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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Fisheries and Ports (B) Department
NOTIFICATION**

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Dated Trivandrum 12th July 1991

S.R.O. No. 925 / 91 – 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 the Government consider that there is need to conserve fish wealth.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981) read with rule 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 coast line 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 15th day of July 1991 to the 16th August 1991.

**By order of the Governor,
K.M. CHANDRASERHAR
Secretary to Govt**

Explanatory Note

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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 to 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 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. Statistical figures of marine landings for the last 3 years indicate a positive correlation between imposition of the ban and quantum of Marine landings. Keeping this aspect in view, as also the need to protect the interests of traditional fishermen and to avoid possible law and order problems in the coastal areas and in the sea. The Government have decided to ban bottom trawling through out the territorial waters of Kerala during the period from the 15th

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.