



Notification of the Department of Fisheries
On Criteria for the Registration of Local Fisheries Community Organizations
B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015)

It has been deemed expedient to revise the criteria for the registration of local fisheries community organizations in order to promote participation, and encourage local fisheries communities' roles in the management, maintenance, conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of aquatic animal resources within fishing sites in fresh-water fishing zones or coastal zones in line with the new fisheries law(s).

By virtue of the provisions under section 25 (2) of the Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015), the Director-General of the Department of Fisheries has hereby issued the following clauses:

Clause 1 This Notification shall be called "The Notification of the Department of Fisheries on Criteria for the Registration of Local Fisheries Community Organizations, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015)"

Clause 2 This Notification shall come into force as from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Clause 3 "The Department of Fisheries' Rules on Criteria for the Registration of Local Fisheries Community Organizations, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015) shall be repealed.

Clause 4 In this Notification

"Local fisheries community organization" means a local fisheries community organization set up and registered as per this Notification.

"Local fisheries community" means a settlement of people living collectively in villages, sub-districts, districts or provinces that are organized with the purposes of or are engaged in activities directly related to collective fisheries in order to provide mutual assistance or support, or be engaged in communal activities, all of which are operated consistently and are managed systematically through which collective expression are represented.

"Village" means a village pursuant to the law(s) on local administration. This definition shall also include any community set up pursuant to official notifications.

"Sub-district" means a sub-district (*tambon*) pursuant to village pursuant to the law(s) on local administration. This definition shall also include any sub-district (*khwaeng*) in the administrative region of Bangkok Metropolitan.

"District" includes districts (*khut*) within the administrative region of Bangkok Metropolitan.

"Province" includes the administrative region of Bangkok Metropolitan.

"Provincial Fisheries Office" includes the Bangkok Area Fisheries Office.

"Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer" includes Director of the Bangkok Area Fisheries Office.

"Competent officer" means a person authorized to take charge of duties in the registration of a local fisheries community organization as assigned by the Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer.

Clause 5 The Director General of the Department of Fisheries shall have charge of this Notification, and shall have the power to issue orders for operational purposes pursuant to this Notification. The Inspector-General Division shall be the central agency for data collection and the administration of matters in accordance with this Notification.

Clause 6 The Provincial Fisheries Office shall be focal agency in charge of the registration of local fisheries community organizations within its jurisdiction.

In order to facilitate transaction on the part of members of the public with regard to the registration procedure as per paragraph one, the Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer may assign the Chief District Fisheries Officer to receive a registration request, and subsequently forward any such request to the Provincial Fisheries Office concerned for further administrative handling.

Clause 7 The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer shall be the person authorized to deliberate upon the approval or refusal of the requested registration of a local fisheries community organization, or have the registration of a local fisheries community organization revoked.

Clause 8 Any organization that is a juristic person, a body of persons or any other organization having the purpose of or running an activity directly related to fisheries in a particular locality with a total membership of no fewer than seven members who are not of the same family is eligible to request the registration thereof as a local fisheries community organization.

Members of the organization as per paragraph one must be Thai nationals, who practice fisheries as their occupation, and must be domiciled or practice their occupation in the area of the local fisheries community concerned.

Clause 9 No fewer than three committee members of the organization requesting the registration thereof as a local fisheries community organization shall collectively lodge a request the registration of their organization to the competent officer at the Provincial Fisheries Office within the jurisdiction in which any such organization is located as per the request form for the registration thereof attached hereto, together with the following documents and proofs:

(1) A copy of the citizen identification card and a copy of the house registration of the person lodging a request for the registration thereof;

(2) A copy of the citizen identification card and a copy of the house registration of the person lodging a request for the registration thereof;

(3) Documents presenting a brief historical development of the organization; the founding *per se*; the date, month and year of the founding; the objectives of the founding; together with the regulations or statutes in the case of a a body of persons, or an organization of any other type;

(4) A list of the committee members;

(5) A list of organization's members.

In a case in which an organization requesting the registration thereof is a juristic person, the representative thereof as per the law, regulations or the instrument of juristic incorporation shall be the person to lodge any such request as per paragraph one.

With regard to the registration of an organization as per paragraph one, a particular organization is eligible to apply therefor in only one province.

Clause 10 When a request for the registration thereof has been received, the competent officer shall verify whether or not the registration request, documents, and proofs are correct and complete. If any such particular is not correct not complete, the competent officer shall inform the person lodging the request thereof so that he/she makes alterations thereto as appropriate, or submit a document or proof correctly and completely within the period of time prescribed by the competent officer.

In a case in which the person lodging a registration request fails to alterations to the registration request, or fails to submit a document or proof correctly and completely within the period of time prescribed as per paragraph one, any such registration request shall be

regarded as cancelled as from the period of time thus prescribed is over. The competent officer shall subsequently inform the person lodging any such registration request thereof in writing.

Clause 11 In a case in which the registration request and documents or proofs are correct and complete, the competent officer shall issue a registration request acceptance slip to the person lodging the registration request, and submit his/her opinion(s) thereof to The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer.

Clause 12 When the Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer has received a request for the registration thereof from the competent officer, he/she shall deliberate thereupon to its completion within fifteen days as from the day on which the request is received from the competent officer, and issues a registration certificate as per the form attached hereto. The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer shall also issue a letter informing the person submitting the request of the approval thereof within seven days as from the date on which the registration request is approved, and shall make the approval known publically through public announcement or public relations channels as appropriate.

In a case in which the registration request is not approved, The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer shall issue a letter informing the person submitting the request of the decision within seven days as from the date on which the order is issued, together with rationales thereof, the appeals procedure, as well s the appeals period.

Clause 13 The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer shall deliberate upon the revocation of the registration of a local fisheries community organization when a fact of one of the following types should arise in relation to a registered local fisheries community organization:

- (1) The registered organization lacks a qualification as per 8;
- (2) Any such local fisheries community organization does not operate matters as per the objective(s) specified in its requested registration continuously over a period of six months;
- (3) Any such local fisheries community organization wishes to have the registration thereof revoked;
- (4) Any such local fisheries community organization has committed an offence in contradiction of the laws or public morals, or has undertaken matter detrimental to public order, or state security, or has taken any action with any such purpose;

The Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer shall issue a letter informing the local fisheries community organization of the revocation thereof within seven days as from the date on the revocation order is issued, together with rationales thereof, the appeals method, and the appeals period.

Clause 14 The appeals and the appeals procedure as per clause 12, paragraph two and clause 13, paragraph two shall be implemented pursuant to the law(s) on public administration practices.

Clause 15 The Provincial Fisheries Administration Office shall prepare data on the registration of local fisheries community organizations as per the form attached hereto, and shall make such data publically available and update them regularly through the Office's information technology system.

Issued on 30 of November, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015)

(Mr. Wimol Jantrarotai)
Director General of the Department of Fisheries



Local Fisheries Community Organization Registration Certificate

This is to certify that

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(Specify the name of the local fisheries community organization)

Has been registered as a local fisheries community organization as per the Notification of the Department of Fisheries on criteria for the registration of local fisheries community organizations, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015), issued pursuant to section 25 (2) of the Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015), with the field of specialization of (specify one of the following: coastal fisheries, offshore fisheries, fresh-water/inland fisheries, aquaculture, or aquatic animal processing) in Province, as fromdate.....,month.....,year......

Issued on of, B.E. (A.D.)

(Signature)
(.....)

Chief Provincial Fisheries Officer of Province

