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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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

G.O.(P) 26 / 92 / F & PD.

Dated Trivandrum 20th June 1992

S.R.O. No. 734 / 92 – 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 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 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 21st day of June 1992 to the 3rd August 1992.

**By order of the Governor,
C. CHANDRAN
Special Secretary to Govt**

Explanatory Note

(This note is not 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 any 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 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 the traditional sector and mechanized sector leading to serious law and order problems.

Therefore the Government after considering the recommendation of expert committees in the matter decided to ban bottom trawl specified in the rule 4 of Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980 in the entire coastal line of the state, not beyond the territorial waters of the state during the monsoon period from the 21st June 1992 to the 3rd August 1992 in the interest of conservation of fish wealth and to avoid the possible law and order problems in the coastal area and in the sea.

This Notification is intended for the above purpose.