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Fisheries and Ports (B) Department NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) 38/89/F & PD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 1st September, 1989

S.R.O. No. 1523/89—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981) read with rule 3 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980, the Government of Kerala hereby cancel the notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 30/89/F&PD dated the 17th July, 1989 published as S.R.O. No. 1236/89 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 666 dated the 17th July, 1989 published as S.R.O. No. 1326/89 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 718 dated the 27th July, 1989.

By order of the Governor,

C.T. SUKUMARAN

Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

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

Clause (d) of Sub section 1 of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act empowers Government to regulate, restrict of prohibit the use of such fishing gear in any specified area as may be prescribed.

Sub section (2) of section 4 of the Act prescribes the grounds for invoking the powers under Section 4.

There have been persistent demands from the traditional fishermen for ban on trawling 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 clashes between the fishermen belonging to traditional sector and mechanized sector leading to serious law and order problems in the sea.

Therefore, the Government sought the opinion of an Expert Committee and after considering their recommendations, decided to ban bottom trawling in the territorial waters of the State during the monsoon period starting from the 20th July 1989 and ending with 31st August 1989.

The notification is intended for the above purpose.