

**5.1.3.3 Northern Areas Fisheries Rules 1975  
(Notification No. Reg-HC-NTF. 6/75 dated 4 April 1975)**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 23 of the Northern Area Fisheries Act, 1975, and in supersession of all previous rules on the subject in force in any part of northern Areas, the Resident/Commissioner Northern Areas is pleased to make the following rules;—

**NORTHERN AREAS FISHERIES RULES, 1975.**

**PART – 1 PRELIMINARY.**

**1. Short title, application and commencement.—**

- (1) These rules may be called the Northern Areas Fisheries Rules 1975.
- (2) they shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.—**

In these rules unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions shall have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them: that is to say:—

- (a) “Appendix” means an appendix to these rules;.
- (b) “Form” means a form appended to these rules;
- (c) “Licensee” means a person to whom a licence is granted under the Act and these rules;.
- (d) “Act” means the Northern Area Fisheries Act, 1975.
- (e) “Public Water”, means water other than the “Private Water” and includes—
  - (i) all natural bodies of water, such as rivers and their tributaries, brooks, lakes, water channels, dug, dredged or blasted canals;
  - (ii) any water impounded by the construction of any lake or dam or other impounding device across the channel of a navigable stream;
  - (iii) following water within which fish are free to move across property lines;
- (f) “Sanctuary/an reserve”, means an area declared under section 9, 14 to be a sanctuary a reserve for fish.
- (g) “Schedule” means schedule to the Act; and
- (h) “Section” means a section of the Act.

## PART-II LICENCES.

### 3. Licences to be issued by the Assistant Director, Fisheries.—

All licences under section 7 including seasonal, monthly and daily licences to fish in the water mentioned in appendices I and 11 will be issued by the Assistant Director of Fisheries or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf on payment of fees prescribed under these rules.

### 4. Duration of validity of licence.—

- (1) A seasonal licence shall be valid for one year, and irrespective of the date of issue shall remain in force from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January to 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, each year.

Provided that the period from 15<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> August each year shall be closed season during which no fishing except with rod and line and long line shall be permissible.

- (2) A monthly licence shall be valid for a calendar month from the date of issue.
- (3) A daily licence shall be valid for the date mentioned in the form from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset.

### 5. Area to which a licence extends.—

A licence shall entitle the holder to fish in any of the waters mentioned in appendices I and II.

### 6. Kinds of fishing gears.—

- (1) Subject to the provision of sub-rule (2), a licensee shall be entitled to fish with the following type of gears only:—

- (a) Cast net; provided that net shall not have at any portion of it a mesh of less than one inch bar measured from knot to knot or four inches all round;
- (b) Rod and Line; and
- (c) Long Line with hooks

- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1)—

- (a) A licensee may use a maximum of two numbers of the same gear or of all the gears permitted to him under these rules at one time provided that when the licence entitles its holder to the use of one gear, the licensee may use only that gear.
- (b) No gear shall be used for catching fish in any river within a distance of 100 yards from any bridge and confluence point of any stream/nullah with the main river;

- (c) A daily licence shall not entitle its holder to fish with more than one rod in water specified in appendix-II.

**7. Fees for the licences.—**

- (1) The fees for various type of licences specified in sub-rules 4(1), (2), and (3) shall be as follows:—
- i) For rod and line fishing only:—
    - a) Seasonal..... Rs.10/-
    - b) Monthly..... Rs. 4/-
    - c) Daily ..... Rs. 1/-
  - ii) For Long Line with hooks only: Rs.20/- per season.
  - (iii) For Casting net fishing. Rs.50/- per season.
- (2) Full fees shall be charged for any broken period.

**8. Duplicate Licences.—**

The authority empowered to grant licences may if the licence granted under these rules, is lost or destroyed accidentally, grant a duplicate copy of the original licence on payment of fee of one rupee or the fee for licence, whichever is less.

**9. Licensee to report breach of rules.—**

Every licensee shall be bound to report to the Deputy Commissioner, Tehsildar or any Officer of the Fisheries Department any breach of Act or Rules that come to his notice.

**10. Licence not transferable. No adult to be engaged as helper.**

- (i) A licence, unless otherwise provided in these rules, shall not be transferable.
- (ii) A licensee shall not employ or engage any person to help him with his net unless the person so employed is also a licensee.

**11. Method of payment of fees.—**

Payment of fees under these rules shall be made in cash or by means of non-judicial stamps of appropriate value which shall be affixed on the applications addressed to the licencing authorities.

**12. No erection of fixed engines.—**

No licensee shall:—

- (a) erect fixed engines or
- (b) construct dams or weirs or
- (c) divert water for catching fish.

**13. Seizures.—**

All apparatus erected or used for fishing in contravention of the Act or these rules, when seized under section 14, shall be taken to the nearest police station by the person empowered under said section.

**14. Cancelling of licence.—**

The Assistant Director of Fisheries may cancel any licence granted under section-7, if holder contravenes or instigation contravention of any of these rules or is convicted of an offence under the Act.

**15. Restrictions on size and number of fish to be caught.—**

Any fish of the species mentioned in the first schedule which is less than the prescribed size, if caught from waters mentioned in appendix-I & II shall be put back in the said water.

**PART-III TROUT WATERS.****16. Division of Trout Waters.—**

The Trout waters of the five districts of Northern Areas shall, for the purpose of these rules, be divided into 23 reaches as under :—

**(A) GILGIT DISTRICT.**

- (a) Reach No.1—Includes the whole length of Kargah nullah from it's confluence point with the Gilgit river.
- (b) Reach No.2—Sai nullah including its tributaries and Gasho Lake.
- (c) Reach No.3—The whole length of Nultar nullah, its tributaries and lakes.

**(B) GHIZER DISTRICT.**

- (d) Reach No.4—Ghizer river from the commencement of mile-25 to the end of mile 42 on the Gilgit-Gupis road alongwith the Danati and Singal nullahs.
- (e) Reach No.5—Ghizer river from the end of mile 34 to the end of mile 45 on the Gilgit-Gupis road.
- (f) Reach No.6—Ghizer river from the end of mile 45 to the end of mile 65 on the Gilgit-Gupis road including the Roushan nullah.
- (g) Reach No.7—Ghizer river from the end of mile 65 to the end of mile 76 on the Gupis-Teru road.
- (h) Reach No.8—Ghizer river from the end of mile stone 76 to the end of mile 92 on the Gupis-Teru road including bathrate nullah.

- (i) Reach No.9—Ghizer river from the end of mile 92 to the end of mile 113 on gupis-Teru road including Phandar, Shaimal, Matoti and Kinis lakes and other tributaries.
  - (j) Reach No.10—Ghizer river from the end of mile 113 to the end of mile 132 on Gupis-Teru road including Hurndrab nullah, Shandur lake and other tributaries.
  - (k) Reach No.11—Yasin river from the end of mile No.64 to the end of mile 84 on Gilgit-Yasin road including Nazbar nullah and other tributaries.
- (C) DIAMER DISTRICT.
- (l) Reach No.12.—Astore river along Gilgit-Astore road from the end of mile No.61 to the end of mile 77 including Parashing nullah.
  - (m) Reach No.13—Rama Lake.
  - (n) Reach No.14—Astore River from the end of Astore Godai road mile 77 to the end of mile 82 including Godai nullah.
  - (o) Reach No.15—Godai mullah from the end of mile 82 to the end of mile 88 including Pakora Lake and Bobin nullah.
  - (p) Reach No.16—Godai nullah from the end of mile 88 to the end of mile 104 on the Astore-Chilim road.
- (D) BALTISTAN DISTRICT.
- (q) Reach No.17—This includes the Saepara nullah and lake.
  - (r) Reach No.18—This includes the upper and lower kachura lakes.
  - (s) Reach No.19—the whole length of kachura nullah.
  - (t) Reach No.20—Hasho dam.
- (E) GHANCHEY DISTRICT.
- (u) Reach No.21—the whole length of Sirmik nullah.
  - (v) Reach No.22—the whole length of Parkuta nullah.
  - (w) Reach No.23—the whole length of Bara nullah.
- (2) The Assistant Director of Fisheries may at any time by notification revise the limits of the reaches mentioned in Sub-rule (l) or divide the entire stretch of the said waters in any other number of reaches as he deem fit.

**17. Licences for trout waters.—**

- (1) a licence to fish in any of the reaches specified in rules 16 may be granted by the Assistant Director Fisheries, Fisheries Development Officer and Assistant Warden Fisheries in their respective jurisdictions, on payment of the prescribed fee and the licence so granted shall entitle the holder to fish only in the reach specified in the license.
- (2) A licence granted under this rule may after giving the licensee an opportunity of being heard, be cancelled by the Assistant Director Fisheries or the Fisheries Development Officer, for breach of any condition of the licence, these rules or the provisions of the act.

**18. Number of licences to be granted by Fisheries Development Officer/Asstt: Warden Fish:—**

- (1) The Assistant Director of Fisheries shall fix the number of licences that may be granted by the Fisheries Development Officer and Assistant Warden Fisheries, at any one time for the reaches mentioned in rule-16.
- (2) The Government may at any time revise the number of licences fixed, under Sub-rule (1) and also fix by a notification:—
  - (a) The size and weight below which no trout shall be killed; and
  - (b) the maximum number of trout, of the permissible size or weight, which may be caught during the term of the licence.

**19. The fee for a licence under this part shall be changed at the following rates:-****A. FOR SINGLE ROD AND SINGLE LICENCE.**  
(For Pakistanis).

|      |                | For all trout water except of<br>Gilgit Sub-Division | For trout waters of<br>Gilgit Sub-Division. |
|------|----------------|--|---|
| i)   | Per Day:— ...  | Rs.5/-   | Rs. 8/-                                     |
| ii)  | Per week:— ... | Rs.30/-  | Rs.48/-                                     |
| iii) | Per month:—... | Rs.100/-   | Rs.160/-                                    |

(For Foreigners)

|      |             |          |
|------|-------------|----------|
| i)   | Per day:-   | \$ 2.00  |
| ii)  | Per Week:—  | \$ 12.00 |
| iii) | Per month:— | S 40.00  |

(FOR LOCALS AND GOVERNMENT SERVANTS SERVING IN NORTHERN AREA)

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
|  | Per season for single rod<br>and single licence | Rs.120/-   | Rs.120/-                                    |
| <b>B. FOR DOUBLE ROD AND FAMILY LICENCE.</b><br>(for Pakistanis) |   |  |   |
|  |   | For all trout water except of<br>Gilgit Sub-Division | For trout waters of<br>Gilgit Sub-Division. |
| i)   | Per Day:— ...                                   | Rs.8/-   | Rs. 14/-                                    |
| ii)  | Per week:— ...                                  | Rs.48/-  | Rs.70/-                                     |
| iii)   | Per month:—...                                  | Rs.120/-   | Rs.160/-                                    |
| (for Foreigners)   |   |  |   |
| i)   | Per day:-                                       | \$ 3.00  |   |
| ii)  | Per Week:—                                      | \$ 18.00   |   |
| iii)   | Per month:—                                     | \$ 40.00   |   |

Explanation:— For the purpose of this rule, family means husband, wife and their children below fourteen years of age in any combination not exceeding two whose names are entered in the licence.

**20. Fees or conditions of licences not be refunded or altered.—**

The licence fee paid under rule 34 shall in no case be refunded nor shall the period of the licence nor the name of the reach for which the licence has been issued be varied.

**21. Licences not be transferred or shared.—**

A licence granted under this Part shall be non-transferable and shall not be shared with any person.

**22. Duplicate Licences.—**

Where a licence granted under this Part is lost or accidentally destroyed, the Assistant Director Fisheries or Fisheries development Officer, or Assistant Warden Fisheries may, on payment of a fee of one rupee, issue a duplicate copy of such licence.

**23. Kinds of lures to be used.—**

A licensee shall use either of the following lures only:—

- (a) Artificial fly.
- (b) Artificial spinning bait, including spoons; and
- (c) Artificial worm.

**24. No fish to be killed during the closed season.—**

No fish shall be killed in the waters to which this part applies during the period from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October to the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the following year (both days inclusive) excepting under the authority of the assistant Director Fisheries.

**25. Seizure.—**

All apparatus erected or used for fishing in contravention of these rules and the fish so caught may be seized and taken to the nearest Police Station by the person empowered under Section-16.

**26. Licence to Foreign Diplomats.—**

A Foreign Diplomat may be granted a licence for angling free of charge.

**27. Provision of a side water channel along the flour mills.—**

Whoever constructs a water channel to operate flour mill, shall provide an additional water channel on the side so that fish, that may be therein, may move freely and is not destroyed.

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## APPENDIX-1

### LIST OF WATER FOR WHICH FISHING LICENCE MAY BE ISSUED VIDE RULE-3.

**1. GILGIT DISTRICT.**

RIVERS:—

Gilgit river, Hunza river and its tributaries, river Indus and Nagar river.

NALLAS:—

Bagrot, Chalt, baddalas, Tholo, Hassanabad, Khaltaro.

**2. DIAMER DISTRICT.**

RIVERS:—

Asote river from Ramghat bridge to the start of Harcho village and from ahead of Gorikote village to Rattu Cantt including mirmalik and Kamree nullahs, river Indus.

NALLAS:—

Godai mullah ahead of Chilum villae, Thuk nullah, Batogah nullah, Khinar nullah, Thore nullah hoodar nullah, Khanbari nullah, Darel nullah and Tangir nullah including their tributaries and lakes.

**3. GHIZAR DISTRICT.**

RIVERS:—

Ghizar river from the start of Ghulanpur village to Sherqilla bridge, Ishkoman river from Immit to its confluence with Ghizar river.

NALLAS:—

Immit nullah, Birgal nullah.

**4. SKARDU (Baltistan) DISTRICT.**

Rivers:—

River Indus and its tributaries in the Skardu and Rondu valleys, Shigar river and its tributaries, river Shango.

NALLAS:—

Istik nullah, Toormik Nullah, Basho nulla, Braldo nullah, Basha nullah.

**5. Ghanchey District.**

RIVERS:—

River Indus, river Shioke

NALLAS:—

Thaley nullah, Hoshey nullah, and its tributaries, Chorbut nullah, Cholunka nullah, Thugus nalla, kundus nullah and Saltura nalla.

**APPENDIX – II**

**WATERS RESERVED FOR ROD ANDLINE AND  
LONG LINE GEARS. VIDE RULE—6.**

**1. GILGIT DISTRICT. —**

Gilgit river from the tail of Danyor village to the tail of Hair Basin village and along Henzal village, Gilgit river along Parri village, river Indus along Sasi and Jaglot village.

**2. DIAMER DISTRICT. —**

River Indus along Thalichi, Gunar Farm and Gina villages, river Indus from the end of mile 92 to the end of mile 97 on the Gilgit Rawalpindi road, Thuk, Batogah, Khinar and Thore nullahs one mile up stream from their confluence with river Indus, Tangir nullah along Jaglot village and Prudi lake, Darel nullah from the commencement of Gumari village to the end of Manakial village, Astore river from the end of Gorikote village to the end of Ratu Cantt.

**3. GHIZAR DISTRICT. —**

Ghizar river from the commencement of Gulapur village to Sherqulla bridge, Ishkoman river along Immit, Pakore and Chatorekhand village.

**4. SKARDU (Baltistan) DISTRICT. —**

River Indus.

**5. GHANCHELY DISTRICT. —**

River shroke along Khaplu village, river Indus along Parkuta and Sirmik villages.

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