

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

**Sub :** Demarcation of operational areas for fishing vessels of different types - orders issued.

ORDER NO: SWL 316 SFM 78, Dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 1978.

- Read :
1. Letter No. MEF/140/74-75, dated 18.10.74 from the Director of Fisheries.
  2. Govt. letter No. SWL 64 SFS 76 dated 16.10.1976 addressed to the Government of India.
  3. D.O letter No. F.30035/10/77/FY (T.I) dated 28.3.78 from Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
  4. Representation dated 8.12.1978 from the Dakshina Kannada Jilla Rampani Meenugarara Sangha, Kaup.

Preamble :

In the Govt. letter cited above, the views of the State Govt. in the matter of demarcating operational areas in the sea for fishing crafts of different types were communicated to the Govt. of India.

The Govt. of India have suggested certain guidelines for adoption by the State Govt. with or without modifications for demarcating the said operational areas and requested State Govt. to issue orders, in this behalf.

A meeting of the representative of the Rampani Units and other indigenous fishing boats, small mechanized boats and purse-seine boats was convened and the question of demarcation on fishing zones discussed and an unanimous agreement was reached.

ORDER

Accordingly, after careful examination of the matter, Govt. direct as follows :-

1. Rampani boats shall operate from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> April.
2. A belt from the sea shore up to 3 miles (5 K.Ms) shall be reserved for Rampani and traditional fishing operations.
3. (a) Shrimp trawlers shall be allowed to operate from 1<sup>st</sup> September in the one-mile (1.6 K.M) belt from the sea shore.  
(b) From October to May next, the shrimp trawlers to operate beyond 3 miles (5 K.M) distance up to 10 miles (16 K.Ms).

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4. Purse-seine boats shall operate from 5 miles (8 K.Ms and beyond). ✓
5. Big trawlers coming under the purview of Mercantile Marine Department shall operate beyond 10 miles (16 K.Ms). ✓
6. No night fishing by pure-seiners shall be allowed. ✓

Further, Government are pleased to constitute conciliation committees one for each Maritime District, i.e., Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada with 5 representatives of each group of fishermen with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman and the Deputy Director of Fisheries of the District as its Member Secretary. This committee will look into the grievances and settle the disputes arising out of conflict of interest among the different groups of fishermen operating mechanized boats and traditional fishing amicably. Separate orders will issue with regard to composition of these committees.

The fishermen training centre at Gangolli which has now been converted into a patrol-cum-survey unit with the existing staff shall operate as a patrol unit for the purpose of patrolling the different areas of the sea of the coast of the two districts constantly and for keeping the operators in their respective zones, using the training boats available with it.