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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (MINOR FISHERIES)  
REGULATIONS**

(Cap. 281, section 77)

G.N.A. 112/53.

26 of 1958.  
L.N. 86/65.  
L.N. 64/68.  
L.N. 256/74.

[30th October, 1953.]

1. These regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Minor Fisheries) Regulations. Citation.
  
2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.
  - “beach seine net” means a net not less than 100 feet in length by 3 feet in width, which is shot from a boat and hauled by both ends to the shore;
  - “prescribed fee” means a fee prescribed in the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations; L.N. 86/65.  
(Cap. 281, sub. leg.)
  - “stake net” includes—
    - (a) an inshore stake net, which means a net attached to poles which is worked by a windlass stationed on shore or in less than 3 fathoms of water, or
    - (b) an offshore stake net, which means a net attached to poles which is worked by a windlass stationed in more than 3 fathoms of water, or
    - (c) a line of stakes and nets, which means a net or nets attached to a line of stakes which are driven into the foreshore or sea-bed.
  
3. (1) The Director of Marine is hereby authorized to grant annual licences for the erection and maintenance of stake nets and for the operation of beach seine nets at the prescribed fees. Licensing of  
stake nets.  
L.N. 86/65.
  - (2) The Director may in his discretion refuse the grant or the renewal of any stake net licence.
  - (3) Licences shall not be transferable and shall specify the exact location in which they may be used.
  - (4) Any person who erects or operates a stake net or who operates a beach seine net without a licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$5,000. L.N. 256/74.
  
4. (1) No stake net shall be erected within 200 yards of an existing stake net without the permission of the owner. Stake nets not in use shall be removed at the expense of the licensee. Conditions for  
stake nets.
  - (2) Each stake net shall shew between sunset and sunrise a bright white light visible in all directions seaward for a distance of a mile.

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(3) Each stake net shall exhibit in a conspicuous position a board to be supplied free of charge by the Director shewing the number of the licence.

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(4) Any licence holder who contravenes a provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$1,000.

Prohibition of explosives.

L.N. 256/74.

5. Any person who uses any explosive for the purpose of fishing or who has an explosive in his possession for such purpose shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

Bright light fishing.  
Schedule.

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6. (1) A bright light for the purpose of fishing or attracting fish shall only be used in the locations specified in the Schedule.

(2) Not more than 2 such lights shall be in use at the same time in any one vessel.

(3) Lights for such purpose shall be effectively shaded to the satisfaction of the Director and shall be so constructed and used that the shade shall always extend not less than 4 inches below the lowest part of the light and the lights shall not be placed at a greater height than 3 feet above the water.

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(4) Any person who uses a bright light for the purpose of fishing or attracting fish within the waters of the Colony in contravention of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$5,000.

Oyster fisheries.

L.N. 256/74.

7. Any person who carries on any of the operations of oyster rearing or fishing save in accordance with the terms of a Crown lease or permit shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$5,000:

26 of 1958, s. 18.  
(Cap. 307.)

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to the rearing of or fishing for pearl oysters within the meaning of the Pearl Culture (Control) Ordinance.

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## SCHEDULE

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## AREAS WHERE BRIGHT LIGHT FISHING IS PERMITTED

1. *Mirs Bay, Tolo Harbour and Port Shelter*—The waters of the Colony within the area bounded on the south by a line drawn 214° from Mirs Point (latitude 22° 27' 06" north, longitude 114° 30' 07" east) to the south eastern extremity of East Ninepin Island (Tung Kwo Chau), thence a line drawn 238° to the south eastern extremity of South Ninepin Island (Nam Kwo Chau) thence a line drawn 278° to Fu Tau Point (Fat Tong Kok) with the exception of the Dangerous Goods Anchorage in the Tolo Channel specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Control of Ports) Regulations.

2. *Tseung Kwan O or Junk Bay*—The area bounded on the south and west by a line drawn 160° from a position to the south of Tiu Keng Wan (latitude 22° 18' 10" north, longitude 114° 15' 10" east) to the western extremity of Junk Island (Fat Tau Chau), thence a line drawn 090° to meet the mainland.

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3. *Deep Bay*—The waters of the Colony within the area bounded on the west by a line drawn  $165^\circ$  from South West Point (latitude  $22^\circ 28' 30''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 52' 50''$  east) to Black Point (Lan Kok Tsui).

4. *Castle Peak*—The area bounded on the south by a line drawn  $097^\circ$  from Pillar Point (Mong Hau Shek) to Brother's Point (Tai Lam Kok).

5. *North Lantau*—The area bounded on the north by a line drawn  $270^\circ$  from the headland on the western side of Luk Keng Bay (latitude  $22^\circ 20' 07''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 01' 04''$  east) to the southern extremity of East Brother Island (Siu Mo To) thence a line drawn  $248^\circ$  to the southernmost extremity of West Brother Island (Tai Mo To) thence a line drawn  $254^\circ$  to the northernmost extremity of Chek Lap Kok Island and a line drawn  $234^\circ$  from the westernmost extremity of Chek Lap Kok Island (latitude  $22^\circ 18' 53''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 55' 24''$  east) to the headland (latitude  $22^\circ 17' 42''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 53' 45''$  east) near Sha Lo Wan.

6. *North Lantau*—The area enclosed by a line drawn  $224^\circ$  from the headland (latitude  $22^\circ 20' 57''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 02' 36''$  east) near Kwai Shek to a headland at latitude  $22^\circ 20' 16''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 01' 54''$  east.

7. *East Lantau*—The area bounded on the east by a line drawn  $156^\circ$  from a small unnamed island (25 feet) in latitude  $22^\circ 19' 54''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 03' 24''$  east to the north eastern extremity of Kau Yi Chau and thence from the south eastern extremity of Kau Yi Chau a line drawn  $218^\circ$  to the south eastern extremity of Hei Ling Chau, thence a line drawn  $244^\circ$  to a headland at latitude  $22^\circ 13' 55''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 01' 06''$  east, Lantau Island.

8. *South Lantau*—The area bounded on the south by a line drawn  $267^\circ$  from a headland (latitude  $22^\circ 12' 50''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 59' 06''$  east) to the south east of Mong Fung Wan, to a headland at latitude  $22^\circ 12' 42''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 55' 43''$  east, east of Lo Kei Wan.

9. *South Lantau*—The area bounded on the south by a line drawn  $259^\circ$  from a headland (latitude  $22^\circ 12' 30''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 54' 37''$  east) to the west of Lo Kei Wan to a headland at latitude  $22^\circ 11' 54''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 51' 00''$  east, east of Kau Ling Chung.

10. *The Soko Islands and West Lamma Channel*—The area bounded on the west by a line drawn  $204^\circ$  from the northern extremity of Siu A Chau (latitude  $22^\circ 11' 23''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 54' 13''$  east) to a small unnamed island (98 feet) in latitude  $22^\circ 10' 24''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 53' 51''$  east thence a line drawn  $180^\circ$  to a position where this line intersects the Colony's southern boundary at latitude  $22^\circ 09' 00''$  north and longitude  $113^\circ 53' 47''$  east.

11. *The Soko Islands and West Lamma Channel*—The area bounded on the south by a line drawn  $090^\circ$  from position latitude  $22^\circ 09' 00''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 53' 47''$  east, to a position latitude  $22^\circ 09' 00''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 08' 51''$  east.

12. *The Soko Islands and West Lamma Channel*—The area bounded on the east by a line drawn  $360^\circ$  from the aforementioned position to Yuen Kok, south eastern extremity of Lamma Island thence along the coast line from Yuen Kok to Wong Chuk Kok, thence by a line drawn  $311^\circ$  from Wong Chuk Kok to a position at latitude  $22^\circ 14' 23''$  north and longitude  $114^\circ 07' 12''$  east.

13. *The Soko Islands and West Lamma Channel*—The area bounded on the north by a line drawn  $258^\circ$  from the headland at latitude  $22^\circ 14' 34''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 06' 56''$  east to the north eastern extremity of Cheung Chau Island (latitude  $22^\circ 13' 32''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 01' 57''$  east) and a line drawn  $256^\circ$  from the south western extremity of Cheung Chau Island (latitude  $22^\circ 11' 52''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 01' 09''$  east) to the south western extremity of Shek Kwu Chau (latitude  $22^\circ 11' 24''$  north, longitude  $113^\circ 59' 18''$  east) thence a line drawn  $270^\circ$  to the northern extremity of Siu A Chau.

14. *Hong Kong Island (South)*—An area bounded on the west by a line drawn  $130^\circ$  from the headland at Waterfall Bay (latitude  $22^\circ 15' 12''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 07' 48''$  east), thence to the south western extremity of Ap Lei Pai (latitude  $22^\circ 13' 50''$  north, longitude  $114^\circ 09' 33''$  east), thence a line drawn  $126^\circ$  to Wong Ma Kok (Bluff Head) thence a line drawn  $075^\circ$  to Hok Tsui (Cape D'Aguilar).

15. *Hong Kong Island (South)*—The area bounded by a line drawn  $037^\circ$  from the easternmost extremity of Po Toi Island to the south eastern extremity of Sung Kong Island and by a line drawn  $270^\circ$  from the north eastern extremity of Sung Kong Island to the north eastern extremity of Lo Chau (Beaufort Island) and by a line drawn  $157^\circ$  from the southern extremity of Lo Chau (Beaufort Island) to the southern extremity of Po Toi Island.