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NOTIFICATION

Dhaka, the 16th October, 1985

No. S.R.O. 442-L/85.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Protection and Conservation of Fish Act, 1950 (E. B. Act XVIII of 1950), the Government is pleased to make the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by sub-section (5) of that section, namely:—

THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF FISH RULES, 1985.

1. **Short title.**—These rules may be called The Protection and Conservation of Fish Rules, 1985.

2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "form" means the form annexed to these rules; and

(b) "Schedule" means a Schedule annexed to these rules.

(2) The words or expression used in these rules but have not been defined shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act under which these rules are made.

3. **Erection of fixed engines prohibited.**—(1) No person shall erect or use fixed engines in the rivers, canals, khals and beels.

(2) Any fixed engine erected or used in contravention of sub-rule (1) and any fish caught by means of such engine may be seized, removed and forfeited.

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4. **Construction of bunds, etc., prohibited for certain purpose.**—No person shall construct bunds, weirs, dams and embankments or any other structure, whether temporary or permanent, in, on, across or over the rivers, canals, khals or beels for any purpose other than irrigation, flood control or drainage.

5. **Destruction of fish by explosives, etc., prohibited.**—No person shall destroy or make any attempt to destroy any fish by explosives, gun, bow and arrow in inland waters or within coastal territorial waters.

6. **Destruction of fish by poisoning prohibited.**—No person shall destroy or make any attempt to destroy any fish by poisoning of water or the depletion of fisheries by pollution, by trade effluents or otherwise in inland waters.

7. **Catching and destruction of certain fish during certain period prohibited.**—No person shall, during the period from 1st day of April to 31st day of August each year, catch or cause to be caught or destroy fry of Shol, Gazar and Taki moving in clusters or the parent fish while guarding them in the rivers, canals, khals, beels or any other sheet of water which ordinarily has direct communication with any river, canal, khal or beel :

Provided that the prohibition shall not extend to the catching or destruction of the fry and the parent fish of the species named above for the purpose of carp culture.

8. **Catching of carp fishes prohibited in certain waters.**—(1) No person shall catch or cause to be caught carp fishes, that is Rui, Catla, Mrigal, Kalbaus and Ghania of any size in the waters of the rivers, khals, etc., specified in the First Schedule during the period mentioned in the said Schedule unless he has a licence therefor issued by a competent officer in this behalf :

Provided that no licence for catching of the abovenamed carp fish shall be allowed for purpose other than pisciculture.

(2) A licence issued under sub-rule (1) shall be issued in the form shown and shall be subject to the conditions as are specified on the face of the licence.

(3) There shall be collected a licence fee of Tk. 100 for each licence issued under this rule.

9. **Sale of fish prohibited.**—No person shall catch, carry, transport, offer, expose or possess fish of the species and sizes mentioned in columns 2 and 3 of the Second Schedule at any time during the period mentioned in column 4 thereof :

Provided that the prohibition shall not apply to the catching, carrying, sale, transport or possession of any fish for the purposes of, or in connection with, pisciculture.

10. **Disposal of forfeited fish.**—Any fish forfeited for a breach of any of these rules shall be disposed of by auction and the auction money thereof shall be deposited in such Head of Account of the Government as it may direct.

11. **Prohibition on catching, carrying, transporting, offering, exposing or possessing of frogs.**—Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, prohibit the catching, carrying, transporting, offering, exposing or possessing of any frog dead or alive during such period in such area and with such exceptions as may be specified therein.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[see rule 8(1)]

Sl. No.	Name of the river, canal, etc.	Period.
1	2	3
1	River Kushiara from the Fenchuganj Railway bridge up to village Lama Gangapur, Upazila Fenchuganj, District Sylhet.	From 1st April to 30th June in any year.
2	River Kushiara from its junction with Lula canal up to village Kakordi, Upazila Beanibazar, District Sylhet.	Ditto.
3	Lula canal from its junction with Kushiara river up to its junction with Hakaluki haor, Upazila Fenchuganj, District Sylhet.	Ditto.
4	Karchar Dala (flowing from the river Kalni also known as Beramohana) from village Karacha to Makalchandi haor, Upazila Baniachang, District Habigongj.	Ditto.
5	Chairer Khal (flowing from the river Kalni also known as Beramohana) from village Halalnagar up to Makalkandi haor, Upazila Baniachong, District Habigongj.	Ditto.
6	Bahushiar Dala (flowing from Bibiana) from village Bahusha up to Mokar haor, Upazila Nabiganj, District Habigongj.	Ditto.
7	Fatepur Khal (flowing from the river Shaka Kushiara) from village Fatepur up to Ghardiar Beel, Upazila Ajmirigonj, District Habigongj.	Ditto.
8	River Surma from its junction with Madhabpur Khal to its junction with Chenger Khal at the southern boundary of the village Parkal, Upazila Chhatak, District Sunamgonj.	Ditto.
9	River Surma from village Karirgaon up to the Chhatak Thanaghat, Upazila Chhatak, District Sunamgonj.	Ditto.
10	River Surma from its junction with Poinda river at the southern border of the Poinda village up to its junction with Rakiti River, Upazila Sunamgonj, District Sunamgonj.	Ditto.

1	2	3
11	River Peain from its junction with Surma river up to village Pedar, Upazila Chhatak, District Sunamgonj.	From 1st April to 30th June in any year.
12	River Garakhal from its junction with river Peain up to its junction with Kurdhara, Upazila Chhatak, District Sunamgonj.	Ditto.
13	River Kataganj from its junction with river Peain up to its junction with Dala Dhalarmukh, Upazila Chhatak, Sunamgonj.	Ditto.
14	River Halda from its mouth in the river Karnafully near Kalurghat bridge up to Sadarghat ferry, Upazilas Panchlaish, Hathazari and Raozan, District Chittagong.	From 15th March to the 30th June in any year.
15	The undernoted channels flowing from the River Halda, within the jurisdiction of Hathazari and Raozan Upazilas, District Chittagong:	Ditto.
	(1) Krishnakhali.	
	(2) Khondakia Khal.	
	(3) Katakhal.	
	(4) Madari Khal.	
	(5) Kumira Khal.	
	(6) Fragabalia Khal.	
	(7) Fatikka Khal.	
	(8) Khandarali Khal.	
	(9) Chengkhali Khal.	
	(10) Baizzakhali Khal.	
	(11) Daccakhali Khal.	
	(12) Mogdair Khal.	
	(13) Kagutia Khal.	
	(14) Sonai Khal.	
16	River Bengali (lower portion of which is locally known as Fuljore) from the northern extremity of village Chaknandan, Upazila Sariakandi, District Bogra, up to the southern extremity of village Simalbari, Upazila Sherpur, District Bogra.	From 1st April to 30th June in any year.

1	2	3
17	River Karatoa (locally known as Fuljore) from the border of Sirajgonj District up to river Baral, bounded on the north by the eastern extremity of village Chandaikona, Upazila Raigonj, District Sirajgonj and on the south by the southern extremity of village Dombaria, Upazila Shahzadpur, District Sirajgonj.	From 1st May to 31st July in any year.
18	River Ichamati from the border of Sirajgonj District up to river Karatoa bounded on the north by the northern extremity of village Brahmagacha and on the south by the southern extremity of village Nalka, Upazila Raiganj, District Sirajgonj.	Ditto.
19	River Tista from Tista Railway bridge near Kaunia Raliway junction up to Chilmari, Upazila Chilmari, District Kurigram.	From 15th May to 15th July in any year.
20	River Jumna falling in the districts of Bogra, Gaibandha, Pabna and Sirajgonj.	From 1st April to 31st July in any year.
21	River Brahmaputra falling in the District of Kurigram.	Ditto.
22	The canal known as Delbasania and Gazaria Khal from its mouth at Putimari river up to Bachadighi at Badekarapara in Bagerhat District.	From 1st October to 31st March in any year.
23	Gaguria khal from its origin from river Jumna up to river Bengali bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of village Simulbari and on the west by the northern extremity of village Sariakandi, Upazila Sariakandi, District Bogra.	From 1st April to 30th June in any year.
24	Belai Khal between rivers Jamuna and Bengali bounded on the east by eastern boundary of village Pakuria and on the west by the northern boundary of village Chhagaldhara, Upazila Sariakandi, District Bogra.	Ditto.
25	River Bengali from Maliandaha, Upazila Shaghata, District Gaibandha up to the border of Bogra District.	From 1st May to 31st July in any year.
26	River Haldia from village Gopinathpur up to Maliandaha Ghat, Upazila Shaghata, District Gaibandha.	Ditto.
27	River Baral from its origin in the river Padma up to the Railway bridge near Arani Railway Station in the District of Natore.	From 15th May to 31st July in any year.

SECOND SCHEDULE

[see rule 9]

Sl. No.	Species of fish.	Size.	Period.
1	2	3	4
1	Carp, <i>i.e.</i> , Catla, Rui, Mrigal, Kalbaush and Ghania.	Below 23 (twenty-three) centimetre in length.	Between July and December each year.
2	Hilsha (popularly known as Jatka in some parts of Bangladesh).	Ditto	Between November and April each year.
3	Pungas	Ditto	Ditto.
4	Silon	Below 30 (thirty) centimetre in length.	Between February and June each year.
5	Bhola	Ditto	Ditto.
6	Aor	Ditto	Ditto.

FORM OF LICENCE

[see rule 8(2)]

Licence for Catching Carps in Prohibited Waters.

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1. Licence No. _____ Date: _____
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2. Issued to :
(Name in full)
- (a) Father's Name _____ :
- (b) Permanent address _____ :
- (c) Present address _____ :
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3. Method of catching _____ :
4. Type and number of gear to be used _____ :
5. Area of catching _____ :
6. Species and size to be caught _____ :
7. Catch to be landed at _____ :
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8. Licence fee paid : Tk., *Vide* M.R. No.
Date
9. Validity of the licence : from to
10. Date of issue
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(Signature of Issuing Officer)
with seal.

The licence is issued subject to the following conditions :

- (a) The licence is non-transferable.
- (b) The licence shall comply with and ensure that catch is made in conformity with the provisions of the "Protection and Conservation of Fish Act, 1950" and the rules made thereunder.
- (c) The licence is liable to cancellation at any time for violation of any of the conditions stipulated therein.
- (d) Any other condition, if any.

By order of the President

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Deputy Secretary.