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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department
ORDER

G.O.(P) 20/88/F&PD.

Dated Trivandrum 29th June 1988.

S.R.O. No. 794/88—WHEREAS the Government are convinced of the need to protect the interest of different sections of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamaran, country crafts or canoes;

AND WHEREAS it is considered necessary to maintain law and order in the sea;

AND WHEREAS Government consider that there is need to conserve fish wealth;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981) read with rule 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980, the Government of Kerala hereby prohibit trawling throughout the area in the sea along the entire coast line of the State from Kollengode to Manjeswaram specified under notification G.O. (P) No. 29/86/F&PD dated the 14th March 1986 published as S.R.O. No 449/86 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 239 dated the 15th March 1986 except the area falling between Paravoor—South Pozhi and Cheriyazheekal Pozhi of Quilon District which is an area falling between latitude 08⁰ 46' 00" and 09⁰ 05'00" from 29th June 1988 to the 31st August 1988 (Monsoon season).

By order of the Governor,

C. M. VASUDEVAN NAMBISSAN,

Joint Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of this notification; but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Section 4, 1 (c) of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 empowers the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the catching in any specified area of such species of fish and for such periods as may be specified in the Notification.

Section 4, 1 (d) empowers the Government to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of such fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed. Section 2 clause (h) empowers the Government to notify the specified area for the above purpose.

There have been persistent demands from the traditional fishermen for a ban on trawling by mechanized boats during June, July, August on the ground that such trawling has been adversely affecting the conservation of fish wealth and their share of earnings from fishing.

Consequently, there have also been frequent clashes between the fishermen belonging to the traditional sector leading to serious law and order situation and loss of property.

Therefore, Government have decided to ban trawling throughout the territorial waters of Kerala during monsoon period. However an exemption is proposed for the area lying between Paravoor—South Pozhi and Cheriyaazheekal due to the reason that there is heavy concentration of Karikadi (*P. Stylfera*) in inshore area during these three months which if not exploited then is likely to perish. The catching of these prawns contributes increase in export, bringing more foreign exchange, besides generating more employment opportunities.

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.