GUIDELINES FOR SPORT FISHING IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

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CHAPTER – 1

1.1 Introduction

Andaman and Nicobar Islands offer tremendous scope for Sport Fishing activity as a venture of adventure sports. Large numbers of Indian as well as foreign tourists visit the islands for Sport Fishing. The demand for sport fishing activity has led to considerable rise in the fleet of sport fishing vessels in the islands particularly in South Andaman District. Every kind of fishing activities is regulated under the provisions of A & N Marine Fishing Regulation -2003 and the rules framed there-under. However, there is no detailed legal framework in place governing the operation of sport fishing vessels and sport fishing activity in the island for its long term promotion.

The main objective of this booklet is to create awareness among the operators as well as clients on the operational as well as safety aspects which need to be adhered to for safe and hassle free sports / game fishing in the Territorial Waters of A & N Islands.

1.2 What is Sport Fishing?

As per the FAO, Sport Fishing is also called as “Recreational Fisheries i.e. “Fisheries conducted by individuals primarily for sport but with a possible secondary objective of capturing fish for domestic consumption but not for onward sale”. Thus Recreational Fisheries involves both “Subsistence Fishing” where the catch is consumed and “Leisure Fishing” where the fishes are returned live to the water.
Sport fishing is also defined as fishing for pleasure or competition. It can be contrasted with commercial fishing, which is fishing for profit or subsistence fishing for survival. (Source- WIKIPEDIA)

Thus the essential features of Sport Fishing are:-

1. Fishing for Recreation.
2. Fishing for promoting Fishery tourism.
3. Generating employment and Revenue without commercial exploitation of fishery resources.
4. Adopting Eco-Friendly methods and fishing for Leisure without harming the environment and fish caught.

1.3 Terms used in Sport Fishing

1. **Angling** – Angling is a method of fishing by means of “angle’ (Fish hook). The hook is usually attached to a fishing line and line is often attached to a fishing rod.

2. **Fishing line** – A fishing line is a cord used or made for angling; important parameters of a fishing line are its length, material and weight.

3. **Fishing Reel** – A fishing reel is a cylindrical device attached to a fishing rod used in winding and stowing line.

4. **Fishing Rod** – A fishing rod is a long, flexible rod used to catch fish. At its simplest, a fishing rod is a simple stick or pole attached to a line ending in a hook (formerly known as an angle, hence the term angling).
5. **Fish Hook** – Fish hook is a device for catching fish either by impaling them in the mouth or, more rarely, by snagging the body of the fish. Fish hook have been employed for centuries by fishers to catch fishes.

6. **Fishing Tackle** – Fishing tackle is the equipment used by fishermen when fishing. Almost any equipment or gear used for fishing can be called fishing tackle. Some examples are hook line, sinkers, floats, rods, reels, baits, lures, spears, nets, gaffs, traps. Fishing tackle is also called fishing gear.

7. **Fishing Lure** – Fishing lure is an artificial fishing bait which is designed to attract a fish’s attention. The lure uses movement, vibration, flash and colour to bait fish.

8. **Popper** – A popper is a fishing lure commercialized in a variety of sizes and colors. The body is hollow, which keeps it on the water’s surface. As the user jerks the rod the lure pops along the surface using its concave head which in turn throws up bubbles and splashes which makes this lure very effective for large pelagic fish in the open ocean.

9. **Big-Game fishing** - Big-Game fishing often referred to as offshore sport fishing or blue water fishing i.e. fishing in the open sea for recreation.
1.4 Forms of Sport fishing

Sport fishing methods vary according to the area fished, the species targeted, the personal strategies of the angler, and the resources available. Sport fishing is usually done with hook, line, rod and reel rather than with nets or other aids. Most common form of Sport Fishing is done with a rod, reel, line, hooks and any one of a wide range of baits. Other devices, commonly referred to as terminal tackle, are also used to affect or complement the presentation of the bait to the targeted fish.

The practice of catching or attempting to catch fish with a hook is known as angling. Big-game fishing is conducted from boats to catch large open-water species such as tuna, barracuda and marlin etc. In Andaman the most common marine sports fish are marlin, tuna, sailfish, barracudas, carangids, Snappers etc.

1.5 Status of Sport fishing in A&N Islands

Sport fishing activities started in the Islands during 2004. At present there are 44 nos. of sport fishing vessel registered with the Department of Fisheries for fishing in A & N territorial waters in accordance with the provisions of A & N Marine Fishing Rules, 2004.

At present all the sport fishing boats are registered with the Authorized Officer under A & N Fishing Rules- 2004 in the South Andaman District. No sport fishing boat is registered in the two other Zones namely North & Middle Andaman and Nicobar Zone so far. (List of registered Sport Fishing vessel is given at Annexure – I).

The clients for sport fishing are both Indian and Foreign Nationals. The Foreign Nationals are largely from Europe, Arab Emirate and South Asian countries.
CHAPTER – 2

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

2.1 Procedure for Registration of Sport Fishing Boat

The procedure for registration of fishing boats including Sport Fishing boat is in accordance with Chapter – II Section – 3 of A & N Marine Fishing Rules – 2004 which is as follows:-

1. The applicant shall submit the following to the Authorised Officer:
   ii. All the relevant documents pertaining to purchase/construction of boat and engine in the form of invoice/bill/vouchers/sale deed etc.
   iii. The documentary evidence of all the fishing gears, equipments, accessories and any other materials on board.
   iv. Seaworthiness certificate issued by the competent authority.
   v. Police Verification Certificate of owner and crew member of the boat.
   vi. One latest passport size photograph of owner.

2. The applicant shall produce the boat for technical inspection by the Area Fishery Officer/Authorized Officer.

3. The applicant shall pay the prescribed fee to the Authorized Officer/Area Fishery Officer for registration.

4. The applicant shall ensure the presence of crew member personally for obtaining fisher ID cards.

5. ReAL Craft Registration Certificate is to be collected from the Authorized Officer.

6. The allotted Registration number is to be displayed on the bow of the boat.
7. Canopy top of the boat shall be painted with bright orange colour confirming the BIS Standard.

8. Registration of a fishing vessel once made under the Rules shall continue to remain in force for ten years provided that :-
   a. The owner fulfills the requirements of section 5 of the Regulation;
   b. The ownership of the vessel remains unchanged;
   c. Principal Fishing Base for the vessel is not changed;
   d. Engine of the vessel is not replaced;
   e. Basic character of the fishing vessel is not altered by effecting material changes in shape or design of the vessel; and
   f. The Registration is not cancelled by the Authorized Officer for sufficient reasons.

9. The owner of the vessel shall apply to the Authorized Officer for (i) Transfer of Ownership, (ii) Change of Authorized Officer and (iii) Replacement of Engine in the prescribed format. (Annexure – III – A, B & C).

10. In case of transfer of ownership, NOC / sale agreement from its previous owner is to be mandatorily furnished by the new owner along with prescribed application under MFR – 2004.
CHAPTER – 3

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING FISHING LICENSE

3.1 Procedure for Obtaining Fishing License

The License for undertaking fishing by the registered fishing vessel shall be granted / renewed as per provisions under Chapter – III Rule 4 of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules – 2004. The procedure for obtaining Fishing License is as follows:

1. The applicant shall submit the following:
   2. 
   i. An application for grant of fishing license in form MFR-8. (Annexure - IV).
   ii. Police verification certificate.
   iii. Passport size photograph.
   iv. Identity proof.
   v. Copy of registration certificate of the boat issued by the Department.

3. The applicant shall produce the fishing gears for inspection by the Area Fishery Officer/Authorized Officer.

4. The applicant shall pay prescribed fee for issue of fishing license and identity card for crew members.

5. The Fishing License granted by the Authorized Officer will remain valid till 31st day of month of March following the date of issue of license.

Identity Cards

Identity cards will be issued to the owner and the crew members of the fishing vessel on payment of prescribed fee on production of required documents.

6. Application for renewal of fishing license after the date of expiry of fishing license and Identity card is admissible upto 30th day of April each year with late fee. After 30th April, the fishing license shall stand cancelled.
CHAPTER – 4
REGULATION OF SPORT FISHING

4.1 Regulation of Sport Fishing

The existing Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules – 2004 mainly provides for the Regulation of commercial fishing by Fishing vessels and matters connected therewith in the water surrounding A&N Islands.

Nothing specific has been underlined either in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation – 2003 or in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules – 2004 for the Regulation of Sport Fishing activity. To regulate, monitor the movement of Sport Fishing vessels and conservation of Fishery resources the following operational, safety and prohibitory aspects are outlined for sustainable Sport fishing activity in the Islands:

4.2 Operational Instructions

i. Register the sport fishing boat and obtain Fishing License from the Authorized Officer of the respective zone in A&N Islands.


iii. Always keep onboard navigational lights in working condition.

iv. Always keep onboard sufficient Life Saving Appliances (LSA), Fire Fighting Appliances (FFA) and Medical First Aid kits both for individuals onboard and fishes/ animals. A list of LSA, FFA, Communication equipments and SAR items is given at Annexure – V.

v. Indian National flag should be flown at conspicuous place on the boat.

vi. Always carry on board copy of Registration Certificate of boat, Fishing License, Restricted Area Permit for foreign national and original Crew identity card, Letter of Permit issued by the Department.
vii. Obtain permit from the Department of Fisheries for sailing with foreign client for each voyage and the voyage should not be for more than one day at a time (excluding night hours after sunset). Foreign Nationals are not allowed to stay at sea onboard any Sport Fishing Vessel at night after sunset without specific permissions.

viii. Obtain prior permission from the concerned agencies viz. Police, Port Management Board and Fisheries for sailing with Foreign guests.

ix. Indian Guest onboard should possess any one of the valid identity proof which includes Election identity Card, Adhaar Card, Passport and any other Identity cards issued by the Govt. agency.

x. Always follow prescribed navigational channel and fishing lane under the port area. The dedicated fishing lane notified by the A&N Administration vide Gazette No. 11 dated 23.01.2012 is given at Annexure – VI.

xi. Allow inspection of the boat, crews and verification of documents of the guest onboard by designated Fishery Officer of Coast Guard / Police, Fisheries Department and Forest Department in accordance with A&N Marine Fishing Rules – 2004.

xii. Always inform itinerary of departure and expected time of arrival of sport fishing vessel to the Area Fishery Officer, Authorized Officer, nearest Police Station, Port Control and Coast Guard within 24 hours prior to sailing. In case of inter island, inform the nearest Area Fishery Officer, Incharge, Police Station and Port Control Tower. (Annexure – VII).

xiii. Furnish GPS log/ sailing details immediately on completion of each voyage to the Control Room, Police Marine Force.

xiv. Report position to Indian Coast Guard and Police Marine Force and PMB while at sea at 0800 hrs every day.

4.3 Safety and Conservation Measures

i. Always operate the sport fishing boat in specified zone.

ii. Always carry crew & guest as per carrying capacity of the boat.
iii. Passengers / tourists should not be permitted to drive/operate sport fishing vessel.
iv. Maintain cruising speed below 10 knots near coral reef.
v. Report sighting of any suspicious activity / men while at sea to the nearest Police Station / Port Control / Authorized Officer / Coast Guard immediately.
vi. Provide immediate help to the Fisher/Stranded boat in distress while at sea and report to the nearest Police Station/ Authorized Officer.
vii. Carrying of Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV’s) onboard any Sport Fishing vessel is strictly prohibited.

viii. Distress Alert Transmitter (DAT) shall be kept mandatorily on board the vessel in working condition at all times.
ix. Always anchor the vessel in safe anchoring area.
x. Report about any dead fish above 10 kg or more than 03 numbers brought to the shore after every voyage to the Area Fishery Officer.
xii. Distress Alert Transmitter (DAT) shall be kept mandatorily on board the vessel in working condition at all times.

4.4 Mandatory Instructions for Anglers

i. Always carry onboard any one of the valid identity proof which includes Election identity Card, Aadhaar Card, Passport and any other Identity cards issued by the Govt. agency.
ii. Avoid carrying minor and elderly persons for sport fishing.
iii. Do not take photograph with any species of fishes caught covered under Wild Life Protection Act 1972.
iv. Release the caught fish to the sea prior to gasping situation.
v. Photography of Fish & Fishing should be done without causing injury to the fish.


vii. Always use wet rag to handle fish.

viii. Treat fish gently to reduce stress and injury.

ix. In case of poisonous and venomous fish handle with caution and avoid direct contact.

4.5 Unlawful & Prohibited Activities

i. Do not display any number other than registration number allotted by the Authorized Officer on Sport fishing boat.

ii. Do not operate the Sport Fishing boat without proper navigational lights, deck equipment, LSA, FFA and First Aid kit and National Flag.

iii. Do not venture into sea without fishing license and valid Fisher identity card and Biometric Identity Card for crew.

iv. Do not permit foreign nationals onboard the Sport Fishing boat without RAP/ immigration clearance and permit from Fisheries Department.

v. Do not allow on board any infant/ minor (below 15 years)/ pregnant women/old age person above 70 years / disabled for Sport Fishing.

vi. Do not allow any Indian guest angler onboard without proper identity card.

vii. Do not operate the vessel for sport fishing or any other purpose beyond 12 Nm (Territorial Waters) and in Coral reef area, Tribal belt of the Island, Marine National Park, Sanctuaries and such other areas notified in the official gazette from time to time.

viii. Do not engage the sport fishing boat for gain in such a manner which is not connected with fishing activity.

ix. Do not engage in mid sea transfer of fish and man at any time.

x. Do not engage in any other method / type of fishing other than those mentioned in the Fishing license.

xi. Do not take photograph with any species of fishes caught covered under Wild Life Protection Act 1972.
xii. Operate only during fair weather.
xiii. Do not carry crew and guest angler beyond the carrying capacity as specified in the fishing license.
xiv. Do not operate the boat in non permitted Zone. Vessels fitted with engines of more than 30 Hp shall operate in Zone B i.e. Territorial waters beyond 6 NM and upto 12 NM from appropriate base line.
xv. Never leave unattended a person / boat in distress.
xvi. Do not anchor in coral reef area/ navigational channel to avoid Navigational danger to the in and out traffic in Port areas and follow dedicated Fishing lane as notified by Port Management Board for Port Blair Harbour.
xvii. Do not venture into sea without submission of itinerary to the Authorized Officer/ Fishery Officer, Nearest Police Station, Port Management Board and Coast Guard.
xviii. Do not alter the schedule submitted in advance for Sport fishing. Any alteration must be informed to the Port Control Tower / Fisheries Department / Police Marine Force prior to departure with reason thereof.
xix. Do not carry onboard any explosive or any contraband or any objectionable article while venturing for sport fishing or at the shore.
xx. Do not bring fish beyond the bag limit as may be prescribed by the Department of Fisheries during each voyage and do not sell the fish.
xxi. Do not operate the boat without proper insurance coverage for the vessel and its crew capacity.
xxii. Dos & Don’ts should be mandatorily fixed at conspicuous place on the vessels.

This guideline does not make any changes in the existing Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation – 2003 and Rules framed thereunder.
General disclaimer

This publication is to provide assistance or information to all stakeholders engaged in the business of Sport Fishing and to create awareness among the National and International Tourists interested in Sport Fishing. It is only a guide and does not replace the Andaman & Nicobar Marine Fishing Rules-2004 and Regulation-2003. It cannot be used as a defense in a court of law. The information provided is current at the date of printing but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on sport fishing and full details of legislation contact the office of the Director of Fisheries, A&N Administration or Authorized Officer, South Andaman / Middle & North Andaman and Nicobars office or visit www.and.nic.in/fisheries.
### Annexure – I

**LIST OF SPORT FISHING VESSELS REGISTERED IN A&N ISLANDS**

*(September - 2016)*

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FORM - I

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRY OF A FISHING BOAT
[ See sub – rule (1) of rule 3 ]

TO
THE REGISTRAR OF FISHING BOATS,
Port ...........................................

Sir,

I/We ........................................... of ......................... being the owner of Fishing Boat called the ..................................... hereby request that the said Fishing Boat be registered in my / our name/s and a Certificate of Registry be issued to me / us.

2. Details of Owner(s) of the fishing boats are as follows:-

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3. Category of the Ownership
(Company / Individual/Coop.
Society/Govt./Hypothetication)

4. Area of operation
Particulars of Fishing Boat
xii) Name & address of building yard.

xiii) Port of Previous Registry (if any).

5. xiv) Details of previous mortgages (if any).

xv) Year of build / re-build of Fishing Boat.

xvi) Hull material:
(wood/fibre glass/steel/composite).

xvii) Length ...........(Mtrs)

c) Breadth ...........(Mtrs)

d) Depth ...........(Mtrs)

xviii) Engine Details:

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Name & address of manufacturer.
Number and diameter of cylinders.

Length of stroke.

Revolution per minute (RPM)/Speed.

Fuel capacity.

xix) Type of vessel (Motorized mechanical/ Motorized non mechanical / Non motorized / open / semi decked/ decked fitted with auxiliary engine).

xx) Number of Masts / Bulkheads / Holds.

xxi) Tonnage capacity (Gross Tons).

xxii) Details of Fishing gear

Communication equipment.

vi) Maritime Mobile Station Identification (MMSI) Make & Model.

vii) Automatic Identification System (AIS) (if fitted) Make & Model.


ix) Search & Rescue Transponder (SART) (if fitted) Make & Model.

x) Other communication equipment, if fitted.

7. Number of crew.

8. Base of operation

9. The following documents are enclosed herewith:-
   c) Declaration of ownership.

   d) Builders Certificate (in respect of registration of new vessels) or bill of sale if purchased.

10. I/we request that a name for the Fishing Vessel be approved
from the following:
I
II
III

Place : ..................
Date : ..................

Signature or left thumb impression of owner
Form - II

DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP
(By Individual/Joint Owner/Partnership Firm)

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 3]

I/we, the undersigned, hereby declare that I/we am/are citizen(s) of India residing permanently/having the principal place of business ...

........................................... and that the Fishing boat called ............... the particulars of which are given below and built at ............... in the year ............... and purchased by me/us for the sum of Rs. ............... was materially altered/rebuilt by me/us from ............... 

whose name appear in the Register as the owner of the said fishing boat and who died at ............... on the ............... and that I/we am/are the sole owner(s) of the said fishing boat and that no person or persons has or have any interest, either legal or beneficial, right, title, share property therein or thereto. And I/we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

PARTICULARS OF THE FISHING BOAT

Official Number, date and port of registry .................................................................

Registered Dimensions .................................. Length ..................................

Breadth .................................. Depth .................................. Gross Tonnage

.......................... Register Tonnage .................................. Cubic Meters

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Signature(s) of applicant

Declare before me at ......... this ......... Day of .................................................................

Seal of Office
Issued by the

Signature and Designation of Registrar
Form – III

DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP
(BY COMPANY)

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 3]

I, the undersigned, permanently residing ....................... and being the duly authorized agent/duly constituted attorney of ....................... Company Limited hereby declare as follows:

The said Company was registered under the Companies Act, 1956, on the ................. and has its principal place of business at .......................................................... where all the important business is controlled and managed. The said company satisfies the requirements of clause (b) of section 21 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and is the sole owner of the Fishing Boat called ......................... the particulars of which are given below. The said fishing boat was built at ......................... in the year .................... and/purchased by the said Company for the sum of Rs. ....................... was materially altered and rebuilt by the said Company.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, no person or persons has or have any interest, either legal or beneficial, right, title, share of property in the said fishing boat. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

PARTICULARS OF THE FISHING BOAT

Official Number, date and port of registry ...........................................................

Registered Dimensions ................................ Length ............................................
Breadth ........................................ Depth .................................................. Gross
Tonnage .................................. Register Tonnage .................................. Cubic
Meters ...........................................

Declare before me at ............ this ........ Day of ...........................................

Signature ........................................ Designation ........................................
Signature for an on behalf of ....................... Company Limited.
FORM No. MFR - 4
See Rule 3 (d)

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF MECHANIZED FISHING VESSEL

Serial No.                                      Price : Rs.
Office of Issue                                 Date of Issue :

PART - I

To be filled in by Owner(s) of vessel

To
The Authorized Officer

Sir,

With reference to Section 3(4) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003, I/we apply for transfer of ownership of fishing vessel bearing Registration Number .................................. and carrying registered name .................................. I/We, also apply for changing the name of vessel.

I/We have acquired ownership of the fishing vessel from the registered Owner(s) and he/she has/have consented to transfer of ownership of the fishing vessel to me/us.

Further, I/We intend to change the Authorized Officer of the fishing vessel from .................................. (base station) in .................................. (district) to .................................. (base station) in .................................. (district).

Necessary particulars for the purpose are furnished below :

1. Name of Owner :
2. Father’s Name :
3. Present Address :
4. Name of Principal Fishing Base :
5. Name of fishing vessel
   a)
   b)
   c)
   d)

Prescribed fee(s) for the purpose as aforesaid amounting to Rs.................................
(Rupees............................................................... only) has been paid
vide Money Receipt No........................................ dated ......................... the said Money Receipt
of Registration of the fishing vessels are enclosed herewith for verification and return thereafter.
Certificate of Registration in respect of the fishing vessel is also enclosed for necessary action.

Date :
Place :

Signature of Owner(s)

Verification

1. I/We certify that the particulars furnished in this applications are, to the best of my/our
knowledge, correct and declare that I/we shall remain responsible for validity of the said
particulars.

2. I/We have understood all the provisos of the Regulation and Rules and the Orders issued
under the said Rules and agree to abide by them.

3. I/We agree and accept that the Authorized Officer shall reserve the right to cancel
registration of fishing vessel, if it is found that —
   i) the particulars furnished in the application are materially incorrect, or
   ii) the vessel has been engaged in —
       a) contravention of the proviso(s) of the Regulation and Rules, and
       b) any commercial activity not connected with fishing.

Date :
Place :

Signature of the Owner(s)
Note:

a) Application should be submitted to the Authorized Officer in relation with the Principal Fishing Base vide Column No. 4.

b) When a vessel is owned jointly by more than one person, names of all the owners and their corresponding father’s name and present address, respectively, should be furnished separately. In such an event all the owners should sign the application and verification both.

c) When a vessel is a survey vessel or a research vessel owned by Central Government or a State Government or a Public Undertaking as defined and explained in Section 22(1) of the Regulation, this is not necessary.

d) Evidence, to the satisfaction of Authorized Officer, is necessary.

e) State name of Principal Fishing Base with reference to its definition in Rule 2(f) of the Rules.

f) Suggest 4 names in order of preference. Subject to availability for the purpose of allotment Authorized Officer will allot one name keeping in view the order of preference of owner. If none of the 4 names is available for allotment, Authorized Officer will ask for further names.

g) Prescribed fee should conform with the rate prescribed in Rule 3 (f) of the Rules.

h) The expressions “Regulation” and “Rules” wherever occur in this application form denote “Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003 and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004” respectively.

CERTIFICATE

To be filled in by the Transferer(s)

Certified that I/we have transferred right, title and interest in respect of the fishing vessel bearing Registration Numbers .................. and carrying Registered Name ................. to the present applicant’s and declare that I/we have no objection in transfer of ownership of the said fishing vessel in the name(s) stated in the application.

Date :
Place :
Signature of Transferer(s)
PART – II

To be filled in by Authorized Officer and sent to Fishery Officer for report in Part-III

Form No. Dated:

To

Name:
Designation:
Fishery Officer

Please report in Part-III of the application form appropriately. Certificate of Registration is enclosed for cancellation as required in rule 3 (h) of the Rules, if transfer of ownership applied for is accepted at his end.

Authorized Officer

PART – III

To be filled in by Reporting Officer (for Part-II) and returned back to Authorized Officer

Form No. Dated:

To

The Authorized Officer

1. There is nothing adverse on record which may impair transfer of ownership applied for. Transfer of ownership accepted in cancellation of existing registration as required in Rule 3 (h) of the Rules.
2. Certificate of Registration, duly cancelled at this end, is returned and re-allotted to new Owner.
3. Particulars of registration in respect of this fishing vessel may be intimated in Form No. MFR-3 for record.
4. This disposes his Memo No............... dated ..................

Fishery Officer

Note: Reporting Officer must delete the different items appropriately as the situation would call for.
FORM No. MFR – 6
See Rule 3 (d)

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL FISHING BASE

Serial No.  
Office of Issue :  

Price : Rs. 
Date of Issue :

PART – I

To be filled in by owner(s) of vessel

To : The Authorized Officer

With reference to section 3(4) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation 2004, I/We apply for changing Authorized Officer of (b) mechanized/non-mechanized fishing vessel bearing Registration Number ....................... and carrying (c) Registered Name ..........................................

I/We intend to change the Authorized Officer (d) of the fishing vessel from ..................(base station) in ..................(district) to ..................(base station) in ..................(district).

a) Prescribed fee for changing the registered Authorized Officer amounting to Rs. ..................(Rupees........................................only) has been paid vide Money Receipt No. ..................dated ..................the said Money Receipt and Certificate of Registration for the fishing vessel are enclosed herewith of necessary action.

Date :  
Place :

Signature of owner(s)

Note:  
(a) Application should be submitted to the Authorized Officer in relation to the Principal Fishing Base to which a change has been proposed. For further details see definition in rule 2(f) of the Rules.
(b) Strike out appropriately.
(c) Not applicable in case of Non-mechanized fishing vessel.
(d) State name of Principal Fishing Base with reference to its definition in rule 2(f) of the Rules.
(e) Prescribed fee should conform with the rate prescribed in rule 3(f) of the Rules.
PART - II

To be filled in by Authorized Officer and sent to Fishery Officer for report

Memo No. Dated:

To

The Fishery Officer,


Please report in Part III of the application form, Certificate of Registration is enclosed for cancellation as per rule 3 (h) of the Rules.

Authorized Officer

Note – See Note below Part III.

PART - III

To be filled in by reporting officer (for part II) and returned back to Authorized Officer

Memo No. Dated:

To

The Authorized Officer,


1. Principal fishing base proposed in the application intervenes jurisdiction.
2. Certificate of Registration, duly cancelled at this end, is returned.
3. Particulars of registration in respect of the fishing vessel may be cancelled in Form No.MFR-3 for record.
4. This disposes his memo No. ................. dated ......................

Fishery Officer

*NOTE: Part II and Part III of the application form is not necessary if the change in Authorized Officer does not necessitate a change in Authorized Officer. In such an event Authorized Officer will make necessary correction in Column No. 6 of Certificate of Registration (Form No. MFR-3) and send an intimation in this regard to the Fishery Officer for record.
FORM No. MFR-7
See Rule 3 (d)
APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE

Serial No. : Price : Rs.
Office of Issue : Date of Issue :

PART-1

To be filled in by Owner(s) of vessel

To

The Authorized Officer

Sir,

With reference to Section 3(4) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation
Rules, 2004, I/we apply for replacement of engine installed in my/our fishing boat bearing
Registration Number ............................................ and carrying Registration Name ..............

For the purpose of replacement I/we have acquired an engine from (b) .................................. of (c) ..................................

Existing engine will be replaced by the acquired one, particulars of which are furnished
below:
1. Brand Name :
2. Model name and / or number :
3. Engine number :
4. Horse Power :

   d) Prescribed fee for this purpose amounting to ₹ ..........................................................
(Rupees ........................................................ only) has been paid vide Money Receipt
No. .................................................. dated ................................... The said Money Receipt
and Certificate of Registration of the fishing vessel are enclosed herewith for verification and return
thereafter.

Date :
Place :

Signature of the Owner(s)
VERIFICATION

I/We certify that the particulars furnished in this application are, to the best of my/our knowledge, correct and declare that I/We shall remain responsible for validity of the said particulars.

Date: 
Place: 
Signature of the Owner(s)

Note:-

a) Application should be given to same authority which issued Certificate of Registration.

b) Full name and complete address respectively of Transferrer(s).

c) Fee should conform with the rate prescribed in Rule 3 (f) of the Rules.

PART II

Notes and Orders of Authorized Officer

1. Verified and confirmed receipt of prescribed fees vide Money Receipt No................................... dated ..................................... as stated in the application.

2. Accepted application for replacement of engine and made necessary corrections in column No. 10 of MFR-3 and sub-columns thereunder of Certificate of Registration.

3. Return back the Money Receipt towards deposit of prescribed fee and Certificate of Registration duly amended.

4. Application for replacement of engine is rejected on the following ground(s).

5. Inform applicant(s) about rejection of application, stating the grounds as recorded in item 4 above with intimation to the Adjudicating Officer as required under Rule 3(h).

6. ...........................................................
   (any other order)

Date: 
Signature of Authorized Officer

Note:-

1. Authorized Officer must delete the items appropriately under his dated initial so that his order becomes clear and specific.

2. If the vessel is owned jointly by more than one person, articles vide item No. 3 in Part II should be returned to the person first names in the Certificate of Registration and orders, if any, of the Authorized Officer should be communicated to him.

MGPPB—2/Fisheries/12—500 Nos. [2-Fisheries-12 Form No. MFR-1—2-7-8-YSN]

Department of Fisheries, A&N Islands
**FORM No. MFR - 8**  
See Rule 4 (f)

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT / RENEWAL OF FISHING LICENCE**

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**PART - I**

To be filled in by Owner(s) of the vessel

To

The Authorized Officer

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Sir,

With reference to Section 6 (1) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003. read with Rule 4 (f) of the items framed thereunder, I/we apply for grant/renewal of fishing licence. Necessary particulars for this purpose are furnished below:

1. Name of fishing vessel
2. Registration No.
3. Registration Authority
4. Principal fishing base
5. Fishing Licence Number (if any)
6. Date of expiry of fishing licence
7. Type of fishing proposed
8. Specified area applied for
9. Number of fishermen and crew on board
10. Particulars of insurance coverage for the fishing vessel
   (a) Name of Insurance Co.
   (b) Name/Number of Issue Office
   (c) Insurance Policy Number
   (d) Value insured
   (e) Date of expiry of insurance coverage
11. Particulars of the crew member/fisherman or driver engaged onboard the vessel:

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Prescribed licence free/renewal is detailed below, has been paid vide Money Receipt No. ____________________________ which is enclosed herewith for verification and return thereafter.

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Certificate of Registration and the insurance policy referred to in item 10 and fishing licence in respect of the fishing vessel are submitted herewith for verification and return thereafter.

I/we hereby declare that I/we shall not engage or carry or allow to the engaged or carried on board any fisherman or crew being the said fisherman or crew covered by adequate insurance against professional hazards.

I/we hereby further declare that I/we shall renew insurance coverage for the fishing vessel before expiration of the last date stated in item No. 10 (e) of the application form failing which fishing licence granted in terms of this application shall stand automatically cancelled after expiration of the said date (strike out if the vessel is a non-mechanized one).

Date:
Place:

Signature of the Owner(s)

Note:

a) Application should be submitted to the:-

i) Same authority which granted Certificate of Registration when the fishing vessel is registered under Section 9 (1) of Andaman and Nicobar Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003, or

ii) Authorised Officer in relation to the principal fishing base mentioned in column No. 4 of the application where the vessel is registered under any other appropriate Regulation or Law, for the time being in force.

b) Not required in case of a non-mechanized fishing vessel.

c) Write full details, if the vessel is not registered under Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003.

d) State name of principal fishing base with reference to its definition in Rule 2 (f) of the Rules.

e) Write 'Nil' when a new licence is applied for.

f) State 'type of fishing' in relation to fishing gear or tackle, namely gill netting, fixed bag netting, trawling, purse seining, hook & lining etc.
g) See Rule 5 (a) of the Rules and write “Fishing Zone” accordingly.
(h) Strike out if the fishing vessel is a non-mechanized one.
i) Fee should conform with the rate prescribed in Schedule III of the Rules.
j) Delete when a new licence is applied for.

PART - II

NOTES AND ORDERS OF AUTHORISED OFFICER

1. Verified and confirmed receipt of requisite fees vide Money Receipt No. .................................................. dated .................................................. as stated in the application.

2. Accepted application for grant of fishing licence/renewal of fishing licence.

3. Issue fishing licence/renewal of fishing licence for ................................................................. during the current financial year i.e. .............................................. (specified area) is ..................................................

4. Along with the fishing licence return Certificate of Registration, Money Receipt and insurance policy.

5. Application for grant of fishing licence/renewal of fishing licence is rejected on the following ground(s).

6. Inform applicant(s) about rejection of application, stating the grounds as recorded in item No. 5 above, under intimation to be Adjudicating Officer as required under Rule 4 (i).

7. ........................................................................
   (any other order)

Date: .................................................................

Signature of Authorized Officer

Note:--

1. Authorised Officer must delete the items appropriately under his dated initial so that his order becomes clear and specific.

2. If the vessel is owned jointly by more than one person, articles vide item No. 4 in Part II should be returned to the person first names in the Certificate of Registration and orders, if any, of the Authorized Officer should be communicated to him.
Annexure – V

List of Life Saving Appliances, Fire Fighting Appliances, Communication equipments and Search & Rescue equipments (SAR)

1. Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) approved Life Jackets for every person on board.
2. 02 Nos. Life Buoys.
3. Portable Foam type Fire extinguishers.
5. Very High Frequency (VHF) sets for two way communication.
6. Suitable Flares for use at times of distress.
7. Two Band battery operated transistor.
8. Standard Medical First Aid kit.
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PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

NOTIFICATION
Port Blair, dated the 23rd January, 2012

No. 10/2012/F.No.1089/PMB/Vol.II — In compliance with Director General of Shipping, Mumbai Circular No. 44-NT(16)/2009 dated 04/03/2011, a dedicated fishing lane for Port Blair Harbour has been established on the Northern side of entrance channel to the port. All fishing vessels/boats are to keep right of following co-ordinates while entering Port Blair Harbour and proceeding to Fish Landing Centre/Fishing Harbour at Janglimhat.

(a) 11° 41' 43"
    92° 45' 24"
(b) 11° 41' 20"
    92° 44' 45"
(c) 11° 41' 18"
    92° 44' 33"
(d) 11° 41' 19"
    92° 44' 24"
(e) 11° 41' 45"
    92° 43' 18"
(f) 11° 41' 22"
    92° 43' 04"
(g) 11° 40' 58"
    92° 42' 24"
(h) 11° 40' 18"
    92° 42' 39"
(i) 11° 39' 44"
    92° 42' 44"

All fishing vessels/boats entering/leaving Port Blair Harbour are hereby directed to strictly use the channel earmarked for fishing vessel traffic from harbour mouth to inner harbour/fish landing center and vice versa.

Sd/-
Harbour Master

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**Annexure – VII**

**UNDER TAKING**

_to be furnished by:-  
_Sport Fishing Vessel Prior to Sailing with Clients_

To
1. The Authorized Officer (Fisheries)  
   South Andaman
2. The Area Fishery Officer  
   ……………………………

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<td>: ............................................................................ IND-AN-SA-MM-………</td>
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<td>Date, Place &amp; Expected Time of Departure</td>
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<td>Sailing course and way points</td>
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<td>List of Master &amp; Crew</td>
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<td>Name of Master / Crew</td>
<td>Address</td>
<td>Contact No.</td>
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<td>List of clients / guests</td>
<td>For Indian National – Copy of Valid ID. Card issued by Central / State Govt. For Foreign Nationals – Furnish copy of Passport No. &amp; RAP No.</td>
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<td>Name of the guest</td>
<td>Nationality</td>
<td>ID. Card / PP No.</td>
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<td>In case of night stay onboard the vessel:</td>
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<td>i)</td>
<td>For Indian National - furnish name, address &amp; Telephone No.</td>
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<td>For Foreign Nationals – furnish Form – C details alongwith copy.</td>
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P.T.O……..
I hereby declare that:-

(a) All Statutory Certificates are valid as on date.
(b) The vessel is manned as per certificate of rated capacity.
(c) The vessel is in possession of the relevant Weather Report.
(d) Hull, Machinery and Electrical & Electronic systems are in good condition.
(e) All LSA, FFA and Radio Equipment are in working condition.
(f) The vessel is equipped with fixed GPS and marine VHF Radio Telephony.
(g) I shall submit the GPS log for the trip immediately but not later than 48 hours on return from the trip.

Place:
Date :
Signature:
Name : ............
(Master / Owner/Agent)

Copy to:-
1. The Commandant, [for CSO (OPS)] Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (A&N), Port Blair.
2. The Harbour Master, Port Management Board, Port Blair OR Incharge, Port Control Tower ................................................................. (in case of operation outside Port Blair).
3. The Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Vanya Prani Bhawan, Chatham.

Signature:..................
Name : ............
(Master / Owner/Agent)
Annexure – VIII

Form to be filled by the Master/In-Charge of the Sport Fishing Vessel

1. Name & Registration of the boat:
2. Date of Voyage:
3. Fishing Ground:
4. Gear Used:
5. Name, Number & approx weight of each Fish caught:
6. Time of catch:
7. Time of Release:
8. Area of release:

Signature of the Master/In-Charge
Annexure – IX

Terms and Conditions for Grant of Fishing Licence

1. Owner (s) fishing vessel –
   

   ii) Shall submit in prescribed form No. MFR – 10 a monthly return within 10 days after expiration of the month under report.

   i) Shall not engage or carry or allow to be engaged or carried onboard any fisherman or crew unless the said fisherman or crew is covered by adequate insurance agent professional hazards.

2. Fishing vessel shall not –
   
i) Conduct any kind of fishing activity outside the specified area.

   ii) Carry onboard any explosive or any contraband or any objectionable article.

   iii) Proceed for fishing or continue fishing operation in violation of distress signals or adverse weather warnings.

   iv) Go on mooring or anchorage or be used for fishing causing obstruction in navigational channel or entry of other fishing vessel to fishing harbour or fishing base.

   v) Be engaged or utilized for gain in such a manner which is not connected with fishing activity.

3. Fishing vessel shall be painted a distinctive mark of 1 ft. yellow border all along the hull above the water line and also shall fly Indian National Flag while engaged in fishing activities at sea.

4. Fishing vessel shall be fitted with sufficient life saving and fire fighting appliances and communication safety devices.
5. The owner / person incharge of the fishing vessel shall keep the license during fishing and shall produce it for inspection on demand to the control and surveillance authority like Navy, Coast Guard, Port Management Board and Fisheries Department or their authorized representatives.

6. The owner / incharge of the vessel shall not operate the vessel for fishing in coral reef areas, tribal belt of the islands, marine national parks / sanctuaries and such other areas may be notified in the official gazette from time to time.

7. The owner / Incharge of the vessel shall give the voyage programme including the date of sailing and arrival at the Principal Fishing Base in advance to the Authorized Officer and other authorities. He shall also report his position in the sea from time to time to the Port Management Board, Coast Guard and Director of Fisheries.

8. Fishing vessel, while proceeding to the specified area or returning there from, may pass through any area other than the specified area without causing any damage to fishing gears or tackles of another fishing vessel set for or engaged in fishing in an authorized manner in such area.

9. Either of the Authorized Officers listed in Schedule IV of the Rules or any other officer authorized under the Rules shall have the power to enter in the fishing vessel for inspection.

10. For renewal of fishing licence, application accompanied by prescribed fee must be submitted before expiration of the period of licence. Application for renewal of licence will be accepted if submitted within 6 months after the date of expiry of fishing licence provided the application is supported by payment of prescribed penalty for delay. Unless an application for renewal of fishing licence is made within this period, any fishing conducted from the fishing vessel after expiration of fishing licence, shall amount to unauthorized and illegal fishing.
Fishes Protected under Wildlife Protection Act-1972

1. Whale Shark (Rhincodon typus)
2. Shark and Ray
   (i) Anoxypristis cuspidate
   (ii) Carcharhinus hemiodon
   (iii) Glyphis gangeticus
   (iv) Glyphis glyphis
   (v) Himantura fluviatilis
   (vi) Pristis microdon
   (vii) Pristis zijsron
   (viii) Rhynchobatus djiddensis
   (ix) Urogymus asperrimus

3. Giant Grouper – Epinephelus lanceolatus
4. Sea Cow – Dugong dugong
5. Sea Horse- All Sygnathidians.

Prohibition in catching of certain species of fish

(a) The following species of fish is prohibited for catching in the Territorial Water of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

   (i) Catching or collection of all animals covered under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Act 53 of 1972), which includes fish, crustacean, shell fish, sea-cucumber (beche-de-mer), Sea grasses and Corals (dead or living).

   (ii) Catching or collection of all marine ornamental fishes. (Explanation Marine Ornamental Fish means and include Butterfly, Scorpion, Damsel, Parrot, Angel, Doctor, Puffer, Cat Fish, Surgeon, Sea anemone, Clown fish, Turbo worm, Sponges and any other fishes as may be specified by Notification in the Official Gazette from time to time).
Provided that any person or organization of State or Central or Public Undertaking intending to collect the said species for purely research and scientific purpose, shall obtain necessary permission from the Director of Fisheries for the Species mentioned under Para (ii) above and for the Species mentioned under Para (i) above from the Chief Wild Life Warden, A&N Islands.
# IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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