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Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 25th May, 2020

ORDER

Reference is invited to this Department's order of even number dated 20th March, 2020, wherein the uniform fishing ban in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) was imposed for 61 days period. Considering that lockdown to contain Covid-19 pandemic imposed vide Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.3.2020 and its amendment issued vide MHA's Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 10.4.2020 had resulted restrictions in marine fishing activities for 17 days (from 24.3.2020 till 10.4.2020), and in view of the representations received in this Ministry regarding amendment in the uniform fishing ban period in the EEZ for the current year due to lockdown period, this Ministry in consultation with the Committee of Experts and the coastal States/Union Territories and in view of the interests of the fishermen, has decided to supersede its Order of even No. dated 20.3.2020 and to impose the uniform ban on fishing by all fishing vessels **in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters** on the East Coast including Andaman & Nicobar Islands and West Coast including Lakshadweep Islands **as per the amended period mentioned below** for conservation and effective management of fishery resources and also for sea safety reasons:

East Coast-from 15th April to 31st May 2020 (both days inclusive) (47 days)

West Coast-from 15th June to 31st July 2020 (both days inclusive) (47 days)

The traditional non-motorized units shall be exempted from this uniform fishing ban imposed in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters. The amendment in the period of uniform fishing ban is applicable only for the current year and would not set any precedent for future.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Dr Sanjay Pandey)

Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries)

To,

1. The Secretary (Fisheries), All Maritime States/Union Territories.
2. The Chairman, All Major Port Trust: The ban order may please be served on all the companies operating deep sea fishing vessels from the port.
3. DG Shipping, 9th Floor Beta Building, i-Think Techno Campus, Kanjurmarg (E), Mumbai -42.
4. Director (Operations), Coast Guard Headquarters, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi.
5. Director General, FSI, Mumbai/Director NIFPHATT/CIFNET, Kochi.
6. Director, CMFRI, Post Box No. 1603, Ernakulum North PO, Kochi-682 018.
7. Officer-In-charge, NIC DoF, MoFAH&D, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Chairperson, National Fishworkers Forum (NFF), The SFSS Soc. Ltd, Satpati Post, Tal, Palghar District, Maharashtra - 401405.



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