

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FISHERIES ACT, CHAP. 67:51

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE FISHERIES ACT

THE FISHERIES (CONTROL OF DEMERSAL TRAWLING)
REGULATIONS, 2002

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Control of ^{Citation} Demersal Trawling) Regulations, 2002.

2. In these Regulations—

“artisanal trawler” means a fishing vessel used for trawling, equipped with a manually operated rig-handling system;

^{Interpretation}

“demersal trawling” means the dragging or pulling of a trawl net on the bottom of the sea, in order to catch shrimp or a demersal species of fish;

“east coast”, “north coast”, “south coast” and “Gulf of Paria” have the meanings assigned to them in the Schedule.

^{Schedule}

3. A person may carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp, in ^{Trawling on} the territorial waters off the north coast at a distance outside of ^{north coast} two nautical miles from the north coast and west of Saut D’eau, from 15th November to 15th January, each year, from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily.

4. A person may carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp, in ^{Trawling on} the territorial waters off the south coast, at a distance outside of two ^{south coast} nautical miles from the south coast.

5. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person may carry out ^{Trawling in the} demersal trawling for fish or shrimp in the Gulf of Paria. ^{Gulf of Paria}

(2) A person operating a trawler that is not an artisanal trawler shall not—

(a) do so at a distance inside of one nautical mile from the coastline of the Gulf of Paria;

(b) where the trawler has an engine size of 180 horsepower or less, do so between the six fathom isobath and the coastline of the Gulf of Paria; and

(c) where the trawler has an engine size in excess of 180 horsepower, do so between the ten fathom isobath and the coastline of the Gulf of Paria.

Restrictions on
trawling

6. A person shall not carry out demersal trawling except as provided in these Regulations and in particular, a person shall not carry out demersal trawling—

(a) within the twelve nautical mile limit off the coastline of Tobago except where such an area coincides with the north coast of Trinidad; and

(b) in the territorial waters off the east coast.

Exemption on
application of
Regulations

7. These Regulations shall not apply to a person who holds a licence or other permission from the Minister to undertake research and training within the areas covered by these Regulations.

Duration

8. These Regulations shall expire at the end of one year from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

Computation of
co-ordinates

1. The co-ordinates referred to in this Schedule are computed by means of the World Geodetic System, 1984.

North coast

2. "North Coast" means the marine area—

(a) bounded on the west by a line drawn by joining points, the respective co-ordinates of which are:

(i) 10° 44' 44.37356" N and 61° 47' 28.34325" W;

(ii) 10° 45' 43.37021" N and 61° 47' 3.341984" W;

(iii) 10° 48' 6.362058" N and 61° 45' 59.33877" W; and

(iv) 10° 53' 55.34223" N and 61° 43' 50.33214" W;

(b) bounded on the east by the meridian of Point Galera, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 50' 9.3476" N and 60° 54' 38.20081" W; and

(c) the southern limit which is the parallel of Corozal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 44' 44.37205" N and 61° 36' 52.31479" W.

East coast

3. "East coast" means the marine area to the south of the parallel of Point Galera.

South coast

4. "South coast" means the marine area bounded on the north by the parallel through Arenal Point and on the east by the meridian through Point Galeota, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 08' 20.47992" N and 60° 59' 24.2498" W.

Gulf of Paria

5. "Gulf of Paria" means the marine area bounded on the north by the parallel of Corozal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 44' 44.37205" N and 61° 36' 52.31479" W and on the south by the parallel through Arenal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 03' 0.505373" N and 61° 55' 44.40128" W.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2002.

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