



**THE FISHERIES (SOUTH-EAST AREA COMMERCIAL FISHING)  
REGULATIONS 1986, AMENDMENT NO. 15**

CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 27th day of October 1993

Present:

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 89 of the Fisheries Act 1983, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986, Amendment No. 15, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

\*S.R. 1986/219

- Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1986/254
- Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1988/105
- Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1988/320
- Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1989/322
- Amendment No. 5: *(Revoked by S.R. 1991/248)*
- Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1991/358
- Amendment No. 7: *(Revoked by S.R. 1991/163)*
- Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1991/163
- Amendment No. 9: *(Revoked by S.R. 1992/343)*
- Amendment No. 10: S.R. 1992/116
- Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1992/234
- Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1992/343
- Amendment No. 13: S.R. 1993/48
- Amendment No. 14: S.R. 1993/282

**2. Interpretation**—Regulation 2 (1) of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 2 (1) of the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986, Amendment No. 8) is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “green mussel”, the following definition:

“‘Grey mullet’ means a fish of the species *Mugil cephalus*.”

**3. Minimum set net mesh size**—(1) Regulation 2B of the principal regulations (as inserted by regulation 3 of the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986, Amendment No. 14) is hereby amended by inserting in the Table, after the item relating to bluenose, the following item:

“Grey mullet . . . . . 90”.

(2) Regulation 2B of the principal regulations (as so inserted) is hereby amended by omitting from the Table the item relating to yellow-eyed mullet.

**4. Taking eels from Lakes Forsyth and Ellesmere restricted**—Regulation 11 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclause:

“(4) Notwithstanding regulation 49 of the Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986, no commercial fisherman shall use any fyke net to take eels from Lake Ellesmere unless there is incorporated behind the last trap or throat, and before the last part of the net capable of holding eels while in the water, 2 escapement tubes that are not less than 21 mm in inside diameter, except that both ends of the tube shall be not less than 25 mm in inside diameter.”

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 day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.

*Regulation 2* inserts into the principal regulations a definition of the species grey mullet.

*Regulation 3* amends regulation 2B of the principal regulations by prescribing, in respect of grey mullet, a minimum set net mesh size of 90 mm, and by omitting the minimum size prescribed in respect of yellow-eyed mullet.

*Regulation 4* amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations to reduce the minimum size of escapement tubes in fyke nets used to take eels from Lake Ellesmere. Such tubes must be not less than 21 mm in inside diameter, except that the ends of the tubes must be not less than 25 mm in inside diameter. This compares with the national minima of 25 mm and 29 mm, respectively.

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