in Schedule II.

Map of Marine
Reserve.
Schedule II.

4. The Fisheries (Hol Chan Marine Reserve) Order, 2015 is repealed.

Repeal.
S.I. No. 18 of
2015.

SCHEDULE I

[paragraph 2]

HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE

ALL THAT PORTION of Caribbean Sea, reef and cayes situated south of San Pedro Town in the Belize District consisting approximately of 414.5 square kilometers comprising of eight Zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, excluding all private property, and more fully described as follows:

ZONE A – HOL CHAN CHANNEL NO-TAKE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef on the south of Ambergris Caye containing about 2.7 square kilometres and also described as the area enclosed by the lines joining the four points having UTM coordinates N (1976253 N, 396509 E); K (1976010 N, 398100 E); L (1974320 N, 397610 E); M (1974616 N, 396064 E); thence proceeding to point N (1976253 N, 396509 E) the point of origin.

ZONE B – SEA GRASS BEDS

ALL THAT AREA comprising of land and sea containing approximately 22 square kilometers situated at the south end of Ambergris Caye bounded on the North, South, East and West by sea and also described as all that area enclosed by the lines joining the eight points having UTM coordinates E (1975899 N, 392004 E); I (1976375 N, 392500 E); J (1976775 N, 393100 E); N (1976253 N, 396509 E); M (1974616 N, 396064 E); NW (1974850 N, 395312 E); SW (1972659 N, 394768 E); B (1971796 N, 387888 E); then proceeding to point E (1975899 N, 392004 E) the point of origin.

ZONE C – MANGROVE ISLANDS

ALL THAT AREA comprising of land and sea containing 25.4 square kilometers situated at the south end of Ambergris Caye bounded on the North, East and West by sea and on the south by land locally known as Boca Chica and Cangrejo shoals and also described as all that area enclosed by the lines joining the ten points having UTM coordinates B (1971796 N, 387888 E); E (1975899 N, 392004 E); I (1976375 N, 392500 E); A (1976375 N, 392000 E); P (1976517 N, 391781 E); Q (1976534 N, 391848 E); R (1977343 N, 391000 E); D (1978000 N, 390750 E); O (1978000 N, 389500 E); C (1975486 N, 384110 E); then proceeding to point B (1971796 N, 387888 E) the point of origin.

ZONE D – CORAL REEF

ALL THAT AREA comprising of the sea and reef on the south of Ambergris Caye containing approximately 5.3 square kilometers and also described as all that area enclosed by the lines joining the four points having UTM coordinates NW (1974850 N, 395312 E); L (1974320 N, 397610 E); SE (1972129 N, 397018 E); SW (1972659 N, 394768 E); then proceeding to point NW (1974850 N, 395312 E) the point of origin, and includes the Exclusive Recreational Area (ERZ) described as follows:

EXCLUSIVE RECREATIONAL AREA (ERZ)

ALL THAT AREA of reef and sea within Zone D described as all that area enclosed by the lines joining the four points having UTM coordinates SE (1972129 N, 397018 E); S (1972542 N, 395270 E); T (1973600 N, 395522 E); V (1973400 N, 397368 E); then proceeding to point SE (1972129 N, 397018 E) the point of origin.

ZONE E – BAJOS GENERAL AREA

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property containing approximately 330.6 square kilometers starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 401293 East 1997748 North; thence proceeding west for a distance of approximately 15.7 km. to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 385600 East 1997748 North; thence proceeding south for a distance of approximately 11.02 km. to a point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 385600 East 1986635 North; thence proceeding west for a distance of approximately 8 km. to a point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 378964.9 East 1986809.9 North; thence proceeding southwest to a distance of approximately 8.7 kilometers to Point 5 having scaled UTM coordinates 373863.7 East 1979760.5 North; thence proceeding southeast for a distance of approximately 12.3 km to a point 6 having scaled UTM coordinates 384110 East 1975486 North; thence proceeding Northeast for a distance approximately 5.2 km to a point 7 having scaled UTM coordinates 389500 East 1978000 North; thence proceeding East for a distance of approximately 1.4 km to a point 8 having scaled UTM coordinates 390750 East 1978000 North; thence proceeding along the contour of Ambergris Caye to Point 1 the point of origin, and consisting of the following:

ZONE I: BAJOS GENERAL USE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 401293 East 1997748 North; then proceeding west for a distance of approximately 15.7 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 385600 East 1997748 North; then proceeding south for a distance of approximately 11.02 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 385600 East 1986635 North; then proceeding west for a distance of approximately 8 km to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 377698 East 1986823 North; then proceeding along the contour of the mainland for a distance approximately 15.7 km. to a Point 5 having scaled UTM

coordinates 372849 East 1980162 North; then proceeding southeast for a distance of approximately 12.3 km to a Point 6 having scaled UTM coordinates 384110 East 1975486 North; then proceeding Northeast for a distance approximately 5.2 km to a Point 7 having scaled UTM coordinates 389500 East 1978000 North; then proceeding East for a distance of approximately 1.4 km to a Point 8 having scaled UTM coordinates 390750 East 1978000 North; then proceeding along the contour of Ambergris Caye to Point 1 the point of origin, and excluding conservation zones (Zone II to Zone VI) within Zone E.

ZONE II: CAYO PAJAROS CONSERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property, starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 394563 East 1993098 North; then proceeding east for a distance approximately 2.2 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 396675 East 1993534 North; then proceeding northeast for a distance approximately 1.8 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 397765 East 1994992 North; then proceeding north for a distance approximately 2.7 km to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 397765 East 1997741 North; then proceeding west for a distance approximately 2.7 km to a Point 5 having scaled UTM coordinates 395032 East 1997758 North; then southwest for a distance approximately 4.7 km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE III: BAJOS CONSERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA that area comprising of sea and land except for private property starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 397452 East 1990504; then proceeding east for a distance approximately .73 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 398117 East 1990277 North; then proceeding northeast for a distance approximately 4.3 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 399655 East 1994361 North; then proceeding west for a distance approximately 0.7 km to a Point

4 having scaled UTM coordinates 398960 East 1994411 North then proceeding southwest for a distance approximately 4.1 km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE IV: CAYO ROSARIO CONSERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 393389 East 1987130; then proceeding southeast for a distance approximately 1.4 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 394764 East 1986761 North; then proceeding northeast for a distance approximately 3.3 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 395887 East 1989862 North; then proceeding northwest for a distance approximately 1 km to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 394881 East 1990063 North then proceeding southwest for a distance approximately 3.2 km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE V: BLACKADORE CAYE CONSERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 388575 East 1988613; then proceeding southeast for a distance approximately 2.6 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 391149 East 1987869 North; then proceeding northeast for a distance approximately 8.2 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 391341 East 1996066 North; then proceeding northwest for a distance approximately 1.7 km to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 393077 East 1995814 North then proceeding southwest for a distance approximately 8 km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE VI: LOS SALONES CONSERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and land except for private property starting at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 381907 East 1986704; then proceeding northeast for a distance

approximately 3.6 km to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 385584 East 1986753 North; then proceeding southeast for a distance approximately 5.3 km to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 388788 East 1982612 North; then proceeding southwest for a distance approximately 13.1 km to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 375862 East 1981130 North then proceeding northeast for a distance approximately 8.1 km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE F – CAYO FRANCES CONSERVATION AREA

ALL THAT AREA comprising of land and sea except for private property containing approximately 13.5 square kilometers commencing at Point 1, having scaled UTM coordinates 402888 East 1992728 North; then proceeding along the entire perimeter of the lagoon known as Cayo Frances for a distance of approximate 12 km to Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates 401474 East 1992720 North; then proceeding east for a distance of 870 meters to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates 402325 East 1992513 North; then proceeding southwesterly for a distance of approximately 2420 meters to a Point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates 401299 East 1990321 North; then proceeding southeasterly for a distance of 2098 meters to a Point 5 having scaled UTM coordinates 401299 East 1988223 North; then proceeding west for a distance of 670 meters to a Point 6 having scaled UTM coordinates 400633 East 1988223 North; then proceeding south for a distance of 376 meters to a Point 7 having scaled UTM coordinates 400633 East 1987847 North; then proceeding southeasterly for a distance of 1060 meters to a Point 8 having scaled UTM coordinates 401679 East 1987665 North; then proceeding Northeast for a distance of 895 meters to a Point 9 having scaled UTM coordinates 402179 East 1988409 North; then proceeding northeasterly for a distance of 3635meters to a Point 10 having scaled UTM coordinates 403571 East 1991766 North; then proceeding west for approximately 1km to Point 1 the point of origin.

ZONE G – MEXICO ROCKS GENERAL USE

ALL THAT AREA excluding Mexico Rocks No Take Zone (Zone H), comprising of sea and reef on the east of Ambergris Caye containing approximately 15 square kilometers commencing at a Point 1 having scaled UTM coordinate 403383 East and 1986195 North; then in a general northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 8200 meters to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinate 406914 East and 1993635 North; then in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1800 meters to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinate 405192 East and 1994265 North; then in a general southwesterly direction following the high water mark of the coastline for a distance of approximately 7900 meters to a Point 4 having UTM coordinate 401746 East and 1987208 North; then in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1900 meters to Point 1 the point of origin.

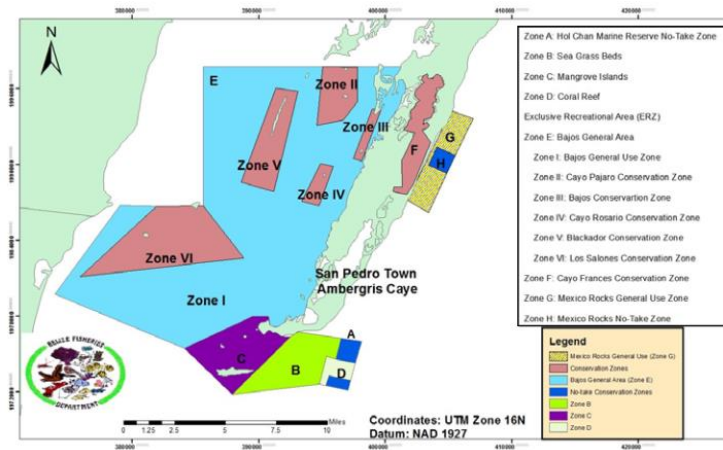
ZONE H – MEXICO ROCKS NO-TAKE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and cayes, excluding all private property, on the east of Ambergris Caye containing approximately 2.56 square kilometers commencing at a Point 1 having scaled UTM coordinate 404861 East and 1989312 North; then in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1600 meters to a Point 2 having scaled UTM coordinate 405526 East and 1990718 North; then in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1600 meters to a Point 3 having scaled UTM coordinate 404053 East and 1991421 North; then in a southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,600 meters to a Point 4 having UTM coordinate 403383 East and 1989957 North; then in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1600 meters to Point 1 the point of origin.

SCHEDULE II

[paragraph 3]

HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE MAP



MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 5th day of October, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, and Sustainable Development (Minister responsible for Fisheries)

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HOL CHAN MARINE
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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HOL CHAN MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS**

145 of 2020.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.

(Sections 17 and 20)

[17th October 2020]

PART I

Preliminary

1. These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HOL CHAN MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS.**

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the Hol Chan Marine Reserve Advisory Committee established under regulation 5;

“bag limit” means the quantum of fish allowed by the Fisheries Administrator to be caught by a person;

“Board” means the Board of Trustees established under regulation 3;

“catch and release” means the act of catching fish and then immediately releasing them back into the waters of Belize in the same state that the fish was landed;

“divers down flag” means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background;

S.I. 146 of 2020. “Exclusive Recreation Area” means the area within Zone D that is described as the Exclusive Recreational Area (ERZ) in the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

“extractive fishing” means fishing other than sport fishing;

“Manager” means an officer appointed by the Fisheries Administrator for the purpose of managing the reserve;

“no-take zones” means Zone A, Zone H and the Exclusive Recreational Area;

“recreational fishing” means fishing for leisure and enjoyment as well as fishing with the intention to eat the fish caught, but shall not include fishing for sale, exchange or barter and shall have an established bag limit;

S.I. No. 146 of 2020. “Reserve” means the Hol Chan Marine Reserve declared by the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

“SCUBA” means self-contained, underwater breathing apparatus;

S.I. No. 146 of 2020. “Zone A” means an area of the Reserve that is described as Zone A in Schedule I and indicated as such on the Zoning Map in Schedule II of the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

S.I. No. 146 of 2020. “Zone D” means an area of the Reserve that is described as Zone D in Schedule I and indicated as such on the Zoning Map in Schedule II of the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

“Zone E” means an area of the Reserve that is described as Zone E in Schedule I and indicated as such on the Zoning Map in Schedule II of the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

S.I. No. 146 of 2020.

“Zone F” means an area of the Reserve that is described as Zone F in Schedule I and indicated as such on the Zoning Map in Schedule II of the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

S.I. No. 146 of 2020.

“Zone H” means an area of the Reserve that is described as Zone H in Schedule I and indicated as such on the Zoning Map in Schedule II of the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020.

S.I. No. 146 of 2020.

PART II

Management of the Reserve

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

Establishment, composition, and constitution of the Board of Trustees.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Minister and shall consist of the following—

- (a) the Manager of the Hol Chan Marine Reserve or his designee;
- (b) a representative from a non-governmental organisation with an interest in environmental protection which operates in San Pedro;
- (c) the Chairman of the Fisheries Advisory Board or his designee;
- (d) the Fisheries Administrator or his designee;

- (e) the Financial Secretary or his representative from the Ministry responsible for finance;
- (f) the Director of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute or his designee;
- (g) the Chairman of a fishermen cooperative for San Pedro, or his designee;
- (h) a representative from a local Tourism Industry Association or Belize Tourist Board;
- (i) a representative from the private sector of San Pedro; and
- (j) the Mayor of San Pedro or his designee.

(3) The Board of Trustees shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with the power to enter into contracts and to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, hold and dispose of land and other property whatever kind, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(4) The constitution and procedure of the Board of Trustees shall be as set out in Schedule I.

Schedule I.

Functions of the Board of Trustees.

4. 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 subscription, 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 responsible for finance, for any purpose connected with the administration of the Reserve;
- (g) invest moneys of the Reserve but only after consultation with the Minister responsible finance and upon the recommendation of a reputable financial institution;
- (h) ensure regular revision and review of the Reserve's management plan;
- (i) comment on and recommend legislation and regulations for the Reserve;
- (j) prepare current reports on matters impacting the Reserve and liaise with relevant government agencies; and
- (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.

5.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator shall establish an Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising him on issues related to the efficient management of the Reserve.

Establishment and composition of the Advisory Committee.

(2) The Advisory Committee shall consist of one representative from the following organisations—

- (a) Fisheries Department;
- (b) Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute;
- (c) San Pedro Town Council;
- (d) Hol Chan Marine Reserve;
- (e) San Pedro Tour Guide Association;
- (f) Ambergris Caye Committee for Sustainable Development;
- (g) Local Building Authority for the town of San Pedro; and
- (h) the divisional representative for the electoral district which includes the town of San Pedro.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator may appoint to the Advisory Committee, from time to time, any other person who possesses specialised or technical knowledge in respect of issues being considered by the Advisory Committee.

Reserve Fund
Account.

6.—(1) The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister responsible for finance, open and maintain at a reputable bank, an account for the funds of the Reserve to be known as the Hol Chan Reserve Fund Account.

(2) The Hol Chan Reserve Fund Account may only be operated on by cheque or other negotiable instrument signed by the Chairman or other member of the Board authorized to sign and countersigned by any other member of the Board authorized to countersign.

(3) No moneys shall be paid out of the Hol Chan 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 Hol Chan Reserve Fund Account.

7.—(1) The revenues of the Reserve shall consist of the following moneys—

Revenue of the Reserve Fund Account.

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

8.—(1) The Board shall keep full and correct accounts of all moneys received and expended on behalf of the Reserve.

Duty to keep proper accounts.

(2) An annual audit of accounts shall be carried out by the Auditor General or an independent auditor to be appointed by the Minister responsible for 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 same through the Minister responsible for fisheries to the Minister responsible for finance, who shall present the said statement to the National Assembly as soon as practicable.

PART III

Control of Zones – General Provisions

Zones to be clearly demarcated. S.I. No. 146. of 2020.

9. The Zones of the Reserve, as described in the Fisheries Resources (Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve) Order, 2020, shall be clearly demarcated as restricted areas by buoys and other suitable signs by the Fisheries Administrator.

General prohibitions within the Reserve.

10. A person shall not, within the boundaries of the Reserve—

- (a) remove from its place or disturb any species of flora or fauna, including rocks, dead corals, shells or sand, unless authorised by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) have in his possession any flora or fauna unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator or by an enactment;
- (c) discharge or deposit any material, including waste, toxic material, garbage or litter, into waters or land areas of the Reserve;
- (d) erect any structure, whether temporary or permanent unless authorised by the Fisheries Administrator;

- (e) mark or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice installed within the Reserve;
- (f) use long lines, fish traps, seine nets or gill nets unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator to do so for scientific research purposes;
- (g) feed fish or other fauna of the Reserve;
- (h) engage in commercial fishing, sport fishing or recreational fishing within the Reserve without a valid licence issued in accordance with these Regulations;
- (i) engage in spear fishing;
- (j) cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage coral or any other sensitive habitat;
- (k) engage in water-skiing or jet-skiing, except in areas that may be designated by the Fisheries Administrator on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee; or
- (l) engage in any activity with potential negative environmental impacts on species, habitats or ecosystems without written approval from the Fisheries Administrator on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

11.—(1) A boat shall not operate in the Reserve without being licensed to do so and shall visibly display the sticker or marker provided upon being licensed by the Fisheries Administrator while operating in the Reserve.

General rules for boats.

(2) A boat shall not be licensed to operate as a commercial recreational boat within the Reserve if it exceeds 45 feet in length and shall not carry more than 30 persons while within the Reserve.

(3) A boat operator shall, before entering or operating in the Reserve, obtain the licence or authorisation required for any activity to be conducted on or from his boat within the Reserve.

(4) A boat that does not comply with this regulation will not be allowed to enter, operate or remain within the Reserve.

General rules for
divers and
snorkelers.

12.—(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (4), a person may dive or snorkel in the Reserve.

(2) A person may only—

- (a) dive or snorkel in a conservation zone upon registering with the Manager to do so;
- (b) dive or snorkel in the Reserve after he has been informed of the rules of the Reserve; or
- (c) SCUBA dive or use SCUBA diving equipment in the Reserve if he is a certified SCUBA diver or undergoing a SCUBA diving training course that is being conducted by a certified instructor.

(3) An operator of a boat that is being used by divers or snorkelers shall ensure that the boat flies the diver down flag when a diver from that dive boat is in the water and all motorboats shall observe the low wake boat way when approaching divers and snorkelers.

(4) A SCUBA dive tour shall consist of a maximum of eight divers to every licensed dive instructor and a snorkelling tour

shall consist of a maximum of eight snorkelers to every licensed tour guide.

(5) A dive guide or tour guide shall explain the rules of the Reserve to all his divers, snorkelers or visitors to the Reserve.

13. A visitor to the Reserve shall, before entering or operating in the Reserve, obtain the required admission ticket and licence, where applicable, upon payment of the appropriate fee specified in Schedule II at a location designated by the Fisheries Administrator.

General rule for visitors and users.

Schedule II.

14. A person who engages in any fishing activity within the Reserve shall provide information of the fish caught to a Fisheries Officer upon request.

Duty to report fish caught.

PART IV

Control of Zones – Special Provisions

15. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the following rules shall apply in respect of the no-take zones—

Special rules for no-take zones.

- (a) fishing, of any kind is prohibited;
- (b) a boat operator shall anchor his boat at the mooring provided in this Zone except in cases of emergency where life and property may be in danger;
- (c) the use of gloves is prohibited;
- (d) no fishing gear, except fins and mask, is permitted on board a commercial recreational boat;

- (e) a commercial recreational boat shall only be permitted to stay in the Exclusive Recreation Area if there are mooring buoys available and shall not stay for more than one hour at any one time; and
- (f) an operator of a commercial recreational boat shall—
 - (i) report to and obtain permission from the Manager, Fisheries Administrator or his designee before engaging in any water-related activities; and
 - (ii) ensure that the diver's down flag is displayed at all times on that boat.

Special rules for
Zone D.

16.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the following rules shall apply in respect of the Zone D—

- (a) the use of gloves is prohibited throughout Zone D; and
- (b) SCUBA diving in Shark Ray Alley, within the Exclusive Recreation Area, is prohibited except by a person who is authorised to do so for the purpose of scientific research.

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 10 (g), a tour guide may feed fish within the Exclusive Recreation Area, provided that he does so while he is inside a boat or otherwise not in direct contact with the water.

Special rules for
Zone E and Zone
F.

17.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, extractive fishing is prohibited within Zones II, III, IV, V and VI of Zone E and throughout Zone F.

PART V

Licences

18.—(1) A person who is desirous of engaging in commercial fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Commercial Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 1 in Schedule III.

Commercial
Fishing Licence.

Form 1.
Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a Commercial Fishing Licence within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, in the form set out as Form 2 in Schedule III.

Form 2.
Schedule III.

(3) The holder of a Commercial Fishing Licence may, upon the expiration of that licence, apply to Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of the licence in the application form prescribed in subregulation (1).

(4) A person shall, upon the grant or renewal of a Commercial Fishing Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Schedule II.

(5) Commercial fishing shall be restricted to fishing by the traditional fishermen of the Reserve and the Fisheries Administrator shall determine whether a person is a traditional fisherman.

19.—(1) A person who is desirous of engaging in scientific research within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Scientific Research Licence in the form set out as Form 3 in Schedule III.

Scientific
Research
Licence.
Form 3.
Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a Scientific Research Licence within fourteen days of the receipt of an application and shall communicate his decision to the applicant in writing.

Schedule II. (3) A person shall, upon the grant of a Scientific Research Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary the fee payable by a person for a Scientific Research Licence.

Sport Fishing Licence. Form 4. Schedule III. Schedule II.

20. A person who is desirous of engaging in sport fishing within the Reserve shall obtain a Sport Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 4 in Schedule III upon payment of the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Recreational Fishing Licence. Form 5. Schedule III. Schedule II.

21.—(1) A person who is desirous of engaging in recreational fishing within the Reserve shall obtain a Recreational Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 5 in Schedule III upon payment of the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

(2) A person who obtains a Recreational Fishing Licence shall not engage in recreational fishing in excess of the permitted bag limit.

Boat operator licence. Form 6. Schedule III.

22.—(1) A boat operator, other than a person who operates a boat for the purpose of recreational fishing or commercial fishing, who is desirous of operating within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Boat Operator Licence in the form set out as Form 6 in Schedule III.

Form 7. Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a Boat Operator Licence, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, in the form set out as Form 7 in Schedule III.

Schedule II.

(3) A person shall, upon the grant of a Boat Operator Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Duration and renewal of licences.

23. A licence granted under these Regulations—

(a) shall not be transferable;

- (a) expires on December 31st of each year, unless the licence specifies otherwise; and
- (b) may be renewed for a period not exceeding one year.

PART VI

Miscellaneous

24.—(1) A person involved in any accident within the Reserve which involves personal injury, damage to property or damage to the environment shall report the accident to the Manager or his designee, as soon as possible but not later than twelve hours after the occurrence of the accident.

Duty to report accidents.

(2) The Manager, the Fisheries Administrator or the Government of Belize shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by such an accident.

25. A person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified in section 15 of the Fisheries Resources Act.

General penalty. Act No. 7 of 2020.

26.—(1) The Fisheries (Hol Chan Marine Reserve) Regulations 2015 is repealed.

Repeal and savings. S.I. No. 17 of 2015.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal under subregulation (1)—

- (a) nothing in these Regulations shall affect any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed Regulations before the coming into force of these Regulations; and

- (b) every licence granted before the entry into force of these Regulations shall continue to be valid for the duration of that licence.

SCHEDULE I

[regulation 3]

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The members of the Board shall elect one of the members thereof to be its Chairman.
2. 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 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.
3. The Board shall meet at least once every quarter or at such shorter intervals as may be necessary for the transaction of business.
4. Meetings of the Board shall be at such places and times as the Board may determine.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
8. Decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of votes.
9. 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.

10. The constitution of the Board and any changes occurring therein from time to time shall be published in the *Gazette*.

11. Subject to the existence of a quorum, the powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

12. All documents made by, and decisions of the Board shall be signed by the Chairman or by any member of the Board authorized to act in that behalf by the Board.

13. Subject to this Schedule the Board may regulate its own procedures.

SCHEDULE II

[regulations 13, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The following fees shall—

(a) apply in respect of the admission of a person who is over the age of twelve years for the purpose of engaging in the corresponding activity; and

(b) be waived in respect of a Belizean Tourist who is admitted to the Reserve on a Sunday or on a public or bank holiday.

A fee for a Belizean Tourist shall apply in respect of a citizen of Belize, a CARICOM Member State or a state under the Central American Integration System.

Activity	Per Person/ Period	Rate (BZ\$)
Snorkelling:	Non-Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 20.00
	Per Week	\$ 50.00
	Per Year	\$100.00
	Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 5.00
Per Week	\$ 10.00	
Per Year	\$ 25.00	
Diving:	Non-Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 20.00
	Per Week	\$ 50.00
	Per Year	\$100.00

	Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 5.00
	Per Week	\$ 10.00
	Per Year	\$ 25.00
Recreational Fishing:	Non-Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 30.00
	Per Week	\$ 70.00
	Per Year	\$150.00
	Belizean Tourist:	
	Per Day	\$ 5.00
	Per Week	\$ 10.00
	Per Year	\$ 25.00
Sport Fishing:	Per Day	\$ 20.00
	Per Week	\$ 50.00
	Per Year	\$100.00

The following fees shall apply in respect of a licence granted for the corresponding purpose:

Licence	Rate (BZ\$)
Commercial Fishing	\$25.00
Scientific Research	\$500.00
Sport Fishing	See above fees
Recreational Fishing	See above fees
Boat Operator	\$100.00

SCHEDULE III

[regulations 18, 19, 20, 21, & 22]

FORM 1

[regulation 18]

**APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHING
LICENCE**

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied with the relevant documentation and information as required under regulation 37 of the Fisheries Regulations.

To: The Fisheries Administrator

Date of application
(dd/mm/yy)

PART A

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a commercial fishing licence.

Name : Age: years;

Fishing Experience:years (Full time years;

Part time years.)

Home Address:
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I am a –
boat owner(yes/no)
Boat operator(yes/no)
Crewman(yes/no)

I am a member of a Fishermen’s Co-operative Society.....
(yes/no)

Name of Co-operative, if a member:.....

Membership No.:Previous Fishing Licence No.,
if any.

Date Issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

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.

Please specify type of fishing in which engaged and methods and
number of units used:

Species harvested:

Fishing gears used:

Number of fishing gears used:

Other methods (specify):

Approximate value of gear:

Place of normal landing of catch:

Signature of applicant:

THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

List of documents received:

Passport No.

Birth Certificate No.

Residence Card No.

Utility Bill type and No.

Date application received

Signature of Licensing Officer

FORM 2

[regulation 18]

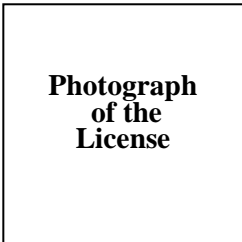
COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE

License No.....

Date issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

This license is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)



under the provisions of the Fisheries Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless – cancelled) until
(dd/mm/yy)

Fees Paid
Receipt No.

(Signature of Issuing Officer and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer or Fisheries Officer and should be carried at all times.

FORM 3

[regulation 19]

APPLICATION FOR A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LICENCE

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of application:
(dd/mm/yy)

Name of Applicant including title or designation:

Address:

Home Country:

Whilst in Belize:

Telephone No.....

Name of person who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions attached to the licence:

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Institution with whom connection or on whose behalf the work is to be carried out:

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Period during which work is to be carried

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 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.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my own behalf / as leader of a group of () students / on the behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:

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details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect specimen of () species for study and export.

Date: Signature of applicant:
(*dd/mm/yy*)

.....

FORM 4

[regulation 20]

SPORT FISHING LICENCE

License No.....

Date issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

This license is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)

This licence is not transferable and is valid for a period of:

- | | | | |
|----------|-----|------------|------------|
| One Day | [] | Fees paid: | [\$20.00] |
| One Week | [] | | [\$50.00] |
| One Year | [] | | [\$100.00] |

From.....until.....

Place issued

Signature of issuing Officer

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 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 cancelled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.

N.B.

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.

FORM 5

[regulation 21]

RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE

License No.....

Date issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

This license is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)

This licence is not transferable and is valid for a period of:

Belizeans:

One Day	[]	Fees paid:	[\$5.00]
One Week	[]		[\$10.00]
One Year	[]		[\$25.00]

Non-Belizeans:

One Day	[]	Fees paid:	[\$30.00]
One Week	[]		[\$70.00]
One Year	[]		[\$150.00]

From..... until

Place issued _____

Signature of issuing Officer

N.B The holder of this licence is entitled to a daily bag limit determined by the Fisheries Administrator.

N.B. 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 recreational fishing activity.

FORM 6

[regulation 22]

APPLICATION FOR A BOAT OPERATOR LICENCE

- (1) Name of boat owner
- (2) Name of boat
- (3) Belize Port Authority Number
- (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) Snorkelling ()
- (b) SCUBA Diving ()
- (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
- (d) Sport fishing ()
- (e) Other activity () Specify.....

Date:..... Signature of applicant:.....
 (dd/mm/yy)

FORM 7

[regulation 22]

BOAT OPERATOR LICENCE

Name of boat owner

Name of captain

Name of boat

This boat is registered to carry up topassengers and to conduct the following activities in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve:

Type of activity (Tick for activity included)

- (a) Snorkelling ()
- (b) SCUBA Diving ()
- (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
- (d) Sport fishing ()
- (e) Other activity () Specify.....

Conditions of License:

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

- (a) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (b) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.

- (c) To fly the “drivers down” flag during all dives.
- (d) 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–

- (a) To submit details to the Reserve Manager when requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (b) To release fish on a catch and release basis.

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

This license is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless cancelled) until

.....

Fees Paid
Receipt No.....

(Licensing Officer’s signature and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer or Fisheries Officer and should be carried at all times.

Date issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 5th day of October, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

*Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and
Sustainable Development (Minister responsible for
Fisheries)*

CHAPTER 210

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

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.
3. Map of Reserve.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

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

68 of 2000.
Ch. 174.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

(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 snorkelling;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby provided as follows—

1. This Order may be cited as the—

Short title.

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

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.

Declaration of
Marine Reserve.
Schedule.
CAP. 210.

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.

Map of
Reserve.
Schedule.

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

(DANIEL SILVA)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives

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

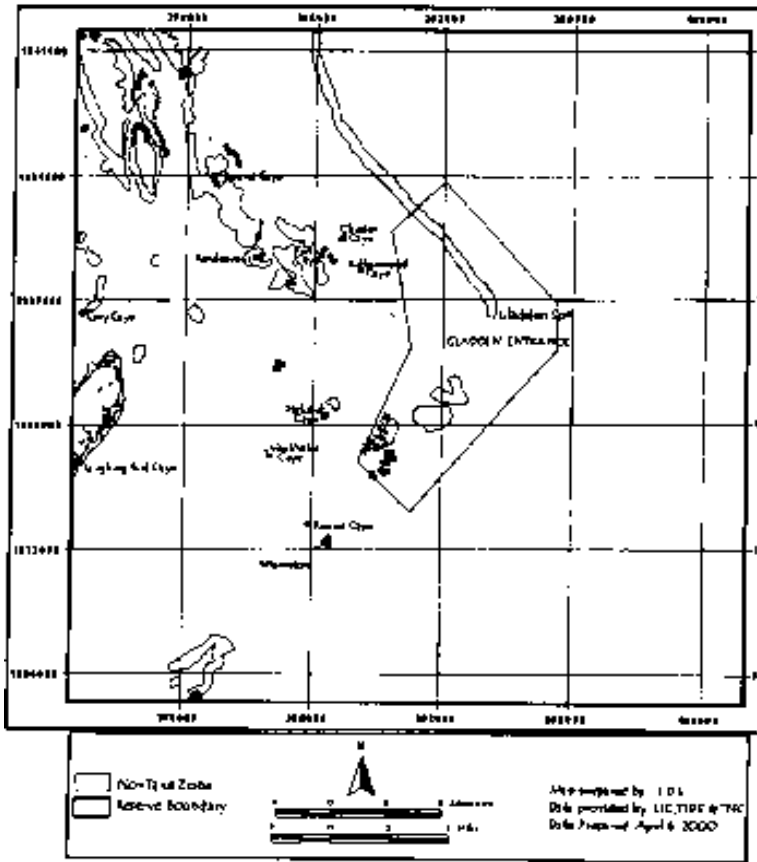
Commencing at a point BND-NW, lying more than 0.5 miles southeast of Gladden Caye, and having scaled UTM coordinates 389 229 East 1 830 932 North; thence in a general southeasterly direction to a point BNDM, having scaled UTM coordinates 390 330 East 1824 363 North; thence in a general southwesterly direction to a point, BND-SW, having scaled UTM coordinates 387 507 East 1 817 964 North; thence on a bearing of 135° (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 319° (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° (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.

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 1 818 393 North
NTSW	388 153 East 1 818 798 North
NTNW	389 300 East 1 820 230 North
NTNE	389 793 East 1 819 833 North
NTESE	389 518 East 1 818 855 North

MAP OF GLADDEN SPLIT AND SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE



CHAPTER 210

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

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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3. Establishment of an Advisory Committee.

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5. Rules for General Use of Zones.
6. Rules for Conservation Zone I.
7. Rules for Conservation Zone II (Restoration & Spawning Area).

8. General Reserve Rules.

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PART V

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19. Application of Fisheries Regulations.

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

95 of 2003.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2003.
R.E. 2020.

FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT & SILK CAYES MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS

(Section 13)

[5th July, 2003.]

PART I

Preliminary

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

FISHERIES (GLADDEN SPIT & 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.

“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;

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

“Recreational fishing” means fishing for 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, 2000; 68 of 2000.

“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.

(3) The committee members shall consist of representatives from the following organizations—

- (a) Fisheries Department;
- (b) Forest Department;

- (c) Coastal Zone Management Authority and institute;
- (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
Zones.

4.—(1) For the purposes of the regulation and control of the Reserve, there shall be established three zones within the Reserve as follows—

- (a) the General Use Zone;
- (b) the Conservation Zone I; and
- (c) the Conservation Zone II (Restoration Area and Spawning Area).

Schedule.

(2) The description of the above Zones shall be as set out in the 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.

(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.

(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 5:30pm;
- (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:

- (j) no vessel larger than 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 license 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.

(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 license 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 license 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 license 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 license 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 license 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 license in writing to conduct research.

(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 license or for the renewal of same.

(b) The Fisheries Administrator may in his discretion, waive or vary the fee payable for a research license.

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 license in the prescribed form set out 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 of December of any year inclusive.

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 may be renewed for like period upon payment of the fees specified in these regulations.
- Cancellation of licences. **15.** The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any license granted under these regulations if the license holder breaches any conditions of the license or contravenes any provision of these regulations or the Fisheries Regulations.
- Condition of licences. **16.** In issuing a license 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 license 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.

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 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 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 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 subregulation (1) any person who damages corals shall pay a penalty of five hundred dollars and an additional penalty maybe imposed based on the assessed damage, but such penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 30th day of June, 2003.

(SERVULO BAEZA)
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

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

PART A

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

Name.....Age.....years

(block capitals)

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 Fishermen's Co-operative Society

Name of Co-operative if a member.....

Membership No..... Previous Fisherman's license No.....

Date Issued.....

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 provide.

Lobster	Scale Fish	Conch	Other
Traps () No. ()	Seine nets ()	No. ()	Diving ()
Product			
Drums () No. ()	Cast nets ()	No. ()	
Beach			-----
Traps () No. ()	Set nets ()	No. ()	
Method			
Diving () No. ()	Tangle Nets ()	No. ()	
Other () 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/100yards.		

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.....()
 Received in Office Work Permit ()
 Fee received() Birth Cert()

FORM II

[Regulation 9(2)]

FISHERMAN’S LICENSE

License No.....

This license is issued to.....
(full name)
of.....under the
(address)

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 cancelled.

Until.....
Fee Paid.....Receipt No.....

(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 trip li cate for reconciliation of accounts.

FORM III

[Regulation 10(1)]

**APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION
WITHIN THE GLADDEN SPIT & SILKCAYE
MARINE RESERVE**

Date of Application
Name of Application 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 license.....
.....
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 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 program, in duplicate, of the purpose of the work or; expedition including area of work.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my own behalf/as leader of a group of() students/on the behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:.....

.....
.....

details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect () specimen of species for study/and export.

Date.....Signed.....

FORM IV

[Regulation 11(1)]

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

For official use only
Registration No.....

Last Name:..... First Name:.....
Address:.....
Telephone: ()..... Date of Birth:.....
(dd/mm/yy)
Marital Status: S/M/Other..... No. of Children:.....

WORK STATUS

Full Time Owner of Boat
Part Time Crew Member
With:.....
Other:.....Captain

BOAT STATUS

Name of Boat:.....
Length:.....
Engine Type:.....HP:.....

LICENSE TYPE

Recreational
Sport
Other:
Specify:_____

IDENTIFICATION

National ID
Drivers License
Valid Fisherman's License
Other _____
Social Security No. _____

INFORMATION

Passport
Co operative

RESIDENT FISHERMAN’S LICENSE

License No:.....

This license is issued to.....

(Full name)

of.....

(address)

under provision of the Fisheries Act, and the Fisheries (Gladden Spit & Silk Cayes Marine Reserve) Order, 2000.

This license is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force unless cancelled.

Until.....

(Date)

Fee paid \$.....

Photograph of the Licensee

Receipt No.....

Receipt No.....

(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.

FORM V

[Regulation 11(2), (4)]

SPORT FISHING LICENSE

License No:.....

This license is issued to

.....

(Full name)

Of.....

(address)

This license is valid for a period of one month

From until.....

Fees Paid: \$.....

Receipt No.

Photograph of Licensee with official stamp to photograph

This license is 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.....
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 activity.

FORM VI

[Regulation 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

Date..... Signature.....

Registration From

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 Gladden Spit & Silk
 Cayes Marine Reserve.
 i.e.....

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.

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

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.

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CHAPTER 210

35 of 1998.
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R.E. 2003.
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**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

SCHEDULE

CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE

S.I. 115 of 2008.

[Para 2]

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea and reef situated north and east of Caye Caulker consisting of approximately 9,670 acres and comprising the Preservation Zone, Conservation Zone and General Use Zone as shown in the Zoning Scheme below and more fully described as follows:

PRESERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef on the East of Caye Caulker containing approximately 1,442 acres commencing at a point P1 having scaled UTM coordinates 393734 East and 1965986 North; thence in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,950 meters to a point P2 having scaled UTM coordinates 395681 East and 1965890 North; thence in a South-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 3,009 meters to a point P3 having scaled UTM coordinated 394924 East and 196289 North; thence in a North-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 2,016 meters to a point P4 having scaled UTM coordinates 392904 East and 1963085 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,010 meters to the point of commencement.

CONSERVATION ZONE

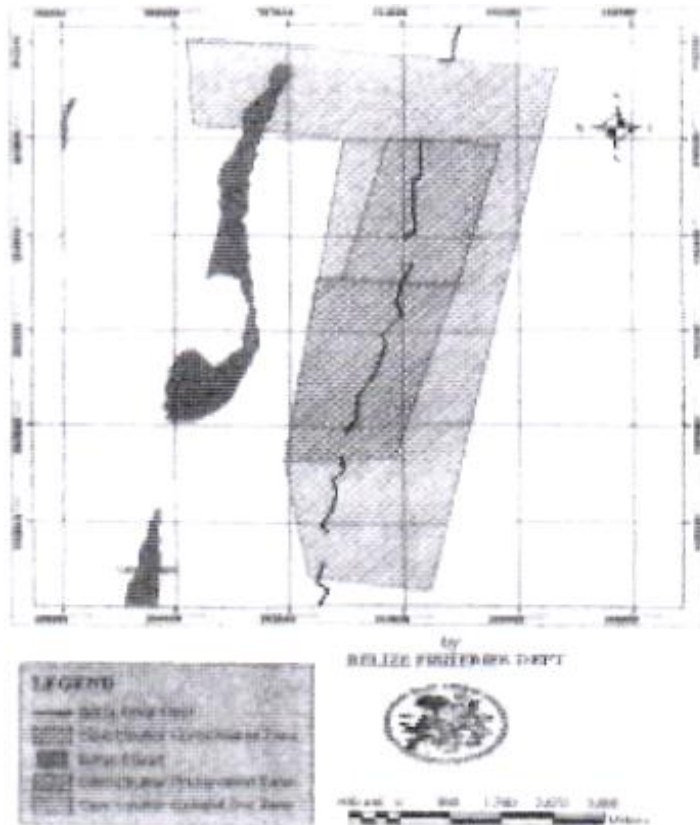
ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef on the East of Caye Caulker containing approximately 2,029 acres commencing at a point P5 along the Western boundary of the Caye Caulker Marine Reserve having scaled UTM coordinates 392495 East and 1963105 North; thence is a Southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,436 meters to a point P6 having scaled UTM coordinates 394924 East and 196286 North; thence in a South-westerly direction for a distance of approximately

3,839 meters to a point P7 having scaled UTM coordinates 393835 East and 1959304 North; thence in a South-westerly direction for approximately 1,951 meters until it meets the Western boundary of Caye Caulker Marine Reserve at a point P8 having scaled UTM coordinates 391912 East and 1959274 North, thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,873 meters to the point of commencement.

GENERAL USE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA of the Marine Reserve except for the areas designated and described as Preservation Zone and Conservation Zone comprising approximately 6,199 acres.

Caye Caulker Marine Reserve Zoning Scheme



CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**

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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**
(Section 13)

73 of 2009.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.

[23rd May 2009.]

PART I

Preliminary

1. There Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (CAYE CAULKER MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the Committee established under regulation 3;

“Fisheries Officer” means any fisheries officer, assistant fisheries officer, biologist or ranger employed by the Reserve;

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

“recreational fishing” means fishing for enjoyment and with the intention of eating the fish caught but not for the purpose of selling the fish caught;

“Reserve” means the Caye Caulker Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (Caye Caulker Marine Reserve) Order, 1998;

35 of 1998.

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

“Schedule” means the Schedule to these Regulations;

“sport fishing” means catch and release fishing;

“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 an Advisory Committee

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.

(2) The Committee members shall be appointed by the post they hold in their organizations

(3) The Committee shall consist of one representative each from the following organizations—

- (a) Fisheries Department;
- (b) Forest Department;
- (c) Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute;
- (d) Caye Caulker BTIA;
- (e) Caye Caulker Village Council;
- (f) Siwa Ban Foundation;
- (g) Caye Caulker Tour Guide Association;

- (h) FAMRACC;
- (i) National Fishermen Association;
- (j) Sarteneja Fisherman.

PART III

Establishment of Zones and Rules for Zones

4.–(1) For the purpose of these Regulations and for the control of the Reserve, there shall be established within the Reserve, the following three zones–

Establishment of Zones.

- (a) the General Use Zone;
- (b) the Conservation Zone; and
- (c) the Preservation Zone.

(2) The description of the Zones set out above shall be as set out in the Schedule to the Fisheries (Caye Caulker Marine Reserve) Order, 1998

35 of 1998.

5.–(1) The General Use Zone is restricted to fishing by licensed fishermen who currently use this Zone and fishermen who are desirous of fishing in this Zone shall apply for a license to fish in accordance with these Regulations.

Rules for General Use Zone.

(2) Residents of Caye Caulker who have special licenses to fish may fish solely for subsistence purposes, and such fishing shall be determined by the terms and conditions of each resident's license.

(3) No person is permitted to use long lines, spearguns or gill nets in the Reserve unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator.

(4) Sport Fishing is allowed in the General Use Zone only in accordance with the following—

- (a) spear fishing is not permitted;
- (b) catch and release fishing tours can only remove fish for subsistence purpose during the tour.

(5) No person shall, within the General Use Zone, cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage or cause damage to coral.

Rules for
Conservation
Zone.

6.—(1) There shall be only non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation Zone.

(2) No person shall engage in commercial, sport or subsistence fishing within the Conservation Zone.

(3) No person shall secure a boat to the sea bed 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.

(4) Every diver 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 license 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, are allowed to use scuba equipment in the Reserve;

- (d) dive guides are required to explain the rules of the Reserve to a diver within the Reserve;
- (e) every boat owner desirous of operating a boat in this Zone, shall first register his boat with the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations;
- (f) every operator of a motor boat shall observe the low wake zone boat way when approaching snorkelers or divers;
- (g) for Scuba tours, a maximum of eight divers per licensed dive master is permitted;
- (h) for snorkel tours, a maximum of eight snorkelers per licensed tour guide is permitted;
- (i) no person shall harass or in any way tamper with any fauna within the Conservation Zone.

(5) For the purpose of this regulation, “divers down flag” means a flag with a white diagonal strip upon a red or blue background.

(6) No person shall engage in water-skiing or jet skiing within the Conservation Zone.

Rules for
Preservation
Zone.

7.—(1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity shall be permitted within the Preservation Zone.

(2) No person shall operate a motor boat within the Preservation Zone except in cases of emergency, or where

written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.

PART IV

Commercial Fishing, Research, and Registration of Dive Boats

Commercial
Fishing Licenses

8.—(1) A person desirous of fishing within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator, in the form prescribed as Form I in the Schedule, for a commercial fishing license.

Form I.
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 license in the form prescribed as Form II in the Schedule.

Form I
Schedule.

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

(4) A fee of twenty-five dollars (BZ \$25.00) is payable upon the receipt of a fishing license or for the renewal of that license.

Research
Licenses.

9.—(1) A person desirous of conducting research within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator, in the form prescribed as Form III in the Schedule, for a license to conduct such research.

Form III
Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this regulation, grant a license in writing to conduct research.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to a research licence issued under these Regulations.

(4) A fee of five hundred dollars (BZ \$500.00) is payable by an applicant upon the receipt of a research license or for the renewal of that license.

(5) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary, at his discretion, the fee payable for a research license.

10.—(1) A boat operator desirous of conducting SCUBA diving and snorkelling within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for registration in the form prescribed as Form IV in the Schedule.

Registration of dive boats.

Form IV Schedule.

(2) A fee of ten dollars (BZ \$10.00) is payable by an applicant upon registration of a boat pursuant to subregulation (1) above.

(3) Boat registration pursuant to this Regulation expires on the 31st day of December next, after the date of issue.

PART V

General

11. Every license issued pursuant these Regulations shall not be transferable.

Licenses not transferable.

12. Every license issued under these Regulations, unless otherwise stated, is valid until December 31st of any year and may be renewed for a like period upon payment of the fees prescribed in these Regulations.

Duration and renewal of licenses.

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

Cancellation of licenses.

14. In issuing a license under these Regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licenses, as the case

Conditions of licenses.

may be, having due regard to the nature of the license and the need to protect the environment and natural resources.

Duty to report accidents or damage to property.

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

Non-liability of government.

16. The Government is not liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Application of Fisheries Regulations.

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, as amended, shall apply within the Reserve.

Opening days of Reserve.

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

Admission fees.

19.—(1) The fees payable by foreign visitors for all water recreational activities, excluding sports and recreational fishing, are ten dollars (BZ \$10.00) per person per day or thirty dollars (BZ \$30.00) per person per week.

(2) No fees are payable by Belizeans and children below twelve years of age.

Prohibition certain acts CAP. 210.

20. 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 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 which is installed in the Reserve.

21.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate areas for certain activities.

Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.

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

22. Every commercial, recreational, subsistence, and sport fisherman shall render to the Reserve Rangers upon request, the weight of fish caught within the Reserve.

Rendering fish catch information to rangers.

23. Every person employed by the Reserve for the purpose of management of the Reserve, is a Fisheries Officer charged with upholding the Reserve Regulations as well as the Fisheries Regulations.

Officers to uphold Regulations.

24. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is 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 fine and imprisonment.

Offences and penalties.

25. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.

Negative Resolution.

26. The Fisheries (Caye Caulker Marine Reserve) Regulations (S.I. 127 of 2008) is repealed.

Repeal.

27. These Regulations shall come into force on signature.

Commencement.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 13th day of May, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (SAPODILLA CAYES
MARINE RESERVE) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.
3. Map of Marine Reserve.
4. Repeal.

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE II

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES RESOURCES (SAPODILLA CAYES
MARINE RESERVE) ORDER**
(Section 14(1)(b))

141 of 2020.

[10th October 2020].

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the**FISHERIES RESOURCES (SAPODILLA CAYES
MARINE RESERVE) ORDER.**Declaration of
Marine Reserve.
Schedule I.
CAP. 210.**2.** The area known as the Sapodilla Cayes, as more fully described in Schedule I to this Order, is hereby declared to be a marine reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Resources Act.Map of Marine
Reserve.
Schedule II.**3.** The map of the Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve is set out in Schedule II.Repeal.
S.I. 107 of 2020.**4.** The Fisheries Resources (Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve) Order, 2020 is repealed.

SCHEDULE I

[paragraph 2]

SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea, land and reef known as the Sapodilla Cayes consisting of approximately 124,582 hectares and comprising the General Use Zone, Conservation Zone I, Preservation Zone, Conservation Zone II, Conservation Zone IIIA, Conservation Zone IIIB and Conservation Zone IV and more fully described as follows:

GENERAL USE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA of the Caribbean Sea and reef except for the areas designated and described below as Conservation Zone I, Preservation Zone, Conservation Zone II, Conservation Zone IIIA, Conservation Zone IIIB and Conservation Zone IV comprising approximately 13,144, hectares and commencing at point 1 having scaled UTM coordinates of 369498 East and 1791221 North; thence due south for an approximate distance of 3,417 meters to point 2 having scaled UTM coordinates of 369498 East and 1787804 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 8,699 meters to point 3 having scaled UTM coordinates of 366061 East and 1779812 North; thence again in Southwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 3,803 meters to point 4 having scaled UTM coordinates of 363074 East and 1777459 North; thence due West for an approximate distance of 3,473 meters to point 5 having scaled UTM coordinates of 359601 East and 1777459 North; thence in a Northwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 3,354 meters to point 6 having scaled UTM coordinates of 357210 East and 1779812 North; thence in a Northerly direction for an approximate distance of 8,251 meters to point 7 having scaled UTM coordinates of 355156 East and 178804 North; thence due North for an approximate distance of 3,417 meters to point 8 having scaled UTM coordinates of

355156 East and 1791221 North; thence due East for an approximate distance of 14,342 meters back to the point of commencement.

CONSERVATION ZONE I

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef containing approximately 263 hectares commencing at point 9 having scaled UTM coordinates of 357717 East and 1787569 North; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 4,121 meters to point 10 having scaled UTM coordinates of 357839 East and 1783450 North; thence in a Westerly direction for a distance of approximately 671 meters to point 11 having scaled UTM coordinates of 357186 East and 1783608 North; thence in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,754 meters to point 12 having scaled UTM coordinates of 357031 East and 1787358 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 716 meters to the point of commencement.

PRESERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef containing approximately 221 hectares commencing at point 13 having scaled UTM coordinates of 367722 East and 1786769 North; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,354 meters to point 14 having scaled UTM coordinates of 367417 East and 1785449 North; thence in a Westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,798 meters to point 15 having scaled UTM coordinates of 365667 East and 1785859 North; thence in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,588 meters to point 16 having scaled UTM coordinates of 366507 East and 1787206 North; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,292 meters to the point of commencement.

CONSERVATION ZONE II

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and reef containing approximately 1988 hectares commencing at point 14 on the Southeast corner of the Preservation Zone having scaled UTM coordinates of 367417 East and 1785449 North; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,355 meters to point 17 having scaled UTM coordinates of 367320 East and 1784097 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,440 meters to point 18 having scaled UTM coordinate of 365756 East and 1781034 North; thence in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 4,681 meters to point 19 having scaled UTM coordinates of 362261 East and 1777920 North; thence in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,639 meters to point 20 having scaled UTM coordinates of 361258 East and 1779218 North; thence in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,746 meters to point 21 having scaled UTM coordinates 363328 East and 1782339 North; thence continuing in a Northeasterly direction to a distance of approximately 4,226 meters to point 15 being the Southwest corner of the Preservation Zone and having scaled UTM coordinate of 365667 East and 1785859 North; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,798 meters to the point of commencement.

CONSERVATION ZONE III A

ALL THAT AREA of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as CONSERVATION ZONE III A and more fully described using the North America Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinate, in meters; on Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

DESCRIPTION – CONSERVATION ZONE III A: Commencing at point 26 having coordinates 339608 East, 1785515 North; thence due North for approximately 5,000 meters to point 27 along the Port Honduras Marine Reserve boundary having coordinates 339645 East, 1790516 North; thence north east along the Port Honduras Marine Reserve boundary for a distance of 1,400 meters to point 28 having

coordinates 340870 East, 1791221 North; thence due east for a distance of 14,300 meters to point 8 being the northwestern corner of the General Use Zone having coordinates 355156 East, 1791221 North; thence due south along the western boundary of the General Use Zone for a distance of 3,417 meters to point 7 having coordinates 355156 east, 1787804 North; thence in a southerly direction along the said boundary line for a distance of 8,251 meters to point 6 having coordinates 357210 East, 1779812 North; thence southeast along the said boundary line for a distance of 3,354 meters to point 5 having coordinates 359601 East, 1777459 North; thence due East along the aforementioned boundary line for a distance 3,473 meters to point 4 having coordinates 363074 East, 1777459 North; thence northeast along the aforementioned boundary line for a distance of 3,802 meters to point 3 having coordinates 366061 East, 1779812 North, thence in a northerly direction along the aforementioned boundary line for a distance of 3,290 meters to point 25 having coordinates 367361 East, 1782835 North; thence due East along the boundary of Conservation Zone IIIB for a distance of 58 meters to point 24 having coordinates 367419 East 1782835 North; thence due South along the said boundary for a distance of 1,757 meters to point 23 having coordinates 367422 East, 1781078 North; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 1,129 meters to point 29 having coordinates 366952 East 1780051 North; thence again in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 8,482 meters to point 30 having coordinates 363425 East, 1772337 North; thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 5,363 meters to point 31 having coordinates 358510 East, 1774483 North; thence northwesterly again along a straight line for approximately 21,885 meters to the point of commencement and encompassing an area of approximately 21,303 hectares.

CONSERVATION ZONE III B

ALL THAT AREA of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as CONSRVATION ZONE III B and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all

coordinates, in meters, on Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

DESCRIPTION – CONSERVATION ZONE III B:

Commencing at point 1 being the north-eastern corner of the General Use Zone and having coordinates 369498 East, 1791221 North; thence due East for a distance of 2,560 meters to point 22 having coordinates 372060 East; 1791221 North; thence southwest for an approximate distance of 11,200 meters to point 23 along the Nicolas Caye Sapodilla Cayes Spawning Aggregation site declared under Statutory Instrument No. 161 of 2003 having coordinates 367422 East and 1781078 North; thence due North along the eastern boundary of Nicholas Caye Sapodilla Cayes Spawning Aggregation site for a distance of 1,800 meters to point 24 having coordinates 367419 East, 1782835 North; thence due East for a distance of 60 meters to point 25 along the eastern boundary of the General Use Zone having coordinates 367361 East, 1782835 North; thence in a direction northeast along the eastern boundary of the General Use Zone for a distance of 5,400 meters to point 2 having coordinates 369498 East, 1787804 North; thence continuing north along the eastern boundary of the General Use Zone for a distance of 3,400 meters to the point of commencement and encompassing an area of approximately 1,142 hectares.

CONSERVATION ZONE IV

ALL THAT AREA of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **CONSERVATION ZONE IV** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, on Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection

DESCRIPTION – CONSERVATION ZONE IV:

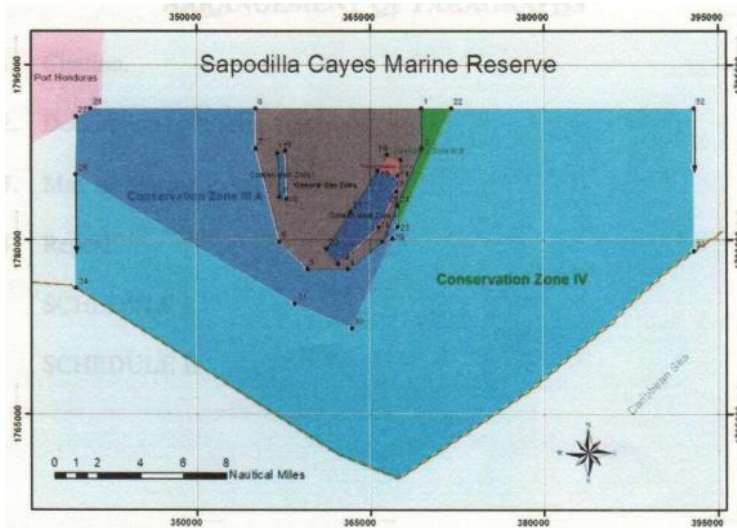
Commencing at point 22 at the northeast corner of Conservation Zone IIIB having coordinates 372060 East, 1791221 North; thence proceeding due East for approximately 20,938 meters to point 32 having coordinates 392998 East, 1791233 North; thence

due South to a point 33 where Easting 392998 intersects the international boundary with an adjacent State; thence in a generally Southwesterly direction thence shifting Northwesterly, along the international boundary line to a point 34 where the international boundary intersects the Easting 339608; thence due North to point 26 at the Southwest corner of Conservation Zone IIIA having coordinates 339608 East, 1785515 North; thence Southeast along the Southern boundary of Conservation Zone IIIA for approximately 21,885 meters to point 31 having coordinates 358510 East, 1774483 North; thence continuing Southeast along the said boundary for an approximate distance of 5,363 meters to point 30 having coordinates 363425 East and 1772337 North; thence Northeast along the aforementioned boundary for approximately 8,482 meters to point 29 having coordinates 366952 East, 1780051 North; thence continuing Northeast along the aforementioned boundary for a distance of approximately 1,129 meters to point 23 having coordinates 367422 East, 1781078 North; thence continuing Northeast along the aforementioned boundary for a distance of approximately 11,153 meters to the point of commencement and encompassing an area of approximately 86,518 hectares.

SCHEDULE II

[paragraph 3]

SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE MAP



MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 30th day of September, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development (Minister responsible for Fisheries)

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (SAPODILLA CAYES
MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS**

108 of 2020.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.

(Section 17 and 20)

[29th July, 2020.]

PART I

Preliminary

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (SAPODILLA CAYES
MARINE RESERVE) REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the committee established under regulation 3;

“bag limit” means the quantum of fish allowed by the Fisheries Administrator to—

(a) be caught by a person; or

(b) be on a vessel;

“catch and release” means the act of catching fish and then immediately releasing them back into the waters of Belize in the same state that the fish was landed;

“non-commercial fishing” includes—

- (a) sports fishing
- (b) recreational fishing; and
- (c) subsistence fishing;

“recreational activities” means any activity which does not involve fishing;

“recreational fishing” means fishing for fin fish for leisure and enjoyment as well as fishing with the intention to eat the fish caught, but shall not include fishing for sale, exchange or barter and shall have an established bag limit;

“Reserve” means the Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries Resources (Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve) Order, 2020;

“Reserve Manager” means a Fisheries Officer appointed for the purpose of managing the Reserve;

“SCUBA” means self-contained, underwater breathing apparatus;

“sport fishing” means catch and release fishing;

“subsistence fishing” means fishing for the purpose of direct family consumption in order to meet basic food requirements while contributing to nutritional needs.

PART II

Advisory Committee and establishment of zones

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.

(2) The Committee members shall be appointed by the Minister and shall consist of the following—

- (a) a representative from the Fisheries Department;
- (b) a representative from the Forest Department;
- (c) a representative from the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute;
- (d) a representative from the Punta Gorda Town Council;
- (e) one resident representing the private landowners of Sapodilla Cayes;
- (f) a representative from the Punta Gorda Tour Guide Association;
- (g) a representative from a Non-Governmental Organization with an interest in environmental protection which operates in southern Belize;
- (h) a representative from a Fishermen Cooperative or Fishers Association; and
- (i) a representative from the Belize Coast Guard.

4.—(1) For the purposes of these regulations and for the control of the Reserve, there shall be established within the Reserve, the following four zones—

Establishment of zones.

- (a) General Use Zone;
- (b) Conservation Zone I;
- (c) Conservation Zone II;

- (d) Conservation Zone IIIA;
- (e) Conservation Zone IIIB;
- (f) Conservation Zone IV; and
- (g) Preservation Zone

(2) The description of the zones established under subregulation (1) shall be as set out in Schedule I of the Fisheries (Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve) Order, 2020.

PART III

Control of Zones-General Provisions

Zones to be clearly demarcated.

5. The zones of the Reserve, as described in the Fisheries Resources (Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve) Order, 2020 shall be clearly demarcated as restricted areas by buoys and other suitable signs by the Fisheries Administrator.

General prohibitions within the Reserve.

6. A person shall not, within the boundaries of the Reserve—

- (a) remove from its place or disturb any species of flora or fauna, including rocks, dead corals, shells or sand, unless authorised by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) have in his possession any flora or fauna unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator or by an enactment;
- (c) discharge or deposit any material, including waste, toxic material, garbage or litter, into waters or land areas of the Reserve;

- (d) erect any structure, whether temporary or permanent unless authorised by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (e) mark or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice installed within the Reserve;
- (f) use long lines, fish traps, seine nets or gill nets unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator to do so for scientific research purposes;
- (g) feed fish or other fauna of the Reserve;
- (h) engage in commercial fishing or non-commercial fishing within the Reserve without a valid licence issued in accordance with these Regulations;
- (i) engage in spear fishing;
- (j) cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage coral or any other sensitive habitat;
- (k) engage in water-skiing or jet-skiing, except in areas that may be designated by the Fisheries Administrator on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee; or
- (l) engage in any activity with potential negative environmental impacts on species, habitats or ecosystems without written approval from the Fisheries Administrator on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

7.-(1) A boat shall not operate in the Reserve without being licensed to do so and shall visibly display the sticker or marker

General rules for boats.

provided upon being licensed by the Fisheries Administrator while operating in the Reserve.

(2) A boat shall not be licensed to operate as a commercial recreational boat within the Reserve if it exceeds 45 feet in length and shall not carry more than 30 persons while within the Reserve.

(3) A boat operator shall, before entering or operating in the Reserve, obtain the licence or authorisation required for any activity to be conducted on or from his boat within the Reserve.

(4) A boat that does not comply with this regulation will not be allowed to enter, operate or remain within the Reserve.

General rules for
divers and
snorkelers.

8.—(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (4), a person may dive or snorkel in the Reserve.

(2) A person may only—

- (a) dive or snorkel in a conservation zone upon registering with the Reserve Manager to do so;
- (b) dive or snorkel in the Reserve after he has been informed of the rules of the Reserve; or
- (c) SCUBA dive or use SCUBA diving equipment in the Reserve if he is a certified SCUBA diver or undergoing a SCUBA diving training course that is being conducted by a certified instructor

(3) An operator of a boat that is being used by divers or snorkelers shall ensure that the boat flies the diver down flag when a diver from that dive boat is in the water and all motor boats shall observe the low wake boat way when approaching divers and snorkelers.

(4) A SCUBA dive tour shall consist of a maximum of eight divers to every licensed dive instructor and a snorkelling tour shall consist of a maximum of eight snorkelers to every licensed tour guide.

(5) A dive guide or tour guide shall explain the rules of the Reserve to all his divers, snorkelers or visitors to the Reserve.

(6) A person registered to SCUBA dive shall not SCUBA dive for the purpose of fishing.

9. A visitor to the Reserve shall, before entering or operating in the Reserve, obtain the required admission ticket and licence, where applicable, upon payment of the appropriate fee specified in Schedule I and Schedule II at a location designated by the Fisheries Administrator.

General rule for visitors and users.

Schedule I
Schedule II

PART IV

Control of Zones-Special Provisions

10. In the General Use Zone the following are permitted—

Rules for General Use Zones.

- (a) commercial fishing;
- (b) non-commercial fishing; and
- (c) recreational activities.

11. In Conservation Zone I the following are permitted—

Rules for Conservation Zone I.

- (a) recreational activities; and
- (b) sports fishing.

12. In Conservation Zone II the following are permitted—

Rules for Conservation Zone II.

- (a) non-commercial fishing; and
- (b) recreational activities.

Rules for
Conservation
Zones IIA and
IIB.

13. In Conservation Zones IIIA and IIIB commercial fishing is permitted.

Rules for
Conservation
Zone IV.

14. In Conservation Zone IV the following are permitted—

- (a) recreational activities;
- (b) sports fishing; and
- (c) recreational fishing; and
- (d) fishing for the purposes of a tournament or competition.

Rules for
Conservation
Zones I, II, IIIA,
IIIB and IV.

15.—(1) No person shall secure a boat to the seabed of Conservation Zones I and II, 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.

(2) Every diver 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 accordance with these Regulations before operating in the Conservation Zones and all diver 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 are allowed to use scuba equipment in the Reserve;

- (d) dive guides are required to explain the rules of the Reserve to a diver within the Reserve;
- (e) every boat owner desirous of operating in any of these Zones shall first register his boat with the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations;
- (f) every operator of a motorboat shall observe the low wake zone boat way when approaching snorkelers or divers;
- (g) for scuba tours, a maximum of eight divers per licensed dive master is permitted;
- (h) for snorkel tours, a maximum of eight snorkelers per licensed tour guide is permitted;
- (i) no person shall harass or in any way tamper with or have in his possession any fauna within the Conservation Zones, unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator.

(3) For the purpose of this regulation, “divers down flag” means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red or blue background.

(4) No person shall engage in water-skiing or jet skiing in these Conservation Zones.

(5) No person shall engage in any activity with potential negative environmental impacts on species, habitats or ecosystems without written approval from the Fisheries Administrator on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

Rules for
Preservation
Zone.

16.—(1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no fishing of any kind, Snorkelling, diving or any other water activity is permitted within the Preservation Zone.

(2) No person shall operate a motorized boat within the Preservation Zone except in cases of emergency or where written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.

PART V

Licences

Commercial
Fishing Licence.
Form I.
Schedule III.

17.—(1) A person desirous of engaging in commercial fishing within the zones of the Reserve where commercial fishing is permitted shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Commercial Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 1 in the Schedule III.

Form 2 Schedule
III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application under subregulation (1), grant a Commercial Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 2 in Schedule III.

(3) Upon the expiry of a Commercial Fishing Licence granted under this regulation, the licence holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of that licence in the application form prescribed in subregulation (1).

(4) A person shall, upon the grant or renewal of a Commercial Fishing Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Schedule II.

18.—(1) A person desirous of engaging in non-commercial fishing within the zones of the Reserve where non-commercial fishing is permitted shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Non-Commercial Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 3 in Schedule III.

Non-Commercial
Fishing Licence.

Form 3.
Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application under subregulation (1), grant a Non-Commercial Fishing Licence in the form set out as Form 4 in Schedule III.

Form IV.
Schedule III.

(3) Upon the expiry of a Non-Commercial Fishing Licence granted under this regulation, the licence holder may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal of that licence in the form prescribed in subregulation (1).

(4) A person shall, upon the grant or renewal of a Non-commercial Fishing Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Schedule II.

19.—(1) A person desirous of engaging in scientific research within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Scientific Research Licence in the form set out as Form 5 in Schedule III.

Scientific
Research
Licence.
Form 5.
Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a Scientific Research Licence within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, and shall communicate the decision to the applicant in writing.

(3) A person shall, upon the grant of a Scientific Research Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Schedule II.

(4) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary, at his discretion, the fee payable for a research licence.

Boat Operator
Licence.

20.—(1) A boat operator, other than a person who operates a boat for the purpose of recreational fishing or commercial fishing, who is desirous of operating within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Boat Operator Licence in the form set out as Form 6 in Schedule III.

Form 6.
Schedule III.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may grant a Boat Operator Licence, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, in the form set out as Form 7 in Schedule III.

Form 7.
Schedule III.

Schedule II.

(3) A person shall, upon the grant of a Boat Operator Licence, pay the appropriate licence fee specified in Schedule II.

Duration and
renewal of
licences.

21. Every licence issued pursuant to these Regulations, unless otherwise stated, is valid until December 31st of each year and may be renewed for like period upon payment of the fees prescribed in these Regulations.

PART VI

General

Duty to report
accidents or
damage to
property.

22. A person in an accident which involves personal injury or damage to property or to the environment within the Reserve shall report, as soon as possible or at least within twelve hours of the occurrence of the accident, such accident to the Reserve Manager or to any officer of the Reserve or to the Fisheries Administrator.

Non-liability of
Government.

23. The Government is not liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.

Application of
Fisheries
Regulations.

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

- 25.** 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.
- 26.**—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate areas for certain activities. Fisheries Administrator may designate certain areas.
- (2) No person shall, within the Reserve, engage in water activities outside of the designated areas.
- 27.** All commercial, recreational, subsistence, and sport fishermen shall render to the Fisheries Officers upon request, catch data or any other information of fish caught within the Reserve. Rendering fish catch information to Fisheries Officers.
- 28.** A person employed by the Reserve for the purpose of management of the Reserve, is a Fisheries Officer charged with upholding these Regulations and the Fisheries Regulations. Officers to uphold Regulations.
- 29.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified in section 15 of the Fisheries Resources Act. Offences and penalties. Act CAP. 210.
- 30.**—(1) The Fisheries (Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve) Regulations 2009 is repealed. Repeal and savings. S.I. 75 of 2009.
- (2) Notwithstanding the repeal under subsection (1)—
- (a) nothing in these Regulations shall affect any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed Regulations before the coming into force of these Regulations; and
 - (b) every licence granted before the entry into force of these Regulations shall continue to be valid for the duration of that licence.

SCHEDULE I

*[regulation 9]***ENTRANCE FEES**

The following fees shall –

- (a) apply in respect of the admission of a person who is over the age of twelve years; and
- (b) be waived in respect of a Belizean who is admitted to the Reserve on a Sunday or on a public or bank holiday.

Per Person/Period	FEE (BZ\$)
Non-Belizean:	
Per Day	\$20.00
Per Week	\$50.00
Per Year	\$100.00
 Belizean:	
Per Day	\$5.00
Per Week	\$10.00
Per Year	\$25.00

SCHEDULE II

[regulations 9, 17, 18, 19 and 20]

FEES FOR LICENCES

The following fees shall apply in respect of a licence granted for the corresponding purpose:

LICENCE	FEE (per person)
Recreational Fishing	Non-Belizean: \$30.00 per day \$70.00 per week \$150.00 per year
	Belizean: \$5.00 per day \$10.00 per week \$25.00 per year
Recreational Fishing and fishing for the purposes of a tournament or competition (in Conservation Zone IV):	Non-Belizean: \$100.00 per day \$400.00 per week
	Belizean: \$50.00 per day \$200.00 per week
Sport Fishing:	\$20.00 per day \$50.00 per week

	\$100.00 per year
Commercial Fishing	\$25.00
Scientific Research	\$500.00
Boat Operator	\$100.00

SCHEDULE III

FORM I

[regulation 17(1)]

APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied with the relevant documentation and information as required under regulation 37 of the Fisheries Regulations.

To: The Fisheries Administrator

Date of application:.....
(*dd/mm/yy*)

PART A

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a Commercial Fishing Licence.

Name Ageyears

Fishing Experienceyears (Full timeyears; Part time.... years.)

Home Address I am a -
..... boat owner(yes/no)
..... Boat operator.....(yes/no)
..... Crewman(yes/no)

I am a member of a Fishermen's Co-operative Society(yes/no)

Name of Co-operative if a member

Membership No.....Previous Fisherman's licence No.; if
any.

Date Issued.....
(*dd/mm/yy*)

PART B

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

Please specify type of fishing in which engaged and methods and number of units used:

Species harvested:

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Fishing gears used:

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Number of fishing gears used:

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Other methods (specify)

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Approximate value of gear

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Place of normal landing of catch

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Signature of applicant

THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

List of documents received:

Passport No.

Birth Certificate No.

Residence Card No.

Utility Bill type and No.

Date application received	.....
Signature of Licensing Officer	.....

FORM 2
[regulation 17(2)]

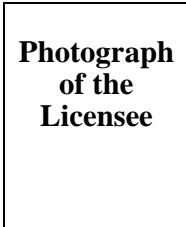
COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE

Licence No.

Date issued
(dd/mm/yy)

This licence is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)



under the provisions of the Fisheries Resources Act and Regulations made thereunder. This license is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains force (unless cancelled) until.

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(dd/mm/yy)

Fees Paid.....

Receipt No.....

(Signature of Issuing Officer and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer or Fisheries Officer and should be carried at all times.

FORM 3

[regulation 18(1)]

APPLICATION FOR A NON-COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied with the relevant documentation and information as required under the regulation 37 of the Fisheries Regulations.

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of application.....
(dd/mm/yy)

PART A

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a Non-Commercial Fishing Licence.

Name: Age:.....years

Fishing Experience:.....years (Full time.....years; Part timeyears.)

Home Address: I am a –
..... Boat owner(yes/no)
..... Boat operator ..(yes/no)
..... Crewman(yes/no)

I am a member of a Fishermen’s Co-operative Society
..... (yes/no)

Name of Co-operative, if a member

Membership No.....Previous Fisherman’s licence
No.; if any.....

Date Issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

Type of non-commercial fishing:

- Sports fishing;
- Recreational fishing; and
- Subsistence fishing

PART B

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

Please specify type of fishing in which engaged and methods and number of units used:

Species harvested:.....
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Fishing gears used:
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Number of fishing gears used:
.....

Other methods (specify):
.....

Approximate value of gear:
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Place of normal landing of catch:
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Signature of applicant
.....

THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

List of documents received:	
Passport No.	.....
Birth Certificate No.	.....
Residence Card No.	.....
Utility Bill type and No.	.....
Date application received	.....
Signature of Licensing Officer	.....

FORM 4
[regulation 18(2)]

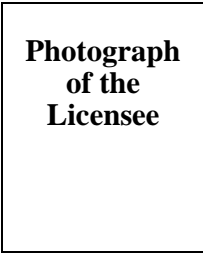
NON-COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE

Licence No.

Date issued
(dd/mm/yy)

This licence is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)



**Photograph
of the
Licensee**

Under the provisions of the Fisheries Resources Act and Regulations made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains force (unless cancelled) until.

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(dd/mm/yy)

Type of non-commercial fishing:

Fees Paid.....

Receipt No:

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(Signature of Issuing Officer and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer or Fisheries Officer and should be carried at all times.

FROM 5
[regulation 19(1)]

**APPLICATION FOR A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
LICENCE**

To: Fisheries Administrator

Date of application:
(dd/mm/yy)

Name of Applicant including title or designation:
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Address:
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Home Country:

Whilst in Belize:
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Telephone No:

Name of person who responsible for ensuring compliance
with the conditions attached to the licence:
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Institution with whom connection or on whose behalf the
work is to be carried out:
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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.
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 including area of work.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my behalf/as leader of a group of () students/ on behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:

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details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I

will want to collect specimen of () species for study and export.

Date:.....Signature of applicant:.....
(dd/mm/yy)

FORM 6*[regulation 20(1)]***APPLICATION FOR A BOAT OPERATOR LICENCE**

Name of boat owner:

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Name of boat:

Belize Port Authority Number:

Length of boat:

Width of boat:

Engine type and H.P.:.....

Passenger capacity:.....

Type of activity (Tick for activity included)

- (a) Snorkelling ()
- (b) SCUBA Diving ()
- (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
- (d) Sport fishing ()
- (e) Other activity ()Specify

Date:.....Signature of applicant:

(dd/mm/yy)

FORM 7
[regulation 20(2)]

BOAT OPERATOR LICENCE

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 Marine Reserve:

Type of activity (Tick for activity included):

- (a) Snorkelling ()
- (b) SCUBA Diving ()
- (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
- (d) Sport Fishing ()
- (e) Other activity () Specify.....

Conditions of Licence:

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

- (a) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (b) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.
- (c) To fly the "divers down" flag during all dives.

- (d) 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:

- (a) To submit details to the Reserve Manager who requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (b) To release fish on a catch and release basis.
- (c) To apply the mark/sticker provided in a prominent position on the registered boat

This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless cancelled) until

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Fees Paid

Receipt No.....

(Licensing Officer's signature and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police Officer, Customs Officer, Coast Guard or Fisheries officer and should be carried at all times.

Date issued

(dd/mm/yy)

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this 29th day of July, 2020.

HON. OMAR FIGUEROA

*Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and
Sustainable Development
(Minister responsible for Fisheries)*

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE
RESERVE) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserve.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE
RESERVE) ORDER**

118 of 1996.
51 of 2009.

(Section 14)

[31st August, 1996.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE
RESERVE) ORDER.**

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.

Declaration of
Marine Reserve.
Schedule.

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

(RUSSEL GARCIA)

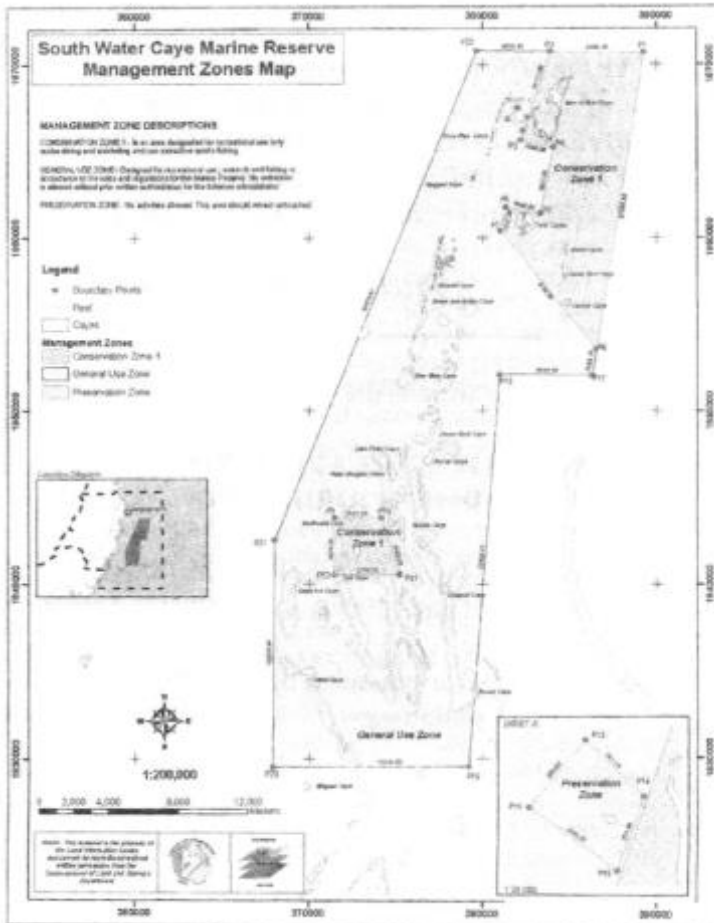
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

SCHEDULE

S.I. 51 of 2009.

SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE

[Para. 2]



ALL THAT PORTION of Caribbean Sea, reef and cayes situated southeast of Dangriga Town in the Stann Creek District consisting of approximately 117,874.9 acres and comprising the Preservation Zone, two areas described as the Conservation Zone I, General Use Zone, and excluding all private property, and more fully described as follows

PRESERVATION ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising sea and cayes, excluding all private property, on the west of Man of War Caye containing approximately 189.1 acres commencing at a point P13 having scaled UTM coordinate 382022 East and 1867505 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 811.1 meters to a point P14 having scaled UTM coordinate 382604 East and 1866940 North; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 774.5 meters to a point P15 having scaled UTM coordinate 382348 East and 1866209 North; thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,096.0 meters to a point P16 having UTM coordinate 381449 East and 1866836 North; thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 880.9 meters to the point of commencement.

CONSERVATION ZONE I

1. ALL THAT AREA comprising sea, reef and cayes, excluding all private property, on the east of Coco Plum Caye containing approximately 19,269.1 acres commencing at a point P1 having scaled UTM coordinate 389289 East and 1870680 North; thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 5353.3 meters to a point P2 having scaled UTM coordinate 383937 East and 1870733 North; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 5,411.0 meters to a point P3 having scaled UTM coordinate 382193 East and 1865611 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,894.9 meters to a point P4 having UTM coordinate 384050 East and 1865234 North; thence in a

southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,927.1 meters to a point P5 having UTM coordinate 383301 East and 1861379 North; thence in a north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,998.8 meters to a point P6 having scaled UTM coordinate 381343 East and 1861781 North; thence in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,397.9 meters to a point P7 having UTM coordinate 381024 East and 1860420 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 8,760.6 meters to a point P8 having UTM coordinate 386513 East and 1853619 North; thence to a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 17,280.9 meters to the point of commencement.

2. ALL THAT AREA comprising sea, reef and cayes, excluding all private property, on the west of Saddle Caye containing approximately 2,622.2 acres commencing at a point P9 having scaled UTM coordinate 371491 East and 1843891 North; thence in a general northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 2,667.0 meters to a point P10 having scaled UTM coordinate 374158 East and 1843893 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,495.0 meters to a point P11 having scaled UTM coordinate 375213 East and 1840561 North; thence in a general northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 3,722.0 meters to a point P12 having UTM coordinate 371491 East and 1840577 North; thence in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 3,314.0 meters to the point of commencement.

GENERAL USE ZONE

ALL THAT AREA comprising of sea and cayes, excluding areas designated and described as Preservation Zone and Conservation Zone and all private property, comprising of approximately 95,794.5 acres and commencing at a point P1 having scaled UTM coordinate 389289 East and 1870680 North; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 17,280.9 meters to a point P8 having scaled UTM coordinate 386513 East and 1853619 North; thence in a

southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 1,559.0 meters to a point P17 having scaled UTM coordinate 386298 East and 1852080 North; thence in a general northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 5,326.2 meters to a point P18 having UTM coordinate 380973 East and 1852121 North; thence in a southwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 22,658.0 meters to a point P19 having UTM coordinate 379168 East and 1829535 North; thence in a general northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 11,226.0 meters to a point P20 having scaled UTM coordinate 367942 East and 1829542 North; thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 13,070.3 meters to a point P21 having UTM coordinate 368036 East and 1842612 North; thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 30,470.6 meters to a point P22 having UTM coordinate 379668 East and 1870775 North; thence in a general southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 4,269.2 meters to a point P2 having UTM coordinate 383937 East and 1870733 North; thence to a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 5,353.3 meters to the point of commencement.

3. This Order comes into force on signature.

Commencement.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 01 day of April 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE
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CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS**
(Section 13)

S.I.74 of 2009.

[23rd May 2009.]

PART I

Preliminary

1. There Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (SOUTH WATERCAYE MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS.**

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

Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the Committee established under Regulation 3;

“Fisheries Officer” means any fisheries officer, assistant fisheries officer, biologist or ranger employed by the Reserve;

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

“recreational fishing” means fishing for enjoyment with the intention of eating the fish caught but not for the purpose of selling;

“Reserve” means the South Water Caye Marine Reserve declared under the Fisheries (South Water Caye Marine Reserve) Order, 1996;

S.I. 118 of 1996.

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

“Schedule” means the Schedule to these Regulations;

“sport fishing” means catch and release fishing;

“Subsistence fishing” means fishing conducted by persons who reside within the reserve for the purpose of consuming but not for selling such fish.

PART II

Establishment of an Advisory Committee

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.

(2) The Committee members shall be appointed by the post they hold in their organizations.

(3) The Committee shall consist of one representative each from the following organizations—

- (a) one representative of the Fisheries Department;
- (b) one representative of the Forestry Department
- (c) one representative of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institution
- (d) one representative of the BTIA;
- (e) one representative of the Dangriga Town Council

- (f) one representative of the Smithsonian Institute;
- (g) two persons representing Tobacco Caye Residents;
- (h) one representative of the Northern Fishermen Cooperative;
- (i) one representative of the Sarteneja Fisherman Cooperative; and
- (j) two persons representing South Water Caye Residents.
- (k) any other suitable person as agreed to by the Committee.

PART III

Establishment of Zones and Rules for Zones

4.–(1) For the purposes of these Regulations and for the control of the Reserve, there shall be established within the Reserve, the following three zones–

Establishment of Zones.

- (a) the General Use Zone;
- (b) the Conservation Zone; and
- (c) the Preservation Zone.

(2) The description of the above Zones shall be as set out in the Schedule to the Fisheries (South Water Caye Marine Reserve) Order, 1996.

118 of 1996.

5.–(1) The General Use Zone is restricted to fishing by licensed fishermen who currently use this Zone and a fishermen who is

Rules for General Use Zone.

desirous of fishing in this Zone shall apply for a license to fish in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Residents of South Water Caye who have special licenses to fish may fish solely for subsistence purposes, and such fishing shall be determined by the terms and conditions of each resident's license.

(3) No person is permitted to use long lines, spear-guns or gill nets in the Reserve unless authorized by the Fisheries Administrator.

(4) Sport Fishing is allowed in the General Use Zone only in accordance with the following—

- (a) spear fishing is not permitted;
- (b) catch and release fishing tours can only remove fish for subsistence purposes during the tour.

(5) No person shall, within the General Use Zone, cast or drag any anchor in any manner which may damage coral.

Rules for
Conservation
Zone.

6.—(1) There shall be only non-extractive recreational activities in the Conservation Zone.

(2) No person shall engage in commercial, sport or subsistence fishing within the Conservation Zone.

(3) No person shall secure a boat to the sea bed 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.

(4) Every diver 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 license 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, are allowed to use scuba equipment in the Reserve;
- (d) dive guides are required to explain the rules of the Reserve to a diver within the Reserve;
- (e) every boat owner desirous of operating a boat in this Zone, shall first register his boat with the Fisheries Administrator in accordance with these Regulations;
- (f) every operator of a motor boat shall observe the low wake zone boat way when approaching snorkelers or divers;
- (g) for Scuba tours. a maximum of eight snorkelers per licensed tour guide is permitted;
- (i) no person shall harass or in any way tamper with any fauna within the Conservation Zone.

(5) For the purpose of this Regulation, “diver down flag” means a flag with a white diagonal strip upon a red or blue background.

(6) No person shall engage in water-skiing or jet skiing within the Conservation Zone.

Rules for
Preservation
Zone.

7.—(1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, no fishing, sport fishing, diving or any other water activity shall be permitted within the Preservation Zone.

(2) No person shall operate a moto boat within the Preservation Zone except in cases of emergency, or where written permission has first been obtained from the Fisheries Administrator.

PART IV

Commercial Fishing, Research, and Registration of Dive Boats

Commercial
Fishing Licenses
Form I.
Schedule.

8.—(1) A person desirous of fishing with the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator, in the form prescribed as a Form I in the Schedule, for a commercial fishing license.

Form II
Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation, grant a fishing license in the form prescribed as Form II in the Schedule.

Form I
Schedule.

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

(4) A fee of twenty-five dollars (BZ \$25.00) is payable upon the receipt of a fishing license or for the renewal of that license.

Research
Licenses.
Form III
Schedule

9.—(1) A person desirous of conducting research within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator, in the form prescribed as Form III in the Schedule, for a license to conduct such research.

(2) The Fisheries Administration may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of an application under this Regulation, grant a license in writing to conduct research.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to a research licence issued under these Regulations.

(4) A fee of five hundred dollars (BZ \$500.00) is payable by an applicant upon the receipt of a research license or for the renewal of that license.

(5) The Fisheries Administrator may waive or vary, at his discretion, the fee payable for a research license.

10.—(1) A boat operator desirous of conducting SCUBA diving and snorkelling within the Reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for registration in the form prescribed as Form IV in the Schedule.

Registration of dive boats.

Form IV Schedule

(2) A fee of ten dollars (BZ \$10.00) is payable upon registration of a boat pursuant to subregulation (1) above.

(3) Boat registration pursuant to this Regulation expires on the 31st day of December next, after the date of issue.

PART V

General

11. Every license issues pursuant these Regulations shall not be transferable.

Licenses not transferable.

12. Every license issued under these Regulations, unless otherwise stated is valid until December 31st of any year and may be renewed for a like period upon payment of the fees prescribed in these Regulations.

Duration and renewal of licenses.

- Cancellation of licenses. **13.** The Fisheries Administrator may cancel any license granted under these Regulations if the license holder breaches any conditions of the license or contravenes any provision of these Regulations or of the Fisheries Regulations.
- Conditions of licenses. **14.** In issuing a license under these Regulations, the Fisheries Administrator may attach conditions to such licenses, as the case may be, having due regard to the nature of the license and the need to protect the environment and natural resources.
- Duty to report accidents or damage to property. **15.** A person in an accident which involves personal injury or damage to property or to the environment within the Reserve shall report, as soon as possible or at least within twelve (12) hours of the occurrence of the accident, such accident to the person in charge of the Reserve or to any officer of the Reserve or the Fisheries Administrator.
- Non-liability of government. **16.** The Government is not liable for any personal injury or damage to property occurring within the Reserve.
- Application of Fisheries Regulations. **17.** Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Fisheries Regulations, as amended, shall apply within the Reserve.
- Opening days of Reserve. **18.** The Reserve Office shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Admission fees. **19.**—(1) The fees payable by foreign visitors for all water recreational activities, excluding sports and recreational fishing, are ten dollars (BZ \$10.00) per person per day or thirty dollars (BZ \$30.00) per person per week.
- (2) No fees are payable by Belizeans and children below twelve years of age.

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

Prohibition
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 which is installed in the Reserve.

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21.—(1) The Fisheries Administrator may designate areas for certain activities.

Fisheries
Administrator
may designate
certain areas.

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

22. Every commercial, recreational, subsistence, and sport fisherman shall render to the Reserve Rangers upon request, the weight of fish caught within the Reserve.

Rendering fish
catch
information to
rangers.

23. Every person employed by the Reserve for the purpose of management of the Reserve, is a Fisheries Officer charged with upholding the Reserve Regulations as well as the Fisheries Regulations.

Officers to
uphold
Regulations.

24. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is 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.

Offences and
penalties.

25. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.

Negative
Resolution.

Commencement.

26. These Regulations shall come into force in signature.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
this 13th day of May, 2009.

(RENE MONTERO)

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE)
ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of marine reserve.
3. Map of marine reserve.

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE 2

CHAPTER 210

FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE)

105 of 2012.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.

ORDER
(Section 14)

[1st December, 2012]

Shot title

1. This Order may be cited as the—

**FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE
RESERVE) ORDER.**

Declaration of
marine reserve.
Schedule 1.
CAP 210.

2. The area known as Turneffe Atoll, as more fully described in Schedule 1 to this Order, is hereby declared to be a Marine Reserve for the purposes of the Fisheries Act.

Map of marine
reserve.
Schedule 2.

3. The map of the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve is set out in Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 1

(Paragraph 2)

TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea which is comprised of nine zones described as follows –

Zone I: Maugre Caye Conservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 413 585 East 1 946 388 North; thence proceeding 5.55 km north to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 413 585 East 1 951 938 North; thence proceeding 8.8 km east to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 422 385 East 1 951 938 North; thence proceeding 3.9 km south to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 422 385 East 1 948 038 North; thence proceeding 3 km west to a Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 385 East 1 948 038 North; thence proceeding 1.65 km south to a Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 385 East 1 946 388 North; thence proceeding 5.8 km to the Point of origin, and encompassing 43.89 square kilometers.

Zone II A: Dog Flea Caye Conservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1 on the coast of Three Corner Caye, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 419 267 East 1 939 277 North; thence proceeding 6.66 km east to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 425 927 East 1 939 277 North; thence proceeding 4.477 km south to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 425 927 East 1 934 800 North; thence proceeding 6.814 km west to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 113 East 1 934 800 North; thence proceeding 4.48 km north to the Point of origin, and encompassing 30.16 square kilometers.

Zone II B: Cockroach – Grassy Caye Special Management Area – Commencing at a Point 1, having scaled UTM Coordinates 419 113 East 1 934 800 North; thence proceeding south east at a constant 10m distance east of the reef

crest to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 415 529 East 1 929 396 North; thence proceeding 1 km west to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 414 529 East 1 929 396 North; thence proceeding 1km north to a Point 4, at the south tip of Caye Bokel, having scaled UTM coordinates 414 529 East 1 933 602 North; thence proceeding north east, following the line of the western edge of the back reef flat to a Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 416 844 East 1 933 602 North; thence following the high water mark of the coastline northwards to Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 419 147 East 1 935 799 North; thence proceeding 1km south to the Point of origin, and encompassing 8.88 square kilometers.

Zone III: Vincent's Lagoon Special Management Area- Commencing at a Point 1, having scaled UTM Coordinates 414 431 East 1 937 786 North; thence proceeding along the entire perimeter of the lagoon, until the Point of origin.

Zone IV: Blackbird Caye Conservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1 on the east coast of Blackbird Caye, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 415 154 East 1 917 840 North; thence proceeding 6 km east to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 421 154 East 1 917 840 North; thence proceeding 3.24 km south to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 420 276 East 1 914 723 North; thence proceeding 4.77 km west to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 415 505 East 1 914 723 North; thence proceeding north, following the coast at the high water mark to the Point of origin, and encompassing 16.2 square kilometers.

Zone V: Long Bogue Conservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 411 784 East 1 913 019 North; thence proceeding westwards to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 411 244 East 1 913 167 North; thence proceeding south-west, to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 409 683 East 1 912 826 North; thence proceeding south-east to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 409 190 East 1 911 630 North; thence proceeding west-south-west to a

Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 408 489 East 1 911 393 North; thence proceeding south to a Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 408 489 East 1 909 393 North; thence proceeding to the Point of origin, and encompassing 8.59 square kilometres.

Zone VI: Caye Bokel Conservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 395 135 East 1 900 527 North; thence proceeding 7.1 km east to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 402 235 East 1 900 527 North; thence proceeding south-east, following the high water mark of the west coastline to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 402 914 East 1 898 974 North; thence proceeding 2.35 km east to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 405 264 East 1 898 974 North; thence proceeding 4.5 km south to a Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 405 264 East 1 894 474 North; thence proceeding 9.6 km west to a Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 395 664 East 1 894 474 North; thence proceeding 6.07 km to the Point of origin, and encompassing 55.4 square kilometers.

Zone VII: Preservation Zone – Commencing at a Point 1 on the mangrove coastline of the Central Lagoon, and having scaled UTM Coordinates 404 786 East 1 921 646 North; thence following the mangrove coastline south to a Point 2, having scaled UTM coordinates 403 776 East 1 917 086 North; thence proceeding 2.37 km west to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 401 406 East 1 917 086 North; thence proceeding 0.96 km north to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 401 406 East 1 918 046 North; thence proceeding 0.48 km east to a Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 401 886 East 1 918 046 North; thence proceeding 3.6 km north to a Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 401 886 East 1 921 646 North; thence proceeding 2.9 km east to the Point of origin, and encompassing 11.89 square kilometers.

Zone VIII: General Use Zone – Commencing at a Point 1, having scaled UTM Coordinates 411 927 East 1 954 800 North; thence proceeding 20 km in a southerly direction to a Point 2,

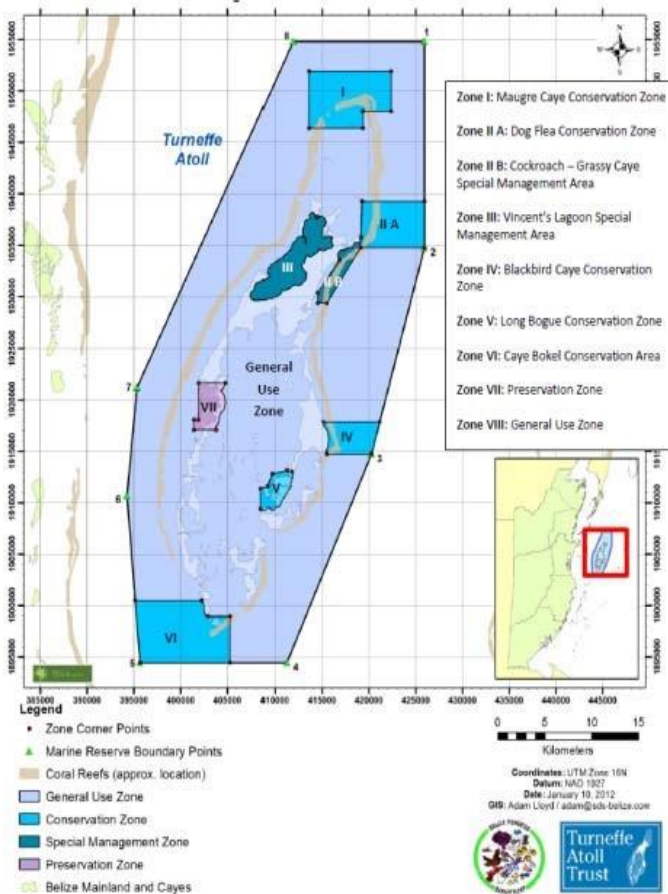
having scaled UTM coordinates 425 927 East 1 954 800 North; thence proceeding 20.86 km to a Point 3, having scaled UTM coordinates 425 927 East 1 934 800 North; thence proceeding 22.16 km to a Point 4, having scaled UTM coordinates 420 276 East 1 914 723 North; thence proceeding 15.6km west to a Point 5, having scaled UTM coordinates 411 264 East 1 894 474 North; thence proceeding 16.3 km in a northerly direction to a Point 6, having scaled UTM coordinates 395 664 East 1 894 474 North; thence proceeding 10.56 km to a Point 7, having scaled UTM coordinates 394 245.07 East 1 910 709.55 North; thence proceeding 37.47 km to a Point 8, having scaled UTM coordinates 395 312 East 1 921 215 North; to the Point of origin, and encompassing 1,115.77 square kilometers, excluding Zones I to VII.

SCHEDULE 2

(Paragraph 3)

TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE

TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE – ZONING MAP



MADE by the Minister responsible for the Fisheries this day
22nd of November, 2012.

LISEL ALAMILLA
Minister responsible for the Fisheries

CHAPTER 210

**FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER 210**FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE RESERVE)
REGULATIONS**
*(Section 13)*4 of 2014.
79 of 2013.
CAP. 210.
R.E. 2020.*[1st February, 2014.]***PART I***Preliminary***1.** These Regulations may be cited as the—

Short title.

**FISHERIES (TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE
RESERVE) REGULATIONS.****2.** In these Regulations —

Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the committee established under regulation 4;

“bag limit” means the quantum of fish allowed by the Fisheries Administrator to be caught by a person;

“catch and release” means the act of catching fish and then releasing them back immediately into the waters of Belize in the same state that the fish was landed;

“conservation zones” means the following zones —

- (a) Zone I: Maugre Caye Conservation Zone ;
- (b) Zone IIA: Dog Flea Conservation Zone ;
- (c) Zone IV: Blackbird Caye Conservation Zone ;

(d) Zone V: Long Bogue Conservation Zone; and

(e) Zone VI: Caye Bokel Conservation Area;

“extractive fishing” means fishing other than sport fishing;

“general use zone” means the Zone VIII: General Use Zone

“preservation zone” means the Zone VII: Preservation Zone;

“recreational fishing” means fishing for leisure and enjoyment as well as fishing with the intention to eat the fish caught, but shall not include any sale, exchange or bartering;

“reserve” means the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve declared by the Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) Order, 2012; 105 of 2012.

“special zones” means the following zones–

(a) Zone IIB: Cockroach – Grassy Caye Special Management Area;

(b) Zone III: Vincent’s Lagoon Special Management Area; and

“sports fishing” means fishing for the purpose of catch and release only.

3. The zones specified in the Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) Order, 2012 shall be clearly demarcated by buoys or some other form of demarcations as determined by the Fisheries Administrator. Zones to be clearly demarcated. 105 of 2012.

PART II

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishment of
an Advisory
Committee.

4. The Fisheries Administrator shall establish an Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising on the efficient management of the reserve.

Composition of
the Advisory
Committee.

5. The Advisory Committee shall consist of representatives from the following organizations –

- (a) the Fisheries Administrator or his designee;
- (b) the Chief Forest Officer or his designee;
- (c) the Chief Executive Officer of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute or his designee;
- (d) one representative of the Turneffe Atoll Sustainable Association;
- (e) one representative of the Turneffe Atoll Trust;
- (f) the Chairperson of the Association of Protected Areas Management Organizations or his designee;
- (g) the Executive Director of the Protected Areas Conservation Trust or his designee;
- (h) one representative of the Ministry responsible for Tourism;
- (i) one representative of the Ministry responsible for Natural Resources;

- (j) the Science Director of the Environmental Research Institute of the University of Belize or his designee;
- (k) one representative of an International Non-Government Organization;
- (l) the Chairman of the Belize Fishermen Federation or his designee;
- (m) the Chairman of the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association or his designee;
- (n) one tourism representative with primary tourism business located at Turneffe;
- (o) one resident representing the private landowners of Turneffe; and
- (p) any other person appointed by the Fisheries Administrator.

PART III

Control of the Zones

6.-(1) A person shall not—

- (a) use long lines, seine nets or gill nets in the reserve unless that person is authorized to do so for scientific research purpose by the Fisheries Administrator;
- (b) engage in commercial fishing, sport fishing or recreational fishing within the reserve without a valid licence issued in accordance with these Regulations;

Prohibitions
within the
reserve.

- (c) cast or drag an anchor in any manner which may damage coral or any other sensitive habitat; or
- (d) engage in water-skiing or jet-skiing, except in areas that may be designated by the Fisheries Administrator.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may authorize the use of beach traps or fish traps in the General Use Zone only.

(3) A person shall not engage in any activity which may cause negative environmental impact on species, habitats or ecosystem without written approval from the Fisheries Administrator.

Extractive fishing prohibited in the conservation zones.

7. A person shall not engage in extractive fishing within the conservation zones.

Extractive fishing for conch prohibited in Zone IIB.

8. A person shall not engage in extractive fishing for conch in the Zone IIB: Cockroach – Grassy Caye Special Management Area.

Extractive fishing in Zone III.

9.–(1) Only traditional users shall engage in extractive fishing in Zone III: Vincent's Lagoon Special Management Area.

(2) For the purpose of subregulation (1), the Fisheries Administrator shall determine who the traditional users are.

Spear fishing prohibited.

10. A person shall not engage in spear fishing within the conservation zones, the special zones or the preservation zone.

Prohibitions in the preservation zone.

11.–(1) A person shall not engage in extractive fishing, sport fishing, snorkelling, diving or any other water activity in the preservation zone.

(2) A person shall not use a motorized boat within the preservation zone except in cases of emergency or with the prior written permission from the Fisheries Administrator.

12.—(1) A Dive Boat Operator shall fly the “divers down flag” when they have divers in the water.

Rules for users.

(2) Only a certified scuba diver or a diver undergoing a training course conducted by a certified instructor shall use scuba equipment in the reserve.

(3) A Dive guide or tour guide is required to explain the rules of the reserve to every diver, snorkeler, or other visitor.

(4) An operator of a motorboat shall observe the low wake boat way when approaching a snorkeler or diver.

(5) For the purpose of subregulation (1), "divers down flag" means a flag with a white diagonal stripe upon a red background.

13.—(1) A person involved in any accident involving personal injury or damage to property within the reserve shall report to the Reserve Manager or his designee, as soon as possible, that accident.

Reports of accidents.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator or the Government of Belize shall not be liable for such injury or damage.

PART IV

Licences

14.—(1) A visitor to the reserve shall, before operating in the reserve, obtain a ticket or the required licence on payment of the appropriate fee specified in regulation 24(1), either from the

Visitors and boat operators' obligations.

reserve headquarters or in a designated location determined by the Fisheries Administrator.

(2) A boat operator shall, before operating in the reserve, obtain the required licence or permit for all activities that require such licence or permit in accordance with these Regulations.

Commercial
fishing licence,
Form 1
Schedule.

15.—(1) Any person who is desirous of engaging in commercial fishing shall apply for a commercial fishing licence in the form set out as Form 1 of the Schedule to the Fisheries Administrator.

Form 2
Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, grant a commercial fishing licence in the form set out as Form 2 of the Schedule.

(3) Upon the expiry of a fishing licence granted under these Regulations, the holder of that fishing licence may apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a renewal pursuant to this regulation.

(4) A fee of \$25 .00 shall be payable upon the grant of a commercial fishing licence or for the renewal of the same.

Application for
scientific
research licence,
Form 3
Schedule.

16.—(1) A person who desires to conduct scientific research within the reserve shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator in the form set out as Form 3 of the Schedule.

(2) A fee of \$500.00 shall be payable upon the grant of a scientific research licence or for the renewal of the same.

Grant etc. of
scientific
research licence.

17.—(1) Subject to regulation 16, the Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen days of the date of application, grant or refuse to grant a scientific research licence to an applicant.

(2) A licence granted under subregulation (1) shall be subject to such terms and conditions specified by the Fisheries Administrator.

(3) The Fisheries Administrator may in his discretion, waive or vary the fee payable for a research licence.

18. Any person who is desirous of conducting sport fishing within the reserve shall acquire a sport fishing licence in the prescribed form set out as Form 4 of the Schedule upon payment of the prescribed fee stipulated in regulation 24 (1).

Sports fishing licence. Form 4. Schedule

19. Any person who is desirous of engaging in recreational fishing within the reserve shall acquire a recreational fishing licence in the form set out as Form 5 of the Schedule upon payment of the prescribed fee stipulated in regulation 24 (1).

Recreational fishing licence. Form 5. Schedule.

20.—(1) A boat operator who is desirous of engaging in boat operation services shall apply to the Fisheries Administrator for a Turneffe Atoll boat operation licence in the form set out as Form 6 of the Schedule.

Turneffe Atoll boat operation licence. Form 6. Schedule.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may, within fourteen days of the receipt of an application, grant a Turneffe Atoll Boat Operation Licence in the form set out as Form 7 of the Schedule.

Form 7. Schedule

(3) A fee of \$100.00 shall be payable upon the grant of a Boat Operation Licence under subregulation (2).

(4) A person operating a boat for recreational fishing or commercial fishing is exempt from the requirement of this provision.

PART V

General

21.—(1) A licence is issued under these regulations—

(a) shall not be transferable; and

Non-transferability, validity, etc. of licences.

- (b) is valid for a period not exceeding one year but shall expire on the 31st December in each year and shall be subject to renewal.

(2) The Fisheries Administrator may specify special conditions in relation to any licence granted under these Regulations having due regard to the nature of the licence and the need to protect the environment and natural resources

Cancellation of licences.
CAP 210.

22. 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 any other Regulations made under the Fisheries Act.

Duty to report accidents.

23. Any person involved in an accident relating to personal injury, damage to property or damage to the environment shall report such accident to the Fisheries Administrator, the Reserve Manager or his designee as soon as possible or not later than twelve hours after the occurrence of the accident.

Admission fees.

24.—(1) The following fees shall apply for admission to the reserve –

Activity	Per person/period	Rate
Snorkelling	Non-Belizean Tourist	
	Per day	\$20.00
	Per week	\$50.00
Diving:	Non-Belizean Tourist	
	Per day	\$20.00
	Per week	\$50.00
Snorkelling	Per year	\$100.00
	Belizean Tourist	
	Per day	\$10.00
	Per week	\$20.00

Diving:	Per year Belizean Tourist	\$50.00
	Per day	\$10.00
	Per week	\$20.00
	Per year	\$50.00
Recreational fishing	Non-Belizean Tourist	
	Per day	\$30.00
	Per week	\$70.00
	Per year	\$150.00
Recreational fishing	Belizean Tourist	
	Per day	\$5.00
	Per week	\$10.00
	Per year	\$25.00
Sport fishing	Per day	\$20.00
	Per week	\$50.00
	Per year	\$100.00

(2) For the purpose of subregulation (1)–

- (a) a Belizean tourist shall include a CARICOM national and national under Central American integration;
- (b) No fee shall be charged for a child under the age of twelve;
- (c) No fee shall be charged to a Belizean tourist who enters the reserve on a Sunday or on a public or bank holiday.

25. A person shall not–

Flora and fauna.

- (a) remove from its place or disturb any species of flora or fauna, including rocks, dead corals, shells or sand unless authorized to do so in accordance with these Regulations:

- (b) have in his possession any flora or fauna, unless authorized to do so in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) discharge or deposit any toxic material, garbage or liner in the reserve,
- (d) mark or tamper with any sign, buoy or notice which is installed within the reserve.

Duty to report the fish caught.

26. A person who engaged in extractive fishing, sport fishing or other recreational fishing activity shall render the catch data or any other information of fish caught within the reserve to an officer of the reserve upon request.

General penalty CAP 210.

27. A person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified in section 15 of the Fisheries Act.

Repeal S.I 111 of 2012.

28. The Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) Regulations 2012 shall stand repealed.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

(REGULATION 15 (1))

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

Part A to be completed in full and accompanied with the relevant documentation as required under Statutory Instrument No. 1 of 2010.

To: The Fisheries Administrator

Date of application.....
(*dd/mm/yy*)

PART A

I hereby apply for a first issue/renewal of a Commercial Fisherman's Licence.

Name Age.....years

Fishing Experienceyears Full time.....years;

Part timeyears.

Home Address:

..... I am a boat owner(yes/no)

..... Boat operator(yes/no)

I am a member of a Fishermen’s Co-operative Society
.....(yes/no)

Name of Co-operative if a member

Membership No.....

Previous Fisherman’s licence No.

Date Issued.....
(dd/mm/yy)

PART B

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

Please specify type of fishing in which engaged and methods and number of units used:

Species harvested:.....

Fishing gears used:

Number of fishing gears used:

Other methods (specify)

Approximate value of gear

Place of normal landing of catch

Signature of applicant

THIS PART FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

List of documents received:	
Passport No.	.....
Birth Certificate No.	.....
Residence Card No.	.....
Utility Bill type and No.	.....
Date application received	.....
Signature of Licensing Officer	.....

FORM 2

(regulation 15(2))

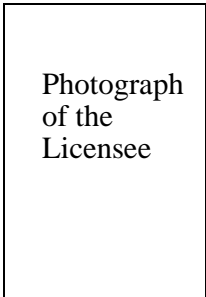
FORM OF COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN’S LICENCE

Licence No.

Date issued
(dd/mm/yy)

This licence is issued to
(full name)

.....
of under the provisions of the
(address)



Fisheries Act and Regulation’s made thereunder. This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless cancelled) until.

Fees Paid.....

Receipt No.....

.....
(Licensing Officer’s signature and office stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police officer, Customs officer or Fisheries officer and should be carried at all times.

FORM 3

(regulation 16(1))

**APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION
WITHIN THE TURNEFFE ATOLL MARINE
RESERVE**

TO: Fisheries Administrator

Date of application.....
(dd/mm/yy)

Name of Applicant including title or designation.
.....

Address:

Home Country

Whilst in Belize

Telephone

Name of person who 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 licensee shall be responsible.
2. A list of equipment, in replicate, 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 including area of work.

I wish to conduct research/an investigation in Belize on my behalf/as leader of a group of () students/ on behalf of the institution named above for the following purposes:

.....

details of which are contained in the attached pages. I will wish to collect specimens for study in Belize and will/will not wish to export these specimens for further study at the end of my stay. I will want to collect specimen of () species for study and export.

Date:.....
(dd/mm/yy)

Signature of applicant:.....

FORM 4

(regulation 18)

**FORM OF SPORT FISHING LICENCE
BELIZEAN AND NON-BELIZEAN TOURIST**

Licence No:

Date issued:
(dd/mm/yy)

The licence is issued to
(full name)
of
(address)

This licence is not transferable and is valid for a period of:

One Day <input type="checkbox"/>	Fees Paid	[\$20.00]
One Week <input type="checkbox"/>		[\$50.00]
One Year <input type="checkbox"/>		[\$100.00]

From until

Place issued

Signature of issuing Officer

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 cancelled if the licensee is in breach of any of the conditions stipulated above.

N.B. 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.

FORM 5

(regulation 19)

FORM OF RECREATION FISHING LICENCE

Licence No.

Date issued:
(dd/mm/yy)

This licence is issued to
(full name)

of
(address)

This licence is not transferable. The following fees apply:

Belizeans:

One Day <input type="checkbox"/>	Fees paid: [\$5.00]
One Week <input type="checkbox"/>	[\$10.00]
One Year <input type="checkbox"/>	[\$25.00]

Non-Belizeans

One Day <input type="checkbox"/>	Fees paid: [\$30.00]
One Week <input type="checkbox"/>	[\$70.00]
One Year <input type="checkbox"/>	[\$150.00]

From until

Place issued

Signature of issuing officer

N.B The holder of this licence is entitled to a daily bag limit determined by the Fisheries Administrator.

N.B 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 recreational fishing activity.

FORM 6

(Regulation 20(1))

**APPLICATION FOR TURNEFFE ATOLL BOAT
OPERATION LICENCE**

- (1) Name of boat owner
- (2) Name of boat
- (3) Belize Port Authority Number
- (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) Snorkelling ()
 - (b) SCUBA Diving ()
 - (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
 - (d) Sport Fishing ()
 - (e) Other activity () Specify.....

Date:..... Signature of applicant:

(dd/mm/yy)

FORM 7

(Regulation 20(2))

FORM OF TURNEFFE ATOLL BOAT OPERATION LICENCE

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 Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve:

Type of activity (Tick for activity included)

- (a) Snorkelling ()
- (b) SCUBA Diving ()
- (c) Glass-bottom viewing ()
- (d) Sport fishing ()
- (e) Other activity () Specify.....

Conditions of Licence:

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

- (a) To acquaint passengers with the rules of the Reserve.
- (b) To moor at the buoys provided when in the Conservation and General Use Zones.
- (c) To fly the “divers down” flag during all dives.

- (d) 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:

- (a) To submit details to the Reserve Manager who requested, of catch and the area where fishing took place.
- (b) To release fish on a catch and release basis.
- (c) To apply the mark/sticker provided in a prominent position on the registered boat

This licence is not transferable and takes effect from the date of issue and remains in force (unless cancelled) until

Fees Paid

Receipt No.

.....
(Licensing Officer's signature and Office Stamp)

This licence must be produced on demand to any Police officer, Custom officer or Fisheries officer and should be carried at all times.

Date issued
(dd/mm/yy)

MADE by the Minister responsible for Fisheries this day of
28th day of August, 2013.

LISEL ALAMILLA
Minister responsible for the Fisheries