

I assent.

**D. J. G. ROSE**

**Governor-General.**

31st May, 1969.

ACT No. 8 OF 1969.

FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1969.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.
3. Amendment of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance.
4. Amendment of section 12 of the Principal Ordinance.
5. Repeal and re-enactment of section 16 of the Principal Ordinance.
6. Repeal and re-enactment of section 23 of the Principal Ordinance.
7. Amendment of section 24 of the Principal Ordinance.
8. Amendment of section 32 of the Principal Ordinance.
9. Amendment of section 33 of the Principal Ordinance.
10. General amendment of the Principal Ordinance.
11. Savings.

An Act to amend the Fisheries Ordinance, 1956.

31st May, 1969.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1969

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall be construed and read as one with the Fisheries Ordinance, 1956, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and all amendments thereto, Short title  
No. 30 of  
1956.

Amendment  
of section 2  
of the Principal  
Ordinance.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the deletion of the definition of the word 'Director'; and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the word 'fisherman' of the following definition —

“Minister’ means the Minister to whom responsibility for fisheries is for the time being assigned;”.

Amendment  
of section  
11 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

3. Section 11 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the repeal of the proviso to subsection (3) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following proviso —

“Provided that the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person who uses a line with not more than three hooks attached thereto, or who fishes in the interior.”; and

- (b) by the insertion of the following subsection as subsection (6) —

“(6) In the proviso to subsection (3) of this section the expression “the interior” means all that part of Guyana not less than twenty miles from the sea coast between the Corentyne River on the east and the Pomeroon River on the west and includes the North West District.”.

Amendment  
of section  
12 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance

4. Section 12 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the words ‘provided by Parliament’ for the words ‘voted by the Legislative Council’.

Repeal and  
re-enactment  
of section  
16 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

5. Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Duration  
of Licence,  
time for pay-  
ment of fee  
and refusal to  
issue  
Licence.

16.(1) Except in the case of a licence for the export of a particular shipment of fish referred to in subsection (1) of section 13, a licence issued under this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder shall be valid for the period of one year commencing on the 1st January in every year and shall, unless previously cancelled, remain in force for that period.

(2) Where at any time during the period referred to in subsection (1) of this section, a new licence is issued for the first time it shall expire on the 31st December in the year in which it is issued but no pro-

portionate reduction in the annual fee payable for the licence shall be allowed.

(3) The fee for every annual licence shall be due and payable on the 1st January in every year and shall be paid on or before the last day in February.

(4) The Chief Agricultural Officer may refuse to issue a licence under this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder if he is satisfied that the issue thereof would not be in the interest of the fishing industry.

(5) Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Chief Agricultural Officer to issue a licence under this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder may, within twenty-one days of the date of such refusal, appeal in writing to the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final.”.

6. Section 23 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Appoint  
ment of  
fishery  
officers.

23. There shall be appointed such number of fishery officers as may be requisite for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance and their remuneration shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.”.

Repeal and  
re-enactment  
of section  
23 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

7. Subsection (1) of section 24 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the words “not below the rank of sergeant or in charge of a Police Station”.

Amendment  
of section  
24 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

8. Subsection (1) of section 32 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word “Parliament” for the words “the Legislative Council”.

Amendment  
of section  
32 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

9. Section 33 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment  
of section  
33 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

(a) by the substitution of the expression “National Assembly” for the expression “Legislative Council” wherever it appears in subsection (3); and

(b) by the substitution of the word “Parliament” for the words “the Legislative Council” in subsection (4), and the insertion of the words “the National Assembly is” between the words “or” and “Adjourned” in the said subsection.

10. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

General  
Amendment  
of the Principal  
Ordinance.

- (a) the expression "Chief Agricultural Officer" shall be substituted for the word "Director" wherever it appears;
- (b) the word "Minister" shall be substituted for the expression "Governor in Council" wherever it appears.

Savings.

11. Anything lawfully done under the Principal Ordinance prior to its amendment by this Act and which would continue to have effect but for such amendment, shall continue to have effect as if so done in conformity with such amendment:

Provided that any licence issued under the Principal Ordinance prior to the enactment of this Act and which is expressed to remain in force for a definite period shall not remain in force after the expiration of that period, but the provisions of subsection (2) of section 16, of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Act, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the renewal of that licence as they apply in relation to the issue of a new licence.

*Passed by the National Assembly on the 29th of April, 1969.*

M. B. HENRY.

*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.*

(Bill No. 6/1969).

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