

S T A T U T E  
of the State Board of Fisheries of the Republic of Estonia

I. General Provisions

1. The State Board of Fisheries of the Republic of Estonia (henceforth referred as the Estonian Board of Fisheries) is a governing body subordinated to the Government of the Republic of Estonia, who carries out governmental policy on fishing as well as using and protecting fish resources. The Estonian Board of Fisheries acts under the competency of the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.

2. In its activities the Estonian Board of Fisheries is guided by the laws of the Republic of Estonia, resolutions of the Government of Estonia and other standard acts, international and inter-state treaties the Republic of Estonia is associated with and by the present statute.

3. The Estonian Board of Fisheries is a legal person who has a seal with an image of armorial bearings of the Republic of Estonia and its own name on it.

II. The Main Tasks of the Estonian Board of Fisheries

4. The main tasks of the Estonian Board of Fisheries are:  
1) working out the policy of fishery of the Republic of Estonia and carrying it out (with the exception of fish processing) in co-operation with self-government bodies of the districts and preparing projects of draft laws and other standard acts necessary for it;

2) state control on the execution of legislative acts in the field of fishing and fish resources and resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Estonia;

3) maintenance and protection of fish resources in the waters of the Republic of Estonia (economic zone, territorial and inland sea, inland water-bodies) and regulation of their use; determination of scientifically justified permissible yields, considering corresponding inter-state agreements;

4) arranging scientific research necessary for state administration and use of fish resources;

5) organizing the account of fish resources of the waters of the Republic of Estonia, fishing gear and vessels;

6) working out instructions regulating fishing and collecting aquatic plants in the waters of the Republic of Estonia and controlling the fulfillment of these instructions;

7) organizing and coordinating protection of fish together with other offices of the Republic;

8) organizing reproduction of fish resources;

9) organizing the issuing of action permits (licenses) and fishing permits for fishing in the waters of the Republic of Estonia in co-operation with self-governments of the districts;

10) taking part in inter-state co-operation in the field of fishing, using and protecting fish resources and representing the Republic of Estonia. Making deals on the use fish resources, fishing regulations, scientific research in the field of fishery, protection and reproduction of fish resources as well as regulating the fulfillment of these deals;

11) working out special programs of the republic dealing with the use and protection of fish resources and organizing the realization of these programs;

12) applying for state subsidies, donations and other investments needed for the development of fishery and keeping track of their purposeful use;

13) developing enterprise based on the use of fish resources and making economic analyses in order to guarantee rational use of fish resources;

14) participating in the working out the means of safety on fishing;

15) organizing and directing training in the field of fishery in co-operation with other offices;

16) participating in ecological expertise of such constructions, water engineering institutions and works, which cause or could cause damage on fish resources or on their environment.

### III. The Rights of the Estonian Board of Fisheries

5. The Estonian Board of Fisheries has the right:

1) to issue decrees, instructions and other standard acts in the field of fishery and fish resources in order to fulfil its main tasks;

2) to check up all legal persons and single individuals on the territory of the Republic of Estonia and its economic zone on fulfillment of legislative acts and resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Estonia in the field of fishing and fish resources and to obtain necessary information and explanations from them;

3) to stop carrying out resolutions contradicting the laws on fishery and fishing, resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Estonia or other standard acts and to apply for changing them or attesting void;

4) to establish fishing restrictions in case of danger for fish resources;

5) to participate on discussing and deciding questions of fishery at all administrative bodies and social organizations;

6) to obtain information on fishery from administrative bodies and social organizations.

#### IV. Leadership of the Estonian Board of Fisheries

6. The Estonian Board of Fisheries is lead by a general director nominated and relieved by the Head of the Government of the Republic of Estonia on a proposal of the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.

7. The general director of the Estonian Board of Fisheries is personally responsible for fulfilling the problems and obligations laid on the Board of Fisheries, fixes the structure of the Board of Fisheries, confirms the statutes of structural units as well as the composition of personnel and salary rates within the limits of wages and salaries fund determined by the Government of the Republic of Estonia, proceeded from the scheme of professional salaries, employs and relieves the workers of the Board of Fisheries.

8. The Estonian Board of Fisheries co-operates with the Council of Fisheries, the personnel and status of which are confirmed by the Minister of Environment.

9. Corresponding structural units of self-government bodies as well as officials dealing with fishery, fish-protection organs, research institutions carrying out research in the field of fishery and enterprises dealing with reproduction of fish resources belong to the system of the Estonian Board of Fisheries.

10. Maintenance costs of the Estonian Board of Fisheries are covered from the national budget of the Republic of Estonia. Yearly limits of these costs are fixed by the Government of the Republic of Estonia.

11. Reorganization or end of activities of the Estonian Board of Fisheries is decided by the Government of the Republic of Estonia.