



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Fisheries & Ports Department – Covid-19- Epidemic control measures prohibitive orders issued under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and The Disaster Management Act, 2005- Regulatory measures to be followed in Marine and Inland fisheries – guidelines issued

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.196/2020/F&P Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 27/03/2020

Read 1 G.O(Rt) No. 192/2020/F&PD dated 25/03/2020.

ORDER

As per the GO read as first paper above, the activities such as fish/prawn production, aquaculture, feed, feed ingredients and seed transportation including seed production operations in shrimp and fish hatcheries, supply of chemicals and cold storage facilities and processing units for processing of fish and prawns were permitted without any hindrance in the interest of State economy to avoid irreparable losses to the fishers, farmers and processors.

2. In addition to above the following guidelines are issued to regulate the fishery activities in marine and Inland fisheries districts for strict compliance.

1. The operation of all types of Mechanized fishing boats venturing for fishing from all major Fishing harbours, Fish landing centre's, and beach landing areas all along the coast of Kerala should be stopped till the lock down period is over.

2. The auctioning of fish in Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centre's during the lock-down period is strictly prohibited.

3. All the traditional fishing crafts are permitted to go for fishing.

4. All the fishermen venturing for fishing should wear masks and keep hand washing facility on-board.

5. The catch landed by the traditional fishing crafts in each landing place or harbour shall be sold out for the price fixed by the Matsyafed authorities in consultation with the local fisheries dept officials, fisheries co operatives and harbour management societies. The price for each species can be arrived with reference to the average price obtained in the previous

week (7days) in each landing place.

6. The Assistant Director / Authorized Officer/Matsya Bhhavan officers concerned in each districts should monitor the sale of fish and make sure it should be sold to the buyer(s) at the minimum possible time without gathering many people. The District Fisheries Officer and the District managers of the concerned districts should co-ordinate all the activities jointly. The services of the the field level staffs in department of fisheries and Matsyafed have to be fully devoted to implement these guidelines

7. Fish retailers, vendors and merchants should not carry out any marketing activities which attract the gathering of people in Fishing Harbours, Fish Landing Centres, fish markets and fish marts.

8. Steps have to be taken to avoid public gathering in the fishing harbours and landing areas in association with the Police, LSGD and Revenue officials

9. Advice fishermen to remain in their homes while they are at land and not gather in coastal areas or in Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres maintain isolation and social distancing.

10. Instruct the fishing community to adhere to the instructions and advisories

issued by the Government time to time.

11. Retail fish sales through kiosk, stalls, and shops should function without attracting crowd. However, the functioning of big fish markets which attract gathering of people in large number should be regulated in consultation with the respective District Collectors and District Police Officers.

12. Inland fisheries and aquaculture activities are permitted to continue with

proper regulations.

13. The last date for harvest of fish from *Padasekharams* is hereby

extended to 30.04.2020.

14. Production and transport of fish and shrimp seed, feed and all

aquaculture inputs, related quarantine activities are permitted.

15. The District Officers / Authorized Officers concerned should consult the

District Collectors of respective districts in enforcing the restrictions with

respect to Fisheries sector.

3. The District Fisheries Officers are requested to sensitize the fishermen through concerned Fishermen associations to adhere the above instructions in order to control the spread of COVID-19. The District officers are instructed to send daily compliance report to this office in this regard. The Zonal Joint Director of Fisheries will see that the guidelines issued above will be followed strictly.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

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The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors

The Managing Director, Matsyafed, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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