

Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Rules, 1976

Article 1. - Short title and commencement. - (1) These rules may be called the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Rules, 1976.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

Article 2. - Definitions. - In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

- (a) "Act" means the exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 (XXXII of 1973);
- (b) "Fishing permit" means a fishing permit granted under these rules;
- (c) "form" means form appended to these rules;
- (d) "identity card" means an identity card granted under these rules;
- (e) "licence" means a licence granted under these rules; and
- (f) "Schedule" means Schedule to these rules.

Article 3. - Terms of licence. - (1) Any person operating or intending to operate a fishing craft in the Zone shall make an application in form "A" to the licensing authority.

(2) The licensing authority may, after satisfying itself that the applicant is a fit person to operate fishing craft, issue a licence in form "B" on payment of fee specified in the Schedule.

Article 4. - Registration of fishing craft and fishing gear. - (1) No person shall operate any fishing craft unless:

- (a) it has been registered; and
- (b) it bears its registration number and the name of the owner in bold and legible numerals and letters.

(2) No fishing gear shall be used in any fishing craft unless it has been registered.

(3) The owner of every fishing craft shall get his fishing craft and fishing gear registered in such manner as may be specified by the licensing authority.

Article 5. - Licensing of personnel. - (1) Every fishing craft shall carry and be operated by:

- (a) a Tindal possessing a valid fishing permit; and
- (b) members of crew each possessing a valid identity card.

(2) Any person desiring to work as Tindal of a fishing craft may apply on form "C" for fishing permit to the licensing authority and he may, if he deems fit, issue the said permit in form "D" on payment of the fee specified in the Schedule.

(3) Any person desiring to work as a member of crew of a fishing craft may apply on form "E" for identity card to the licensing authority and he may, if he deems fit, issue the said card in form "F" on payment of the fee specified in the Schedule".

Article 6. - Validity of licence, fishing permit and identity card. - The licence, fishing permit, or identity card shall be valid for the calendar year or any part thereof during which it is issued.

Article 7. - Cancellation of licence, etc. - (1) Where any person is convicted of a contravention of or failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or these rules in respect of any fishing craft, the licensing authority may cancel or suspend the registration, licence, fishing permit or identity card relating to that fishing craft.

(2) where any person contravenes any condition of the licence, fishing permit or identity card the licensing authority may, without prejudice to any action that may be taken under section 9 of the Act and after affording him an opportunity for showing cause, cancel his licence, fishing permit or identity card, as the case may be, or suspend its operation for a specified period.

Article 8. - Renewal of licence, etc. - (1) A Licence, fishing permit or identity card may be renewed if the holder thereof makes an application in the appropriate form before the expiration of its period and deposits the fee specified therefor in the Schedule:

Provided that the licensing authority may, for reasons to be recorded, withhold its renewal or renew it for a specified period.

(2) If the holder of a licence, fishing permit, or identity card fails to apply for the renewal thereof within the time specified in sub-rule (1), he may apply for its renewal at any time during the next calender year and if the licensing authority is satisfied that the failure to apply for renewal within the specified time was not without reasonable cause, it may renew the same on receipt of the renewal fee plus an additional fee not exceeding double the amount of renewal fee.

Article 9. - Issue of duplicate copy of licence, etc. - The licensing authority may issue a duplicate copy of a licence, fishing permit or identity card, as the case may be, on receipt of an application alongwith an affidavit and payment of a fee of five rupees, in case the original is lost, damaged or defaced.

Article 10. - Licence, etc., not transferable. - (1) Licences, fishing permits and identity cards are not transferable.

(2) In case the owner of a fishing craft who is a licensee sells his fishing craft, the new owner shall apply for a fresh licence in the manner prescribed in these rules and shall surrender the previous licence.

Article 11. - Production of licence, etc., for inspection. - The holder of a licence, fishing permit and identity card shall, on demand made by the licensing authority or Fishing Officer or any other officer authorised in this behalf by either of them, produce the licence, fishing permit or identity card for inspection.

Article 12. - Supply of data, etc. - (1) Every licensee shall furnish to the licensing authority or the Fishery Officer, by the first week of each month, information in form "G" regarding the activities of fishing craft during the previous month.

(2) Every holder of a fishing permit or identity card shall furnish such information or data as may be required by the licensing authority or Fishery Officer.

Article 13. - Protection of nets, etc. - No owner of a fishing craft or any person engaged in fishing or otherwise shall wilfully damage any fishing craft or fishing gear set and operated by any other person or cause disruption in fishing.

Article 14. - Catching of berried lobsters prohibited. - No holder of a licence, fishing permit or identity card shall engage himself in catching female lobsters loaded with eggs (berried lobsters) and lobsters of fifteen centimetres or under and if caught, such lobsters shall be immediately released back into the sea alive and shall not be landed or marketed.

Explanation: For the purpose of this rule, the length of the lobsters shall be measured from the middle of curve between orbital spines to the tip of telson.

Article 15. - De-heading and preservation of shrimps, etc. - (1) Any holder of a license, fishing permit or identity card who catches shrimps or prawns which are awaiting transportation for short or long distance for marketing or processing shall immediately after their capture dehead, wash and ice the shrimps or prawns on board the fishing craft.

(2) From such date as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify in this behalf, the shrimps and prawns, after deheading, as well as fish shall be preserved hygienically in insulated fish-holds on fishing craft with 2:1 ratio of ice and shrimps, prawns or fish.

Article 16. - Area for landing of fish. - All fish taken or caught in the Zone shall, unless specifically permitted otherwise by the Federal Government, be landed at ports having customs check post.

SCHEDULE

PART A

Rate of fees for issue and renewal of licence, fishing permit and identity card

1. FISHING CRAFT:
 - (a) Mechanized Fishing Craft that is, Trawler, Gill Netter Launch, Trawler-cum-Gill Netter or Fish Carrier Rs. 100/- per annum or a part thereof
 - (b) Sail Fishing Boat or Carrier Rs. 50/- per annum or a part thereof
2. FISHING PERMIT:
 - (a) For a Tindal or a member of crew of Mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 50/- per annum or a part thereof
 - (b) For a Tindal or a member of crew of non-mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 10/- per annum or a part thereof
3. IDENTITY CARD: Rs. 5/- per Card.

PART B

Rates of fees for registration of Fishing Craft and Fishing Gear

1. FISHING CRAFT:
 - (a) Mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 50.00
 - (b) Non-mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 20.00
2. FISHING GEAR:
 - (a) Mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 10.00 each
 - (b) Non-mechanized Fishing Craft Rs. 20.00 each
 - (c) Other appliances Rs. 20.00 each

FORM "A"

Government of Pakistan
Marine Fisheries Department

Application form for obtaining a licence to operate
a fishing craft in the Exclusive Fishery Zone of Pakistan

[See rule 3(1)]

1. Full name of owner of fishing craft: _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of the applicant: _____
4. Name of base station: _____
5. Branded No. and name of fishing craft: _____
6. Mercantile Marine Department Registration (Role No.): _____
7. Date and place of issue: _____
8. Type of fishing craft:
 - (a) Mechanized boat
(Mention whether Trawler, Gill Net Launch, Trawler-cum-Gill Net Launch, Fish Carrier or any other)
 - (b) Sail boat
(Mention whether Tonny, Hora, Bedi, Ekdar, Rachin or any other).
9. Fishing gear to be used and their quantity
(Mention Trawl Net, Gill Net, Seine, Longline, Handline, or any other type).
10. Total crew strength
(Give details of these qualified or certificated).

11. Fishing Craft:

Overall length	Length (Keel)	Breadth	Depth
Tonnage	Type of fish hold	Capacity	Engine-make
Engine BHP	Engine RPM	Engine Room space	Engine cost
Fuel capacity	Fresh water capacity	Total cost of fishing craft. Cost of fishing gear	

I. I hereby solemnly affirm that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

II. I undertake:

- (a) to abide by the provisions of Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder;
- (b) to abide by all the instructions of local and naval authorities regarding safety precautions to be taken on voyage or while engaged in fishing;
- (c) not to carry any undesirable person on board;
- (d) not to cause any undesirable activity on board the fishing craft;
- (e) not to carry any unlicensed arms or ammunition on board the fishing craft;
- (f) to take full responsibility of all the crew on board who shall also possess valid fishing permit and identity card.

Station Signature or NTI of owner of fishing craft.

State National Identity Card No.

Date

Note: Licence fee for a mechanized fishing craft is Rs. 100/- and for non-mechanized sail boat is Rs. 50/-.

FORM "B"

Government of Pakistan
Marine Fisheries Department

LICENCE FOR OPERATION OF A FISHING CRAFT
[see rule 3(2)]

1. Full name of licensee: _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of licensee: _____
4. Name of base station: _____
5. Branded and painted number of fishing craft: _____
6. Mercantile Marine Department Registration (Role No.), date: _____
7. Registration number of fishing craft allotted by Marine Fisheries Department.
8. Licence No. _____ Date of issue: _____
9. Validity of the licence: _____
10. Fishing craft : Mechanized: Type Overall length BHP
 : Sail boat: Type Tonnage
11. Type and quantity of gear to be used.

Licence is hereby granted to the aforesaid licensee for operating fishing craft in the Exclusive Fishery Zone of Pakistan subject to the provisions of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder.

Station:

Licensing Authority
Marine Fisheries Dept.
Government of Pakistan

Date:

Conditions of Licence

1. The fee for a licence is Rs. 100/- for a mechanized fishing craft and Rs. 50/- for a non-mechanised sail boat.
2. The licence is not transferable and is valid only for the fishing craft for which it has been issued.
3. The licence shall be carried on board and produced on demand by any licensing authority or Fishery Officer.

4. The licence is valid for one calendar year for which it is issued, irrespective of the date of issue. If the licensing authority is satisfied that failure to apply for renewal within the specified time as not without reasonable cause, it may renew the same on receipt of the renewal fee plus an additional fee not exceeding double the amount of renewal fee.

5. The person in charge of the boat and crew (i.e. Tindal) and its crew members shall possess valid fishing permit and identity card, as provided under the rules.

6. The licensee shall:

- (i) not engage in catching berried lobsters or lobsters of 15 cm. in length or less;
- (ii) not engage in catching, landing and marketing of frsh shrimp and prawns during months of June and July each year;
- (iii) dehead, wash and properly ice shrimps immediately after their capture on board the fishing craft;
- (iv) preserve shrimps and prawns after deheading as well as fish in insulated fish hold.

7. The licensee shall abide by the provisions of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder.

8. The licensee shall be responsible for all the crew members on board, and that no undesirable activity is committed on board and further that no unlicensed arms and ammunitions are carried on board.

9. The licensee shall abide by all the instructions of the local and naval authorities regarding safety precautions to be taken on voyage or while engaged in fishing.

FORM "C"

Application form for issue of a fishing permit

[See rule 5(2)]

This application form shall be accompanied by 3 photos of the applicant who requires a fishing permit

1. Full name of applicant: _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of the applicant: _____
4. Base station: _____
5. Fishing craft's branded No. and name on which the applicant desires to work: _____
6. Mercantile Marine Department Registration (Role No.): _____
Date and place of issue: _____
7. Registration No. of fishing craft allotted by the Marine Fisheries Department: _____
8. Type of fishing craft:
 - (a) Mechanized boat
(Mention whether Trawler, Gill Net Launch, Trawler-cum-Gill-Netter Launch, Fish Carrier or any other)
 - (b) Sail boat
(Mention whether Tonny, Hora, Bedi, Ekdar, Rachin or any other).
9. Fishing gear to be used and their quantity
(Mention Trawl Net, Gill Net, Seine, Longline, Handline, or other type).
10. Total crew strength
(Give details of those qualified or certificated).
11. Fishing Craft:

Overall length	Length (Keel)	Breadth
Depth	Tonnage	Type of fish hold
Engine BHP	Capacity of fish hold	Engine make
Fuel capacity		

I. I hereby solemnly affirm that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

II. I undertake:

- (a) to abide by the provisions of Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder;
- (b) to abide by all the instructions of local and naval authorities regarding safety precautions to be taken on voyage or while engaged in fishing;
- (c) not to carry any undesirable person on board;
- (d) not to cause any undesirable activity on board the fishing craft;
- (e) not to carry any unlicensed arms or ammunition on board the fishing craft;
- (f) to take full responsibility of all the crew on board who shall also possess valid fishing permit and identity cards.

Date

Signature of applicant
National Identity Card No.
Date of issue:

Signature or LTI of Tindal
National Identity Card No.
Place:

Date:

Fee for a fishing permit is Rs. 50/- for mechanized fishing craft and Rs. 10/- for non-mechanized fishing craft.

FORM "D"

PHOTO OF TINDAL

FISHING PERMIT

[See rule 5(2)]

1. Full name of fishing permit holder (Tindal): _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of fishing permit holder: _____
4. Base station: _____
5. Branded No. and painted No. of fishing craft for which fishing permit is issued: _____
6. Registration number of fishing craft allotted by Marine Fisheries Department: _____
8. Fishing permit No. _____ Date of issue: _____
Place of issue: _____
9. Validity of fishing permit: _____

Fishing permit is hereby granted to the aforesaid Tindal for fishing in the Exclusive Fishery Zone of Pakistan subject to the provisions of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder.

Conditions of Fishing Permit

1. The fee for a fishing permit is Rs. 50/- for a mechanized fishing craft and Rs. 10/- for a non-mechanised boat.
2. The fishing permit is not transferable and is admissible for the fishing craft for which it has been issued.
3. The fishing permit shall be carried on board and produced on demand by any licensing authority or Fishery Officer.
4. The fishing permit will remain valid for one calender year for which it is issued. If the licensing authority is satisfied that failure to apply for renewal within the specified time as not without reasonable cause, it may renew the same on receipt of the renewal fee plus an additional fee not exceeding double the amount of renewal fee.
5. The holder of fishing permit shall not take any crew on board who does not possess valid identity card issued under the rules.

6. The holder of fishing permit shall:
- (i) not engage in catching berried lobsters or lobsters of 15 cm. in length or less;
 - (ii) not engage in catching, landing and marketing of fresh shrimps and prawns during months of June and July each year;
 - (iii) dehead, wash and properly ice shrimps immediately after their capture on board the fishing craft;
 - (iv) preserve shrimps and prawns after deheading as well as fish in insulated fish hold.
7. The holder of fishing permit shall be responsible for all the crew members on board, and shall not carry any undesirable person on board and that no undesirable activity is committed on board and further that no unlicensed arms and ammunitions are carried on board.
8. The holder of fishing permit shall abide by the all instruction of the local and naval authorities regarding safety precautions to be taken on voyage or while engaged in fishing.
9. The holder of fishing permit shall abide by the provisions of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975, and the rules made thereunder.

Licensing Authority

FORM "E"

AFFIX
PASSPORT SIZE
PHOTO

Application form for issue of identity card

[See rule 5(3)]

1. Full name of applicant: _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of the applicant: _____
4. Base station: _____
5. Name and branded No. of vessel on which
the applicat desires to work: _____
6. Mercantile Marine Department Registration (Role No.): _____
Date and place of issue: _____
7. Registration No. of fishing craft allotted by
the Marine Fisheries Department: _____
8. Full name and address of Tindal of the fishing craft: _____

I. I hereby solemnly affirm that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

II. I undertake to abide by the provisions of Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 and the rules made thereunder.

Signature

Conditions for Identity Card

1. The fee for identity card is rupees five only.
2. The identity card is not transferable and shall be kept by the person in whose favour it is issued.
3. The identity card shall be produced on demand by the licensing authority or Fishery Officer.
4. The identity card will remain valid for the calender year in which it is issued. If the licensing authority is satisfied that failure to apply for renewal within the specified time as not without reasonable cause, it may renew the same on receipt of the renewal fee plus an additional fee not exceeding double the amount of renewal fee.

5. The identity card is to be issued for the purpose of fishing only and not for any other purposes.

6. The card holder shall:

- (i) not engage in catching berried lobsters or lobsters of 15 cm. in length or less;
- (ii) not engage in catching, landing and marketing of fresh shrimps and prawns during months of June and July each year;
- (iii) dehead, wash and properly ice shrimps immediately after their capture on board the fishing craft;
- (iv) preserve shrimps and prawns after deheading as well as fish in insulated fish hold.

Date:

Signature/NTI of applicant

I undertake full responsibility of the above crew for working on my fishing craft and will inform authorities of any change in writing.

Three photos of applicant are enclosed.

Signature of Owner of Fishing Craft

FORM "G"

Government of Pakistan
Marine Fisheries Department

STATEMENT OF LICENSEE FOR EACH FISHING TRIP

[See rule 12(1)]

1. Name of licensee: _____
2. Father's name: _____
3. Full address of licensee: _____
4. A.F.D. Registration No. of Fishing Craft: _____
5. Licence No. and date of issue: _____
6. Mercantile Marine Department Branded No. and Name: _____

Catch and effort statement for the month of 19 .

Trip No.:

Date and time of departure:

Date and time of arrival:

Gear used: Gill net, trawler net, other:

Area Fished:

Duration in hours:

Local Name of fish/shrimps caught:

Total in Kgs.:

I solemnly affirm that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Station:

Signature of Licensee

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Agriculture, Co-operatives
and Land Reforms, (Livestock Div.)

Islamabad, dated the

N O T I F I C A T I O N

No. _____ . In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 (XXXII of 1975), the Federal Government is pleased to declare the period commencing on the 1st June and ending on the 31st July to be the period during which, and the entire area of the Zone within which, catching of shrimps shall be prohibited.

S.O. (Fish)

To:

The Manager
Printing Corporation of Pakistan
Islamabad

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Agriculture
Co-operatives and Land Reforms
(Livestock Division)

Islamabad, dated the

N O T I F I C A T I O N

S.R.O. _____ . In pursuance of clause (b) of section 2 of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 (XXXII of 1975), the Federal Government is pleased to authorize the Director, Marine Fisheries Department, Government of Pakistan, and all officers of the said Department in Grade-16 and above of the National Pay Scales, to exercise and perform all the powers and functions of Fishery Officer under the said Act.

S.O. (Fish)

To:

The Manager
Printing Corporation of Pakistan
Islamabad

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Agriculture
Co-operatives and Land Reforms
(Livestock Division)

Islamabad, dated the

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. _____ . In pursuance of clause (f) of section 2 of the Exclusive Fishery Zone (Regulation of Fishing) Act, 1975 (XXXII of 1975), the Federal Government is pleased to authorize every Inspector, Assistant Inspector, Research Assistant and officers in Grade-16 and above of the National Pay Scales, of the Marine Fisheries Department, Government of Pakistan, to issue licences under the said Act.

S.O. (Fish)

To:

The Manager
Printing Corporation of Pakistan
Islamabad