

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

**Sub :** Karnataka Marine Fishing Regulation Act 1986  
Delimitation of area for exclusive use of Traditional  
Fishermen - Issue of revised order regarding.

ORDER NO. AHF 365 SFM 93, BANGALORE, Dated 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 1994

Read :-

- 1) Government order No. SWL 316 SFM 78 dated 30.3.1978
- 2) Letter No. FAR (M) 3/93 dated 14-9-1993 of the Director of Fisheries, Bangalore.

**PREAMBLE :**

In the Government order dated 30.3.1978 read at (1) above, orders have been issued delimiting operational areas for fishing vessels of different types operating in the coastal area of the State. In the above Government order under clause 2, it has been specified that a belt from the sea shore upto 3 miles (5Kms) into the sea shall be reserved for Rempani and traditional fishing operations. This 5 kilometers belt extends from the on shore to the off shore which has been delimited as the exclusive fishing zone for traditional fishing vessels. However, as there was no uniformity amongst coastal states in delimiting such exclusive zones for traditional fishing there have many difficulties in enforcing this, consequently traditional fishing was affected greatly. This has been engaging the attention of various State Governments and the Government of India. This issue was discussed in the Central Board of Fisheries which resulted in a recommendation to adopt a uniform pattern of exclusive zones for all the coastal states for this purpose.

In this context the Director of Fisheries has cited this resolution of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central Board of Fisheries held on 14.11.1992 and 15.11.1992 at Hyderabad, wherein the recommendation is to adopt a uniform 10 Kms distance from the shore in west coast and 7 kilometres in the East Coast for delimitation for exclusive fishing of traditional Fishermen. In this connection, the Director of Fisheries has recommended that 10 kilometres distance from shore through out the coastal line could be reserved and delimited for traditional fishing which will be uniform to all the coastal States in order to have protection to the propagation of fish and also to ensure that the fishermen will not trespass in to the neighboring States and vice-versa. After careful consideration it is felt necessary to ensure judicious exploitation of fish and fishery wealth in the inshore in the State in the interest of

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sustained fish production and conservation of fishery wealth, and to protect the occupational interest of traditional fishermen who solely depend on fishing as their main source of sustenance.

It has been noted that the Central Board of Fisheries has recommended to delimit an uniform 10 kilometres distance from the shore in West coast and 7 kilometres in the entire East coast for exclusive use by traditional fishermen by issuing necessary notification under the provisions of Rule 3 (2) (a) of the Karnataka Marine Fishing (Regulation) Act 1986.

### ORDER

After careful consideration of all aspects Government are pleased to revise the direction No. (2) and (4) issued vide Government order dated 30.3.1978 read at (1) above, to the extent indicated below:

1. A belt from the sea shore upto 10 kilometres shall be reserves for Traditional Fishing operation in the West coast of the State, and
2. Purse-seine boats shall operate beyond this 10 kilometres exclusive zone.
3. Other direction and conditions mentioned in the said order read at (1) above shall remains un-altered.
4. This revised order has been issued under the provision of Rule 3(2) of the Karnataka Marine Fishing (Regulation) Act, 1986. The enforcement authorities shall bring this to the notice of all by giving vide publicity and ensure compliance and take step for enforcement.
5. This order will come into effect immediately.

By order and in the name of the  
Governor of Karnataka

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(M.H.RAMAIAH)

Under Secretary to Government,  
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department  
(Fisheries)

To,

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The Director of Fisheries, Bangalore.  
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