

THE FISHERIES ORDINANCE

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 93 of the Fisheries Ordinance (Chapter 212) and approved by the National State Assembly.

FESTUS PERERA,  
Minister of Fisheries.

Colombo, 21st April, 1978.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Inland Water Fishing Regulations, 1978.

2. These regulations shall apply to and in relation to such Inland Waters as may be proclaimed from time to time by the Director by notification published in the Gazette as waters to which these regulations shall apply.

3. No person shall, except on the authority of a permit issued by the Director or by such officer specially authorized in writing by the Director in that behalf, use or operate any shore seine, set of gill nets, or any other type of fishing gear which may be specified by the Director by notification published in the Gazette (other than a rod and line) for the purpose of fishing in any Inland Waters proclaimed under regulation 2.

4. Every person who wishes to obtain a permit shall make a written application substantially in the Form A set out in the Schedule hereto, to the Director or to such other officer specially authorized in writing in that behalf by the Director to receive such applications.

5. (1) On receipt of an application for a permit the Director or other authorized officer may, after such inquiry as he may deem necessary, issue to the applicant a permit which shall specify the number of shore seine, sets of gill nets, or the quantity of other fishing gear that may be used, and any other conditions that shall apply in relation to such permit. Such permit shall, unless earlier cancelled under these regulations, remain in force during the period specified therein.

(2) Every such permit shall be substantially in the Form B set out in the Schedule hereto and shall be issued on the payment of—

- (a) in the case of a shore seine, a refundable deposit of one hundred rupees and a permit fee of twenty-five rupees;
- (b) in the case of a set of gill nets, a refundable deposit of ten rupees and a permit fee of five rupees;
- (c) in the case of other fishing gear, a refundable deposit of five rupees and a permit fee of two rupees and fifty cents.

(3) Every such permit may be revalidated annually on payment of a revalidation fee of—

- (a) in the case of a shore seine, twenty-five rupees;
- (b) in the case of a set of gill nets, five rupees; and
- (c) in the case of other fishing gear, two rupees and fifty cents.

6. The Director is hereby empowered from time to time to limit the number of permits that may be issued in any area forming part of inland waters which may be proclaimed under these regulations in respect of shore seine, sets of gill nets or other fishing gear.

7. Where the Director refuses to issue a permit under regulation 5, the applicant may appeal from such refusal in writing to the Minister within thirty days from the date of communication to him of the refusal. The appeal shall set out the grounds upon which it is made.

8. The decision of the Minister on any appeal under regulation 7 shall be final and conclusive.

9. Any permit issued to any person may be cancelled by the Director where the permit holder has contravened any of the provisions of the Fisheries Ordinance or of these regulations or any condition contained in

the permit. Notice of such cancellation shall be sent by registered post to the last known address of such permit holder.

10. The Director may by notification published in the Gazette prohibit the fishing or the taking of any size of variety of fish specified in such notification from any inland waters proclaimed under these regulations or may prohibit the use of any variety or fishing net with mesh of a size which does not conform to the specifications set out in such notification.

11. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of these regulations and the regulations made under any other ordinance the provisions of these regulations shall prevail over the regulations made under such other ordinance.

12. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Director” has the same meaning as in the ordinance;

“Inland Water” has the same meaning as in the ordinance;

“Set of gill nets” means a unit consisting of not more than six pieces of gill nets each piece of which shall not exceed one thousand five hundred meshes in length;

“Shore seine” means a fishing net the mesh of which is made of rope or other material and which is set in water and hauled or dragged with ropes at its two extremities until it is brought to a position which permits the extraction of the fish taken in it and includes the fishing nets commonly known as ‘madel’ ‘karavalai’ and ‘adasuvalai’.

SCHEDULE  
FORM “A”

APPLICATION FOR INLAND WATER FISHING PERMIT REGULATION 4(2)

1. Name and address of applicant : \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Permanent address : \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Temporary address : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Particulars of Inland Water where fishing is to be carried out : \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Situation : \_\_\_\_\_
3. Particulars of nets to be used :

Type of net	No. of Units	Mesh sizes

4. Particulars of crafts to be used :

Type of Craft	Regd. No.	Yard No.

5. Number of persons who will be employed by applicant : \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) in fishing : \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) in curing or connected activities : \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of persons to be housed in Wadiyas : \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where is the Wadiya proposed to be located : \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will vehicles be used for the transport of fish or any connected activities : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant.

**PROCLAMATION OF WATERS UNDER INLAND WATER FISHING REGULATIONS—1978**

THE waters indicated against the following districts are hereby proclaimed under Inland Waters Fishing Regulations, 1978 as waters applicable for the purposes mentioned in Inland Water Fishing Regulations, 1978.

**Director of Fisheries.**

Department of Fisheries,  
P.O. Box 531,  
Galle Face, Colombo 8.

District	Name of Tank
(1) Batticaloa	... Unnichchi wewa, Rugam wewa
(2) Galle	... Koggal oya, Madu ganga, Kudakalapu ganga and Randombe ganga
(3) Jaffna	... Iranamadu tank, Vavuni-kulam tank, Deniyankulam tank, Kariyalai Nagapaduwan tank.

Also the tank mentioned as Mahanediya in the district of Amparai in the list of tanks published in the Gazette of the Republic of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) No. 333 of September 01, 1978, under Regulation 2 of the Inland Water Fishing Regulations 1978 should be amended to read as "Mahakandiya wewa".

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**DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES.**

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(1) Amparai	... Senanayake Samudraya, Pallanoya, Jayanthi wewa, Pannalgama, Eggal aru, Ambalan oya, Konduwatuwana, Navagiri aru, Himidurawa, Namal oya, Aligalage wewa, Chadayanthalawa, Weeragoda wewa, Walathapitiya, Iran-kamam, Mahanediya, Rottukulam.
(2) Trincomalee	... Kanthale wewa, Galmetiya wewa, Parawipanchan wewa, Wan ela wewa, Nilappanikkankulam, Weppankulam, Mora wewa, Pan-medawachchi wewa, Padukulam, Allai wewa, Ullaikali wewa, Wawanavilkulam.
(3) Anuradhapura	... Hurulu wewa, Kala wewa, Mahakanadara wewa, Nachchaduwa wewa, Padaviya wewa, Rajan-gana wewa, Nuwara wewa, Kiwle-kada, Thruvila, Horivila, Bellan-kadawala, Mahaelagamuwa, Man-kadawala, Balatu wewa, Divul wewa, Vahalkada, Tavalam Hal-millewa, Wagollakada, Parangiya-wadiya, Mahakiwilekanda, Thirap-pan Kadawala, Horowpathana, Maha wewa, Mahanankadawala, Kopakulama, Mahawilachchiya, Wahalkada, Pahala Thalawa, Iharathalawa, Solama, Mediyawa, Eliyadivul wewa, Eppawala, Katiyawa, Mahailuppallama.

District	Name of Tank
(4) Kandy	... North Bridge Reservoir, Castlere, Mavussakele, Polgolla, Mahanuvara wewa, Udaperadeniya University tank, Udawatte Kela wewa.
(5) Hambantota	... Yoda wewa, Tissa wewa, Debara wewa, Pannegamuwa wewa, Weerawila wewa, Badagiriya wewa, Mahagal wewa, Ridiyagama wewa, Sooriya wewa, Kirama wewa, Udukirivila wewa, Muruthavela wewa, Ranasinghe wewa, Sihinamalawa maha wewa, Pol-lonnarawa maha wewa, Netol-pitiya maha wewa, Kattakaduwa maha wewa, Beligalla maha wewa, Kandurutta maha wewa.
(6) Polonnaruwa	... Kawdulu wewa, Minneriya wewa, Parakrama Samudraya, Girithale wewa, Ambagaswewa, Pimburathewa.
(7) Matara	... Maramba wewa, Borala wewa, Kekanadura wewa, Denagarna wewa, Thithamuguna wewa, Hali ela wewa, Ellewela wewa, Dan-deniya wewa, Sulthanagoda wewa, Kankane dola.
(8) Badulla	... Sorabora wewa, Mapakada wewa, Dambarawa wewa.
(9) Monaragala	... Inginiyagala wewa, Athmale wewa, Murutha kandiya wewa, Thana-gallanda wewa, Keerawila wewa, Hambegamuwa wewa, Handapanagala wewa, Udaganawa wewa, Aliyagala wewa, Debaraara wewa, Athili wewa, Terela wewa, Magandana wewa, Detaganuwa wewa, Katugahagala wewa, Kotiyagala wewa, Namaloya.
(10) Galle	... Bikke Reservoir.
(11) Puttalam	... Thabbowa wewa.
(12) Ratnapura	... Udawalawe.
(13) Jaffna	... Iranamadu.

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