FISHERIES REGULATIONS

made under section 4

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries Regulations.

2. (1) The nets to be employed in the territorial waters of Trinidad and Tobago shall be the following and no others:

(a) Drift or Fillet Nets for catching Mackerel, King Fish and other large fishes.—Length of net not to exceed nine hundred feet. Width at centre not to exceed fifteen feet. Mesh not to be less than one and three-quarter inches square.

(b) Fillet Nets for catching Mullets.—Length not to exceed nine hundred feet. Width at centre not to exceed twelve feet. Mesh not to be less than one and one-quarter inches square.

(c) Pocket Seines for catching mixed white fish.—Length not to exceed nine hundred feet. Width of pocket not to exceed fifteen feet, tapering to two feet. Mesh in the pocket not less than three-quarter inch square at end of pocket.

(d) Pocket Seines for catching Prawns.—Length not to exceed one hundred and twenty feet. Width not to exceed twelve feet. Mesh not to be less than half an inch square.

(e) Seines for catching Bait.—Length not to exceed one hundred and twenty feet. Width not to exceed nine feet. Mesh not to be less than half an inch square.

(f) Cast Nets for catching Bait.—Length not to exceed six feet. Mesh not to be less than half an inch square.

(g) Gar Seines for catching fish other than Cavalli or Jack fish.—Length not to exceed five hundred and forty feet. Width not to exceed twelve feet at centre. Mesh not to be less than half an inch square.
(h) **Seines for catching Cavalli.**—Length not to exceed seven hundred and fifty feet. Width not to exceed thirty-six feet in centre. Mesh not to be less than one and seven-eighth inches square.

(i) **Seines for catching Jack fish.**—Length not to exceed six hundred feet. Width not to exceed twenty-four feet at centre. Mesh to be not less than half an inch square.

(j) **Seines known as Italian Seines.**—Length not to exceed nine hundred feet. Mesh to be not less than half an inch square.

(2) The use of any such net for a purpose other than that specified in subregulation (1) shall be unlawful.

(3) The onus of proving that a net in which are found fish which it is unlawful to take in any such net has not been unlawfully used shall be on the person using the same.

3. No fish less than twelve inches in length of the following kinds:

- King fish
- Spanish mackerel
- Grouper
- Codfish
- Sorb
- Pargue
- Zeblan

shall be taken or sold or exposed for sale.

4. No fish less than eight inches in length of the following kinds:

- Cola
- Red fish (Vivanot, Walliacke, Tete-ronde and Pomfano)
- Salmon

shall be taken or sold or exposed for sale.

5. No Sardine shall be sold except to a bona fide fisherman for the purpose of bait.

6. (1) No fish, Shell-fish, Crabs or Shrimps shall be taken within the area lying between a line drawn from the mouth of the Caroni River to a buoy fixed one thousand feet seaward from the sewerage outfall and thence to the mouth of the Diego Martin River, and the shore.

(2) No fish or Shell-fish (including Oysters, Crabs and Shrimps) shall be taken anywhere between Claxton's Bay and the mouth of the Cipero River or from the sea between the said places for a distance of one half of a mile seawards from low water-mark.

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7. Every person dragging a net or seine other than those specified in regulation 2(1)(d) and (e) shall remove all fish from such net or seine in water not less than three feet in depth.

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OYSTERS FROM ORTOIRE RIVER REGULATIONS

made under section 4

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Oysters from Ortoire River Regulations.

2. No person shall take oysters from the Ortoire River between the Mafeking Road public ferry and the sea from 1st July to 31st December in each year.

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PROTECTION OF TURTLE AND TURTLE EGGS REGULATIONS

made under section 4

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Protection of Turtle and Turtle Eggs Regulations.

2. No person shall—
   (a) kill, harpoon, catch or otherwise take possession of any female turtle which is in the sea within any reef or within one thousand yards from the high water mark of the foreshore where there is no reef;
   (b) take or remove or cause to be taken or removed any turtle eggs after they have been laid and buried by a female turtle or after they have been buried by any person;
   (c) purchase, sell, offer or expose for sale or cause to be sold or offered or exposed for sale or be in possession of any turtle eggs.