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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) 31/89/F & PD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 17th July, 1989

S.R.O. No. 1237/89—Whereas the Government are convinced of the need to protect the interest of different section of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamarans, country crafts or canoes;

AND WHEREAS, it is imperative to maintain law and order in the sea;

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

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the power 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 the use of bottom trawl in the sea along the entire coastline of the State not beyond the territorial waters specified under notification G.O. (P) 136/84/PW, F&PD, dated the 30th November 1984 published as S.R.O. No. 1496/84 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1055 dated the 3rd December, 1984 during the period starting from the 20th July, 1989 and ending with the 31st August, 1989.

By order of the Governor C.T. SUKUMARAN Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification but is intended to indicated its general purport)

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The ban on bottom trawling imposed by the Government under G.O. (P) No. 31/89/F&PD published as S.R.O. No. 1237/89 dated the 17th July, 1989 expires on 31-8-1989. In view of the expiry of the ban the mechanized trawlers of less then 43 can undertake fishing within the territorial waters, subject to the notification issued under G.O. (P) 30/86/F&PW published as S.R.O. No. 450/86 dated the 14th March 1986. There is therefore, no need to have the conditions mentioned in the notification meant to ensure that the vessels do not undertake bottom trawling within the territorial waters.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.