



**Notification of Department of Fisheries on  
Determining of Areas and Periods in Spawning, Breeding Seasons,  
Nursery House for Larvae in the Part of Fishing Grounds of  
Prachuab Kirikhan, Chumporn and Surat Thani Provinces  
B.E. 2561 (2018)**

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Whereas the studies and data collections have been taken a very long times by the Department of Fisheries, have clearly appeared that in areas of the Gulf of Thailand in the localities of Prachuab Kirikhan, Chumporn and Surat Thani Provinces are the habitats and a place of fish spawning , breeding and nursing their larvae from February to May every year, in particular for mackerel of valuable aquatic resource, economically important to the country and having a tendency to decrease for various reasons. Some reason is that the fishermen adjusted their fishing gears and methods including the existing measures prescribing the spawning, breeding and nursing seasons cannot be efficiently applied. It is, therefore, expedient to improve the prescribing measures that prohibited using some type of destructive fishing gears for harvesting, in consistent with the changing of current situations.

By virtue of section 81 paragraph 4 of the Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015) and the amendments, the Director-General of the Department of Fisheries hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. During the period of time from February 15 to May 15 of every year. No person shall harvest in the localities of Prachuap Khiri Khan, Chumphon and Surat Thani Province starting from the Strait of Khao Ta Mong Lai, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province to Donsak District, Surat Thani Province as the 1<sup>st</sup> point to the 7<sup>th</sup> point as follows:

From 1<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 11° 49' 40.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 50' 00.000" in the locality of Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, lying straight to the east to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> point;

From 2<sup>nd</sup> point: latitude North 11° 49' 40.000" crossing with Longitude East 100° 15' 00.000" lying straight to the south through the locality of Chumphon and Surat Thani Province to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> point;

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<sup>1</sup> This translation is provided by the Department of Fisheries (the Legal Affairs Division) as the competent authority for information purposes only. Whilst the Department of Fisheries (the Legal Affairs Division) has made efforts to ensure the accuracy and correctness of translation, the original Thai text as formally adopted and published shall in all events remain the sole authoritative text having the force of law

From 3<sup>rd</sup> point: latitude North 9 ° 15 ' 00.000" crossing with Longitude East 100° 15' 00.000" lying straight to the west to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> point;

From 4<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9 ° 15 ' 00.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 55' 00.000" lying straight to meet the 5<sup>th</sup> point;

From 5<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9 ° 22 ' 00.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 49' 00.000" lying straight to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> point;

From 6<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9 ° 22 ' 00.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 44' 52.000" lying straight to the south to the shorelines to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> point;

From 7<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9 ° 19' 18.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 44' 52.000" in the locality of Surat Thani Provinces ending at the 7<sup>th</sup> point.

As appeared the details pursuant to a map number 1/2 attached hereto this Notification.

Clause 2. The provision of paragraph one shall not apply to the case of harvesting with the fishing gear and method and to the case of complying with the following conditions

(1) Bottom otter trawls and beam trawls used with a motor vessel of not more than 16 meters in length and in fishing at night in the offshore.

(2) Gillnet used with a motor vessel of which the size is less than 10 gross tonnage which having meshes up to 2 inches in width except meshes of which are more than 2,500 meter in length per one vessel in fishing in the offshore.

(3) Crab gillnets, shrimp gillnets

(4) Falling Nets, lift Nets or squid Lift Nets used with electricity generator (or dynamo) in fishing in the offshore.

(5) Crab Trap having surrounding meshes up to 2.5 inches and in fishing is not more than 300 pieces per one vessel in fishing in the offshore and crab trap having meshes up to 2.5 inches in fishing in the offshore.

(6) All types of squid trap

(7) All Fish Aggregating Device used with an artisanal fishing in the coastal seas

(8) Calm dredge with a motor vessel of which the length is less than 18 meters ,having its mouth is not more than 3.5 meters in width, the width between each strips shall not less than 1.2 centimeters and numbers of dredges is not more than 3 pieces (unit) per one motor vessel for fishing in the offshore except where prohibited in accordance with Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gear, Type, and Areas of Calm Dredges are prohibited for fishing in the Fishing Grounds B.E. 2560 dated July, 13 B.E. 2560

(9) Push nets used with a motor vessel of which the length is less than 14 meters except in a case where prohibited in accordance with Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Types of Nets, Size of Vessel and Fishing Grounds for a person who fishing with push nets used with a motor vessel, shall be complied with B.E. 2559 dated December, 30 2559

(10) Lift nets, cast Nets, hook and lines, oyster hammer, hook, traps, harpoon and other types of fishing gear used without motor vessel.

(11) Deploying fishing vessel of which the size is less than 10 gross tonnage with its engine is not more than 280 horsepower used with fishing gears of which are not the types of fishing gear and methods notified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be the commercial fishing except the falling nets , lift nets or anchovy lift nets used with electricity generator (dynamo) and in a case where prohibited in accordance with the Notification of the Ministry of Agricultures and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gears, Methods and Areas

that are prohibited in Fishing in the Fishing Grounds of the Coastal Seas B.E. 2560 dated November 9, 2560

In deploying fishing gears under paragraph (2) (3) (4) (5) and (6) ,shall comply with the Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gear Methods and Areas that are Prohibited in Fishing in the Fishing Grounds of the Coastal Seas B.E. 2560 dated November, 9 2560. Therefore, the fishing gear deploy in fishing under paragraph one shall not be the fishing gears prohibited to use in fishing in accordance with section 67 section 68 section 69 or section 71 (1)

Clause 3. During the period of time from May 16 to June 14 of every year.

No person shall harvest in the locality part of Prachuap Khiri Khan, Chumphon and Surat Thani Province starting from the end of Laem Khao Ta Mong Lai, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province to Donsak District, Surat Thani Province as the 1<sup>st</sup> point to the 7<sup>th</sup> point as follows:

From 1<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 11° 49' 40.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 50' 00.000", lying straight to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> point;

From 2<sup>nd</sup> point: latitude North 11° 49' 40.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 57' 06.566", lying straight to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> point;

From 3<sup>rd</sup> point: latitude North 11° 35' 24.869" crossing with Longitude East 99° 48' 56.908", lying straight to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> point;

From 4<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 11° 17' 07.839" เหนือ crossing with Longitude East 99° 40' 34.105", lying straight to meet the 5<sup>th</sup> point;

From 5<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 11° 03' 24.055" crossing with Longitude East 99° 36' 26.764", lying straight to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> point;

From 6<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 10° 44' 53.772" crossing with Longitude East 99° 34' 04.088", lying straight to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> point;

From 7<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 10° 27' 37.580" crossing with Longitude East 99° 27' 40.761", lying straight to the east to meet the 8<sup>th</sup> point;

From 8<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 10° 07' 55.623" crossing with Longitude East 99° 15' 51.299", lying straight to meet the 9<sup>th</sup> point;

From 9<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9° 55' 17.331" crossing with Longitude East 99° 16' 51.051", lying straight to meet the 10<sup>st</sup> point;

From 10<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9° 37' 44.638" crossing with Longitude East 99° 19' 34.605", lying straight to the east to meet the 11<sup>st</sup> point;

From 11<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9° 24' 13.236" crossing with Longitude East 99° 26' 54.438" in the locality of Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, lying straight to the east to meet the 12<sup>nd</sup> point;

From 12<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9° 26' 47.731" crossing with Longitude East 99° 44' 52.000", lying straight to the 13<sup>rd</sup> point;

From 13<sup>th</sup> point: latitude North 9° 19' 18.000" crossing with Longitude East 99° 44' 52.000" which ending the 13<sup>th</sup> point;

As appeared the details in accordance with a map number 2/2 attached hereto this Notification.

Clause 4. The provision of paragraph three shall not apply to the case of harvesting with the fishing gear and method and to the case of complying with the following conditions.

- (1) Bottom otter trawls, Beam trawls in fishing in the offshore.
  - (2) Gillnet used with motor vessel less than 10 gross tonnage which having meshes from 2 inches in width except meshes more than 2,500 meter in length per one vessel in fishing in the offshore.
  - (3) Crab gillnets, shrimp gillnets.
  - (4) Falling Nets, lift Nets or squid Lift Nets used with electricity generator (or dynamo) in fishing in the offshore.
  - (5) Crab Trap having surrounding meshes from 2.5 inches and more in fishing not more than 300 pieces per one vessel for fishing in the offshore and crab trap having meshes up to 2.5 inches in fishing in the offshore.
  - (6) all types of squid trap.
  - (7) All Fish Aggregating Device used with artisanal fishing in the coastal seas.
  - (8) Calm Dredge with a motor vessel of which the length is less than 18 meters ,having its mouth is not more than 3.5 meters in width, the width between each strips shall not less than 1.2 centimeters and numbers of dredges is not more than 3 pieces (unit) per one motor vessel for fishing in the offshore except where prohibited in accordance with Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gear, Type, and Areas of Calm Dredges are prohibited for fishing in the Fishing Grounds B.E. 2560 dated July, 13 B.E. 2560.
  - (9) Push nets used with a motor vessel of which the length is less than 14 meters. except in a case where prohibited in accordance with Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Types of Nets, Size of Vessel and Fishing Grounds for a person who fishing with push nets used with a motor vessel shall be complied with B.E. 2559 dated December, 2559.
  - (10) Lift nets, cast Nets, hook and lines, oyster hammer, hook, traps , harpoon other types of fishing gear used without a motor vessel.
  - (11) Deploying fishing vessels of which the size is less than 10 gross tonnage with its engine is not more than 280 horsepower used with fishing gears of which are not the types of fishing gear and methods notified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be the commercial fishing except the falling nets , lift nets or anchovy lift nets used with electricity generator (dynamo) and in a case where prohibited in accordance with the Notification of the Ministry of Agricultures and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gears, Methods and Areas that are prohibited in Fishing in the Fishing Grounds of the Coastal Seas B.E. 2560 dated November 9, 2560.
- In deploying fishing gears under paragraph (2) (3) (4) (5) and (6) shall comply with the Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives on Determination of Fishing Gear Methods and Areas that are Prohibited in Fishing in the Fishing Grounds of the Coastal Seas B.E. 2560 dated November, 9 2560. Therefore, the fishing gear deploy in fishing under paragraph one shall not be the fishing gears prohibited to use in fishing in accordance with section 67 section 68 section 69 or section 71 (1).

Clause 5. The provision in this Notification shall not apply to the case of fishing for the academic purpose and obtain a written permission from the Director-General of Department of Fisheries.

Clause 6. This Notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Issued on 31 of January, B.E. 2561 (A.D. 2018)

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