LEGAL NOTICE No. 217

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 (BOTTOM) TRAWLING ACTIVITIES] REGULATIONS, 1994

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries [Control of Demersal (Bottom) Trawling Activities] Regulations, 1994.

2. In these Regulations—

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

   “cod end” means the rear or posterior end of a trawl net in which the majority of fish or shrimp caught, is lodged during the fishing exercise;

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

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

3. (1) Subject to this regulation, demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp is permitted in the territorial waters of the north coast at a distance outside of two nautical miles from that coast.

   (2) Where trawling of a kind referred to in subregulation (1) is carried out, the stretched mesh of the cod end of the trawl nets used, shall not be less than 7.5 cm. (3 ins.) in the case of fish and 3.5 cm (1.5 ins.) in the case of shrimp.

   (3) Where chafing gear is used, it shall be of netting material of stretched mesh of a size that is no smaller than that of the cod end of which it is being used and shall cover twenty-five per cent of the said cod end.

4. No trawling is permitted off the east coast.