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THE MARITIME AREAS (PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT) ACT

THE MARINE AREAS (PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT) REGULATIONS

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S.R.O. 25/1973.

THE MARINE AREAS (PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT) REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE MARINE AREAS (PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT) ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. These Regulations may be cited as the Marine Areas (Preservation and Enhancement) Regulations.

2. INTERPRETATION. In these Regulations—

“fish” includes corals, shells, crabs, lobsters, shrimps, turtles, and any species of marine fauna;

"Fisheries Officer" means the officer for the time being in charge of the Fisheries Division and any person authorised in writing by such officer to carry out the provisions of these Regulations.

3. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF RESTRICTED AREA. Responsibility for control and management of a restricted area is hereby assigned to the Fisheries Officer.

4. ENTRY INTO RESTRICTED AREA. No person shall enter a restricted area or counsel, aid or abet any other person to do so except with the written permission of the Fisheries Officer, and subject to such conditions as may be attached to the grant of such permission.

5. BOATS OR OTHER VESSELS. Except for the purpose of passing or repassing, no person shall operate a boat or other vessel within a restricted area or cause or allow a boat or other vessel to enter a restricted area without the written permission of the Fisheries Officer, with such conditions as may be attached to the grant of such permission.

6. REMOVAL OF FISH, BIRDS, ETC. Except with the written permission of the Minister no person shall take or remove any fish, bird, flora and fauna, wreck, buoy or marker from a restricted area.

7. POISONING OR KILLING FISH OR BIRDS. No person shall poison, kill, injure or destroy any fish or bird in a restricted area.

8. DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE ETC. No person shall dispose of garbage, papers, sewage, petroleum waste or other material in any manner whatever, in a restricted area or within an area of one mile of a restricted area.

9. INTERFERENCE WITH SEABED. No person shall dig, dredge or otherwise interfere with any wreck on the seabed of a restricted area.

10. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF FISHERIES OFFICER. It shall be lawful for the Fisheries Officer to—

(a) board any ship, boat or vessel within the territorial sea which he suspects has been operating in a restricted area in contravention of these Regulations;

(b) arrest without a warrant any person or persons on such ship, boat or vessel whom he suspects has been guilty of an offence against these Regulations;

(c) seize and confiscate any fish, bird, flora and fauna, wreck, buoy or marker which he has reasonable cause to believe may have been taken from a restricted area without the permission of the Minister, and in any such event he shall have all the general powers and duties of a police officer given under sections 22 and 23 of the Police Act.

Made this 15th day of June, 1973.

S.R.O. 47/1973.

THE MARINE (RESTRICTED AREAS) ORDER MADE UNDER
SECTION 3 OF THE MARINE AREAS (PRESERVATION AND
ENHANCEMENT) ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. This Order may be cited as the Marine (Restricted Areas) Order.

2. DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED AREAS. The marine areas described in the Schedule hereto are hereby designated as restricted areas.

Made this 10th day of November, 1973.

SCHEDULE

1. Diamond Reef and Salt Fish Tail Reef—This covers the area of the North West coast of Antigua which includes Salt Fish Tail, Scone Reefs and Diamond Bank. The area is defined as that which lies within a line commencing at a point at Latitude $17^{\circ} 11' 06''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 49' 30''$ West

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continuing Northwards to Latitude $17^{\circ} 12' 18''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 49' 30''$ West, thence continuing Westwards to Latitude $17^{\circ} 12' 18''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 53' 12''$ West, and thence continuing Southwards to Latitude $17^{\circ} 11' 06''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 53' 12''$ West, and thence continuing Eastwards to the first mentioned point. A plan of the area dated the 14th day of September, 1972 and drawn by Rendell O'Neal, Licensed Surveyor, is available for inspection by members of the public at the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries.

2. Palaster Reef, Barbuda—This covers the area of the Southern tip of Barbuda known as Palaster Reef due South of Cocoa Point and Guava Bay. The area is defined as that which lies within a line commencing at a point at Latitude $17^{\circ} 31' 12''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 44' 24''$ West and continuing Northwards to Latitude $17^{\circ} 31' 54''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 44' 24''$ West and thence continuing West North Westerly to Latitude $17^{\circ} 32' 06''$ North by Longitude $61^{\circ} 46' 18''$ West and thence continuing Southerly to Latitude $17^{\circ} 31' 34''$ North and Longitude $61^{\circ} 46' 18''$ West and thence continuing South-Easterly to the first mentioned point. A plan of the area dated the 13th day of September, 1972 and drawn by Rendell O'Neal, Licensed Surveyor, is available for inspection by members of the public at the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries.
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