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BALUCHISTAN SEA FISHERIES ORDINANCE 1971

(Submitted by the government of Pakistan)

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**GOVERNMENT OF BALUCHISTAN
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT &
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**

SAY NO TO CORRUPTION

Dated Quetta the 08th September, 2016

NOTIFICATION

No.50(Coord:)Fish/2-1/2013/ 3148-54 In exercise of power conferred under section 17(1) of Balochistan Sea Fisheries Ordinance, 1971, the Government of Balochistan is pleased to amend the Balochistan Sea Fisheries Rule, 1971 to the following extent:-

1. Rule 10 is amended by adding word "and crabs" after the word "female lobster".

2. Following subclasses in Rule 10 are added:-

(a) Catching, retention, marketing and trade for following species of fish are prohibited in the territorial waters of Balochistan.

- i. All species of marine turtles.
- ii. All species of marine cetaceans (dolphins and whales).
- iii. Whale sharks, silky shark, oceanic whitetip shark, thresher sharks, and hammerhead sharks.
- iv. All motulids rays.
- v. All species of sawfishes of family Pristidae.
- vi. All species of guitar fishes and wedge fishes of family Rhinidae, Rhinobatidae or Rhynchobatidae.

b) All fishing vessels larger than 15 metres (in length overall) licensed under these Rules and engaged in catching tuna and tuna like species by any methods/gear or operating drift net/gillnet in territorial waters of Balochistan shall have a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) on board.

g. Fee for a licence:-

Fee for a licence shall be chargeable according to the following new rates.

		old Registration/ Renewal Rates	New Registration/ Renewal Rates	old Penalty Rates	NAD- Penalty Rates
1	Less than 19ft	100	300	25	75
2	20ft to 34ft	200	500	50	125
3	35ft to 54ft	1000	3000	250	750
4	55ft and above	1500	5000	375	1250


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- c) The VMS should be tamper resistant, that is, are of a type and configuration that prevent the input or output of false positions, and that they are not capable of being over-ridden, whether manually, electronically or otherwise. The onboard satellite monitoring device shall be located within a sealed unit and be protected by official seals that will indicate whether the unit has been accessed or tampered with.
- d) Captain (Nakhuda) and/or owners/licensees of fishing vessels subject to VMS shall ensure that the vessel monitoring device on board are at all times fully operational while on fishing trip (whether fishing, steaming or drifting).
- e) Captain (Nakhuda) and owners/licensees shall ensure that VMS or equivalent system reports and messages are not altered in any case the antennae connected to the satellite monitoring device(s) are not obstructed the power supply of the satellite monitoring device is smooth and uninterrupted and the vessel monitoring device are not removed from the vessel.
- f) In the event of a technical failure or non-operation of the satellite tracking device fitted on board a fishing vessel, the device shall be repaired or replaced as soon as possible but no later than fifteen days from date of technical failure. The captain (Nakhuda) of the fishing vessel will not be authorised to commence a fishing trip with a defective satellite tracking device.
- g) Department of Coastal Development & Fisheries Government of Balochistan, or any other agency authorized by Government of Balochistan shall monitor and record identification and geographical position of the vessel after every four hour.
- h) Government of Balochistan shall have full right to use the data for monitoring of the fishing vessels and for compliance of any national and international requirements.