

## Fisheries (Central Area Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2001

Pursuant to section 89 of the Fisheries Act 1983 and sections 297 and 298 of the Fisheries Act 1996, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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#### **1 Title**

- (1) These regulations are the Fisheries (Central Area Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2001.
- (2) In these regulations, the Fisheries (Central Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986<sup>1</sup> are called “the principal regulations”.

#### **2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

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<sup>1</sup> (SR 1986/217)

**3 Regulation 6B inserted***[Revoked]*

Regulation 3 was revoked, as from 1 October 2001, by regulation 10(h) Fisheries (Central Area Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2001 (SR 2001/261).

**4 Offences**

Regulation 16(1) of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the expression “6A,”, the expression “6B,”.

Marie Shroff,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Fisheries (Central Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986 to prohibit trawling in certain areas. The purpose of the prohibition is to protect certain seamounts and their surrounding areas.

A seamount is a protruding irregularity or bottom feature that rises above the sea floor, and may be either stand alone or form part of a chain or range of hills.

The particular seamounts round which trawling is prohibited by the new *regulation 6B* are those known by some fishers as Brothers and Rumble III.

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