

Statutory Rules and Orders.

1973, No. 25.

The Marine Areas (Preservation and Enhancement) Regulations 1973, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries under section 6 of the Marine Areas (Preservation and Enhancement) Act, 1972 (No. 5 of 1972).

1. Short Title. These Regulations may be cited as the Marine Areas (Preservation and Enhancement) Regulations, 1973.

2. Interpretation. In these Regulations—

“fish” includes corals, shells, crabs, lobsters, shrimps, turtles, and any species of marine fauna;

“Fisheries Officer” means the officer for the time being in charge of the Fisheries Division and any person authorised in writing by such officer to carry out the provisions of these Regulations.

3. Management and control of restricted area. responsibility for control and management of a restricted area is hereby assigned to the Fisheries Officer.

4. Entry into restricted area. No person shall enter a restricted area or counsel, aid or abet any other person to do so except with the written permission of the Fisheries Officer, and subject to such conditions as may be attached to the grant of such permission.

5. Boats or other Vessels. Except for the purpose of passing or repassing, no person shall operate a boat or other vessel within a restricted area or cause or allow a boat or other vessel to enter a restricted area without the written permission of the Fisheries Officer, with such conditions as may be attached to the grant of such permission.

6. Removal of Fish, Birds etc. Except with the written permission of the Minister no person shall take or remove any fish, bird, flora and fauna, wreck, buoy or marker from a restricted area.

7. Poisoning or killing Fish or Birds. No person shall poison, kill, injure or destroy any fish or bird in a restricted area.

8. Disposal of garbage etc. No person shall dispose of garbage, papers, sewage, petroleum waste or other material in any manner whatever, in a restricted area or within an area of one mile of a restricted area.

9. Interference with seabed. No person shall dredge or otherwise interfere with any wreck on the seabed of a restricted area.

10. General powers and duties of Fisheries Officer. It shall be lawful for the Fisheries Officer to

- (a) board any ship, boat or vessel within the territorial waters of the State which he suspects has been operating in a restricted area in contravention of these Regulations
- (b) arrest without a warrant any person or persons on such ship, boat or vessel whom he suspects has been guilty of an offence against these Regulations;
- (c) seize and confiscate any fish, bird, flora and fauna, wreck, buoy or marker which he has reasonable cause to believe may have been taken from a restricted area without the permission of the Minister.

and in any such event he shall have all the general power and duties of a police officer given under sections 22 and 23 of the Police Act.

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R. Hall,
Minister.

Laid before the House of Representatives the 28th day of June, 1973.

Lounel Stevens,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Laid before the Senate the 28th day of June, 1973.

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