

**BELIZE:**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**No. 68 of 1997**

*REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 13 of the Fisheries Act, Chapter 174 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 1980-1990, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.*

*(Gazetted 19th July, 1997.)*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

**FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2)  
REGULATIONS, 1997,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Fisheries Regulations which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

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S.I. 139/90  
168/91  
169/91  
154/92  
55/93  
143/93  
155/96  
27/97.

2. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following as subregulation (2), the existing Regulation being renumbered as subregulation (1) accordingly:-

Amendment  
of  
Regulations  
3.

"(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) above -

- (a) crawfish with a carapace 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 licence granted by the Minister."

**Amendment  
of  
Regulations  
5A.**

3. Regulation 5A of the principal Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following as subregulations (3) and (4) immediately after subregulation (2) as follows:-

- "(3) No person shall set or leave in the waters of Belize any lobster traps between the 15th day of February and the 14th day of June, inclusive, in any year, without a special permit granted by the Minister.
- (4) Where any trap which is set or left contrary to subregulation (3) above is found, the Fisheries Administrator shall have authority to remove and dispose of such trap as he sees fit, without prejudice to any other penalty which the offender may be liable to under the law."

**Commencement.**

4. These Regulations shall come into force on the 11th day of July, 1997.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this 11th day of July, 1997.

**(RUSSELL GARCIA)**

*Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries*