

BELIZE:

FISHERIES RESOURCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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for

AN ACT to amend the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide specific penalties for certain offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted, 2022)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the

FISHERIES RESORUCES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022,

CAP. 210.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Fisheries Resources Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 19.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 19 by—

(a) renumbering the section as sub-section (1); and

(b) inserting the following as sub-section (2)—

“(2) A person who contravenes sub-section (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to—

(a) a fine not less than one thousand dollars but not more than five thousand dollars;

(b) imprisonment for not less than six months but not more than one year; or

(c) both a fine and term of imprisonment.”.

Amendment of section 29.

3. The principal Act is amended in section 29 by—

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- (a) renumbering the section as sub-section (1); and
- (b) inserting the following as sub-section (2)–

“(2) A person who contravenes sub-section (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to–

- (a) a fine not less than one thousand dollars but not more than five thousand dollars;
- (b) imprisonment for a term not less than six months but not more than one year; or
- (c) both a fine and term of imprisonment.”.

- 4.** The principal Act is amended in section 87 by inserting the following new sub-section immediately after sub-section (4)–

Amendment of section 87.

“(5) Any person found guilty of a breach of any regulation made under this Act prohibiting the taking or possession of illegal size fish, or the possession of fish during the closed season, or possession of fish taken without authorization, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under the Act, is liable to a fine in respect of each such fish, which shall not be less than fifty dollars but which may extend to one hundred dollars.”.

- 5.** The principal Act is amended in section 88 by inserting the following new sub-section immediately after sub-section (1)–

Amendment of section 88.

“(1A) A person who contravenes sub-section (1) commits an offence and, in addition to the penalty under section 90, is liable to a fine in respect of each fish which shall not be less than one thousand dollars but which may extend to five thousand dollars.”.