

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Fisheries and Ports (B) Department
NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No. 32 / 90/ F&PD.
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Dated Trivandrum 25th June

S.R.O. No. 875/90—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 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 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 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 / PWF & 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 with effect from the 20th day of June, 1990.

By order of the Governor,
M.S. JOSEPH,
Secretary to Govt

Explanatory Note

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

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

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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 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 28th June 1990.

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.