

PRESS NOTE

A draft Notification for A&N Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2024 has been prepared by the Directorate of Fisheries, A&N Administration and uploaded in the official website of A&N Administration <https://www.andaman.gov.in> seeking suggestions/comments/inputs from General Public, Fisheries Stakeholders, Fisheries Institutes, various Departments of A&N Administration etc.

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Sr. No.	Name and Address of the organisation/person, contact number and Email	Relevant section in the draft notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/suggestion	Rationale	Remarks


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1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to publish the above Press Release for 02 consecutive days.
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3. The Public Relation Officer, DIPT with the direction to publish the news item in the local newspapers.
4. The News Editor, All India Radio, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to broadcast the Press Note in the **Pradeshik Samachar** for 02 consecutive days.

5. The Programme Executive, Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram with the request to broadcast the Press Note in the **Dweep Darpan Programme** for wide publicity.
6. The Executive Officer, SOVTECH, DBRAIT Campus, Old Pahargaon, Sri Vijaya Puram for uploading the Press Note along with the draft Notification for A&N Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2024 in the website <https://www.andaman.gov.in> for 30 days.
7. Shri Amar Kumar Singh, IT Analyst, Directorate of Fisheries with the direction to coordinate with SOVTECH for uploading the press release in the official website of A&N Administration along with draft Notification.
8. The Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman/N&M Andaman for kind information and wide publicity.
9. The Chairman, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar/Nancowrie/Kamorta/Katchal/Chowra/Teressa and Great Nicobar for kind information and wide publicity.
10. The Executive Officer, Panchayat Samities, Sri Vijaya Puram, Ferrargunj, Rangat, Mayabunder, Diglipur, Little Andaman and Campbell Bay for wide publicity through Gram Panchayats under their respective jurisdiction.
11. The Assistant Directors of Fisheries, Zonal Fisheries Office, **N&M Andaman/South Andaman/Nicobar** for information and wide publicity through respective Fisheries Sub-Stations.
12. Notice Board of Directorate of Fisheries, Sri Vijaya Puram,

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1. Sr.PS to Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Raj Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram.
2. P.S to Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration.
3. P.S to Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Fisheries) for kind information of Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Fisheries), A&N Administration
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Director of Fisheries

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT**

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated theAugust, 2024

No. 3 – 85 / 2022 – 23 / TS / DF – In exercise of powers conferred under Section 24 of the A&N Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003 (No. 1 of 2003), the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands hereby makes the following Rules further to amend the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 as published in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette vide Notification No. 110 dated 01.06.2004, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:

- i. These Rules may be called the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2024**.
- ii. It shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

AMENDMENTS

1. Column 2(c) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 as published in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette vide Notification No. 103 of 2004 dated 01.06.2004 (hereinafter called the Principle Rules), shall be substituted as follows:-

“Marine Engineer” means an Engineer not below the rank of Junior Engineer (Mech.) in the Department of Fisheries and the Fishery Officer in the capacity of Asst. Fisheries Development Officer in Department of Fisheries having certificate to be obtained from Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training, Cochin (to be obtained every two years by the officials) and not below the rank of Assistant Marine Engineer in the Department of Shipping Services, Andaman and Nicobar Administration and an Engineer not below the rank of Service Engineer (Mech.) in Fishery Survey of India, Govt. of India for issuance of Seaworthiness for motorized, mechanized and Sport Fishing boats.

2. After Rule 2(h)(xii) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be inserted: -
(i) Angling: means fishing as a sport or hobby with a fishing rod and line.

(ii) Mainland fisher: means a person who does not possess an Islander card/Local certificate/ ST certificate/OBC certificate of A&N Islands issued by the Competent authority.

3. After the table below Rule 3(r) of the Principle Rule the following shall be added:-

The Authorized Officer and Fishery Officer of the Department of Fisheries shall impose penalty in the event of violating the provisions of Fishing

Rules as prescribed read with Section 17 of A&N Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003.

4. Rule 3(s) of the Principle Rule the following shall be substituted:-

All motorized, Mechanized, and Sport Fishing vessels registered by the authorized Officer shall have onboard Distress alert transmitter/satellite-based transponder with two-way communication facilities registered in the name of the vessel's owner for Fishing license issuance.

5. The Table in Schedule -II of the Principle Rule, shall be substituted as under:-

Sl. No.	Description of Fishing Vessel	Registration (Rs)	Transfer of Ownership (Rs)	Change of Authorized Officer (Rs)	Replacement of Engine (Rs)	Seaworthiness Certificate (Rs) (Valid for one year)
1.	Country craft Powered by oars and sails	50/-	50/-	50/-	50/-	-
2.	Mechanized Fishing Vessel powered and propelled by an engine					
(i)	Up to 30 BHP including motorized Fishing Vessel (vessels up to 20 metres OAL)	50/-	50/-	50/-	50/-	100/-
(ii)	More than 30 BHP up to 200 BHP including sport fishing vessels (vessels up to 20 metres OAL).	150/-	100/-	100/-	100/-	200/-
(iii)	More than 200 BHP (vessels up to 20 metres OAL).	1500/-	200/-	200/-	200/-	200/-
1.Duplicate Registration Certificate for						Rate prescribed (in Rs.)

i)	Country crafts powered by oars and sails	50/-
ii)	Mechanized fishing vessels powered and propelled by and engine	
a)	Up to 30 BHP including motorized fishing vessel(vessels up to 20 meters OAL)	100/-
b)	More than 30 BHP up to 200 BHP(Vessels up to 20 meters OAL)	150/-
c)	More than 200 BHP (Vessels up to 20 meters OAL)	200/-

Note:

1. When Change of Principal base is occasioned through Transfer of Ownership, no fee are separately payable for Change of Authorized Officer.
 2. The Rates are subject to revision under Rule 3 (f) of A&N Islands Marine Fishing Rules,2004
6. Schedule -I of the Principle Rule, the following shall be inserted in the table below 2(ii) substituted:-

Description of Fishing Vessels		Fishing license/ renewal of fishing license per year (in Rs.)	Penalty for delay in renewal per month of its expiry (in Rs.)
1. Non-Mechanized boat			
i	Non-Mechanized country crafts powered by Oars and Sails	50/-	50/-
ii	Issue of Fisher ID card for crew members/fisher/diver per head	100/-	50/-
2. Mechanized/Motorized Fishing vessel			
i	Upto 30BHP (vessels up to 20 meters OAL)	150/-	100/-
ii	Above 30 BHP (vessels up to 20mtr OAL)	1000/-	200/-
iii.	Issue of Fisher ID card for Crew members/Fisher/ Diver per head.	100/-	50/-
3. Duplicate Fishing license/Fisher ID card			
i.	Issue of Duplicate Fishing license for fishing vessel (mechanized, Motorized & non-motorized)	250/-	N.A.
ii	Issue of Duplicate Fishing license Fisher ID card to Crew members/ Fishermen/Divers per head	100/-	N.A.

7. The table below Rule 3 (r) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be substituted:

Table below rule 3 (r) of A&N Marine Fishing Amendment Rules, 2019 dated 07th November, 2019 to be Substituted as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Penalty (in Rs)	
		Motorized	Mechanized
a)	Operation of any Boat for Fishing		

	without Registration.	1 st time – Fine of Rs.1,000/-.	1 st time – Fine of Rs.10,000/-.
		2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 2,000/- failing which confiscation of the Boat.	2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 50,000/- failing which confiscation of the Boat.
b)	Operation of registered Fishing Boat without proper color coding / LSA / FFA / DAT / Two way communication system, Transponder / Registration number / without proper documents on alteration of size / replacement of engine and carrying Crews more than carrying capacity.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 250/-.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 2500/-.
		2 nd time – Fine of Rs.500/-.	2 nd time – Fine of Rs.5,000/-.
		3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 1,000/- failing which Cancellation of Fishing License for twelve months.	3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 7,500/- failing which Cancellation of Fishing License for twelve months.
c)	Operation of Fishing Boat in non-permitted areas other than protected areas and areas prohibited / protected under Wildlife Protection Act –1972.	1 st time – Fine of Rs.1,000/-.	1 st time – Fine of Rs.1,00,000/.
		2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 2,000/-.	2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 2,00,000/.
		3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 5,000/- failing which Cancellation of Fishing License for twelve months.	3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 2,50,000/- failing which Cancellation of Fishing License for twelve months.
d)	Operation of Fishing Boat with non – permitted Fishing Gears.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 1,000/-.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 5,000/-.
		2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 5,000/- .	2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 20,000/-.
		3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 10,000/- or Cancellation of Fishing License.	3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 30,000/- or Cancellation of Fishing License.
e)	Operation of Fishing Vessel for activities other than Fishing without specific permission.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 1,000/-.	1 st time – Fine of Rs. 10,000/- .
		2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 2,000/-.	2 nd time – Fine of Rs. 20,000/-.
		3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 5,000/- or Cancellation of Fishing License.	3 rd time – Fine of Rs. 25,000/- or Cancellation of Fishing License.
f)	Fishing without carrying Fishing License, Registration Certificate and Fisher Identity	Non – Motorized Fine of Rs. 250/- for each trip of Fishing in A & N Waters.	Motorized Fine of Rs. 500/- for each trip of Fishing in A & N Waters.
		Mechanized Fine of Rs. 1000/- for each trip of Fishing in A & N Waters.	

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8. After rule-4(p) in Chapter-III of Rule-4 of the Principle Rule, the following shall be added :-

4 (q) before bringing any new or old Mechanized / Motorized Fishing Boat / Sport Fishing vessel from mainland/abroad the Owners shall obtain prior permission from the concerned Authorized Officer of A&N Islands.

4 (r) in case of Old Mechanized / Motorized Fishing Boat to be brought from mainland, the owners shall submit de-registration certificate obtained from the Authorized Officer of the district where the Fishing Boat was operational prior to its de-registration along with other documents.

9. Rule 5(a) (i) & (ii) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be added :-

Sl.No.	Specified area for fishing	Class of Fishing vessels for plying	Type of gear/mesh size to be used
(i)	Fishing Zone- A (Territorial water surrounding A&N Islands up to 06 nautical miles from appropriate baseline)	All fishing vessels fitted with either inboard engine(s) or outboard motor(s) having engine horsepower below 30 hp and sport fishing vessel [NOTE: The sport fishing shall operate beyond 03 nautical miles from the nearest port/jetty]	i. Gill net not below 25mm (mesh knot to knot diagonally) ii. Hook & line iii. long line iv. Fish traps v. Fishing rod with reel, line, barbless hook & bait for sport fishing.
(ii)	Fishing Zone-B (Territorial water surrounding A&N Islands beyond 06 nautical miles from appropriate baseline upto 12 nautical miles)	All fishing vessels fitted with inboard engine(s) or outboard motor(s) having engine 30HP and above including sport fishing vessels.	i. Gill net not below 25 mm mesh. ii. Long line, purse seine not below 25 mm, squid jiggers. iii. hook & line iv. fishing rod with reel., line barbless hook & bait for sport fishing v. pelagic trawl net with cod end not below 30mm mesh size.

10. Rule- 17 (a) (iii) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be substituted :-

The Sport Fishing activity shall be permitted throughout the year subject to weather conditions and sailing clearance from respective Port Control Tower.

11. After Rule 21 (B) sub rule (b)(xlii) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be added

The authorized officers and the Fishery Officers of the Department shall Impose penalties for the unregulated/illegal activities listed in Schedule-I below sub-rule 21 (xlii) read with Section 17 of A&N Marine Fishing regulation, 2003

12. Rule 21(B) sub rule b(i) of the Principle Rule, the following shall be substituted :-

Owner of Sport Fishing Vessel shall obtain permit through online Sport Fishing portal or as may be prescribed from the respective Authorized Officer for sailing of the vessel with Foreign / Indian **Guests** for each voyage. The permit shall be issued for a period of one to seven days based on the request of the owner for the same route and **Guests/Tourists** and the Voyage shall be between 03:00 am to 07:00 pm every day at a time and the vessel shall return to permitted port every day.

13. After Rule 21 (A) (xii) of A&N Marine Fishing Amendment Rules, 2017 dated 20th Sept, 2017, the following shall be added.

The vessel should fitted with the night navigational equipments such as Navigational Lights as per LSS Rules, Life Jacket Lights, Hand Fares, Search Light, Emergency Light with backup, Sufficient Logistic support at shore, Search and rescue facilities and all should be in perfect working condition for operation beyond day light.