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**FISHERIES RESOURCES
(JURISDICTION AND CONSERVATION) ACT
(CHAPTER 244)**

**FISHERIES RESOURCES
(JURISDICTION AND CONSERVATION) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2007**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Fisheries Resources (Jurisdiction and Conservation) Act, hereby makes the following regulations -

Citation. 1. These Regulations which amend the Fisheries Resources (Jurisdiction and Conservation) Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries Resources (Jurisdiction and Conservation) (Amendment) Regulations, 2007.

Repeals and replaces 2. Regulation 46 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced as follows -

regulation 46 of the principal Regulations. "Permit for sportsfishing event or tournament. 46.(1) A person who wishes to organize or hold a sportsfishing event or tournament shall apply to the Minister for a permit to organize or hold such sportsfishing event or tournament.

(2) An application made under paragraph (1), shall be -

Form 17. (a) in Form 17 in the First Schedule;
First Schedule. and

- (b) accompanied by a copy of the proposed rules for the sportsfishing event or tournament.

(3) Where the Minister approves an application for a sportsfishing event or tournament, he shall -

- (a) issue a permit to the organizer or the tournament director as set out in Form 18 in the First Schedule, specifying the terms and conditions of the approval, including the payment of fees as specified in the Third Schedule; and

Form 18.

First Schedule.

Third Schedule.

- (b) issue tournament decals to the organizer or tournament director for each participant in the sportsfishing event or tournament and such decal must be attached at the bottom of the sportsfishing permit granted under regulation 47.

(4) In this Part, “sportsfishing” means foreign fishing within the exclusive fishery zone for sporting purposes or purposes other than commercial.”.

**Amends
regulation 47
of the
principal
Regulations.**

3. Regulation 47 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (4), new paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) as follows -

“ (5) A foreign vessel engaged in a sportsfishing event or tournament shall be in possession of a valid permit granted under paragraph (3).

(6) No person shall sell or attempt to sell fishery products derived from sportsfishing under the terms and conditions of a permit granted under paragraph (3).

(7) No vessel shall engage in a sportsfishing event or tournament unless the owner or operator of that vessel -

(a) has been issued a tournament decal by the organizer or tournament director; and

(b) has attached the tournament decal at the bottom of the sportsfishing permit granted under this regulation.”.

**Amends
regulation 48
of the
principal
Regulations.**

4. Regulation 48 of the principal Regulations is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (1), by deleting subparagraphs (d) and (e) and substituting therefore new subparagraphs (d), (e) and (f) as follows -
 - “(d) any migratory fishery resource (such as Kingfish, Dolphin, Tuna or Wahoo) that is caught shall not in total exceed eighteen fish aboard the vessel at any time;
 - (e) any Billfish (such as Marlins, Sailfish or Swordfish) caught shall be returned to the sea unharmed except where landed under the terms of an approved sportsfishing event or tournament; and
 - (f) no vessel shall have on board at any time -
 - (i) turtle;
 - (ii) conchs, exceeding six;
 - (iii) crawfish, exceeding ten; or
 - (iv) other demersal fishery resources exceeding sixty pounds or twenty fish.”;
- (b) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words “and (e)” and substituting therefore the words “(e) and (f)”;
- (c) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting therefore new paragraphs (3) and (4) as follows -

“ (3) A fishery inspector shall be permitted to enter and inspect a vessel that has engaged in sportsfishing.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation permanent residents would be treated the same as Bahamians.”

**Amends
regulation 70
of the
principal
Regulations.**

5. Regulation 70 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (2), new paragraph (3) as follows -

“ (3) Subject to paragraph (1), a foreign vessel engaged in sportsfishing for which a permit was issued under regulation 47 shall, on leaving The Bahamas, be allowed to export the amount of fishery products aboard that vessel in accordance with the catch limits under regulation 48.”

**Amends
First Schedule
of the
principal
Regulations.**

6. The First Schedule of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after Form 16, new Form 17 and Form 18 as follows -

“ **FIRST SCHEDULE**
FORM 17 (Regulation 46(2))
APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A
SPORTSFISHING EVENT OR TOURNAMENT
FISHERIES RESOURCES (JURISDICTION AND
CONSERVATION) ACT
(Ch. 244)

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (JURISDICTION AND
CONSERVATION) REGULATIONS**

1. Name of Organizer/Tournament Director
2. Address
3. Telephone No. Fax No..... E-mail Address
4. Name of Event or Tournament
5. Number of Vessels to Engage in Event or Tournament
6. Proposed Starting Date..... Proposed Ending Date.....
7. Location of Event or Tournament
8. Proposed Fishing Areas
9. Target Fish Species
10. Catch and Release Yes () No ()
If Yes, State Type of Fish Species
11. Proposed Event or Tournament Rules Attached
Yes () No ()
12. Additional Information
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.....
Signature of Applicant

.....
Date

FORM 18 (Regulation 46(3))

**PERMIT TO CONDUCT A SPORTSFISHING
EVENT OR TOURNAMENT**

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**FISHERIES RESOURCES (JURISDICTION AND
CONSERVATION) REGULATIONS**

No.

This permit is granted to
to conduct a sportsfishing event or tournament
during the periodto in the area of

This permit is issued subject to the following conditions:

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This permit expires on of, 20

Dated this day of, 20

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARINE RESOURCES”.

Amends 7. The Third Schedule of the principal
Third Schedule Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after
of the paragraph (d), new paragraph (dd) as follows -
principal “(dd) Permit to conduct a \$500.00”.
Regulations. sportsfishing event or
tournament

Made this 19th day of October, 2007.

Signed
LAWRENCE S. CARTWRIGHT
Minister Responsible for Agriculture and Marine Resources