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To,

Omega Fishmeal & Oil Private Limited,
Plot No. G-3, Mirjole MIDC, Ratnagiri.

Sub:- Latest information on MCS arrangements...

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 14/07/2023, we hereby attached the latest information on MCS arrangements of Fisheries Department for your necessary action.

Thanking You.

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Updated information on Harvest Strategy, Monitoring Control & Surveillance, and Protection of ETP species

1. Harvest Control Measures for fishing Sector:-

1. Maharashtra Fisheries Department is observing a complete ban on fishing for 61 day Every year starting from 1st June to 31st July. Country crafts (Traditional Crafts) are exempted from this fishing ban.
2. Enforcing mesh Size Regulation for gears strictly.
3. New construction of Purseiners are not allowed.
4. Department is collecting fish landing data on a monthly basis from major landing centres.

2. Arrangements for Monitoring, Control & surveillance:-

1. The 151 No. of fishing vessels equipped with Vessel Tracking Systems (VTS) which are going for off- shore fishing. CCTV, DAT and VTS are compulsory for 4 and 6 cylinder fishing vessels. Regarding distribution of Transponder to mechanised fishing vessels, department has collected physical information of every Registered fishing vessels presently.
2. The Department has an Enforcement Officers which are responsible for checking the compliance of Fishery Rules and Regulations in accordance with the Maharashtra Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1981 and 2021.
3. The following are the functions of Enforcement Officers:-
 - a. Strict implementation of the Maharashtra Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1981 and 2021
 - b. Implementation of Indian Fisheries Act, 1897
 - c. To register fishing vessels under the MS Act (The Merchant Shipping Act, 1958)
 - d. To issue fishing licenses to the vessel owners
 - e. To lease fishing tanks in reserved areas
 - f. To conduct patrolling for preventing IUU Fishing (Department has hire only one Patrolling Vessel for the district)
 - g. To issue QR Coded PVC Aadhar Cards presently. For security point of view it is essential for every fishermen.
 - h. Posting of Fisheries Wardens at major landing centres for monitoring the fishing activities.

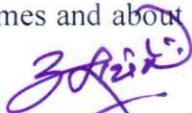
3. Sanctions / Penalties Imposed when Fishing Rules & Regulations are violated:-

- a. 26 Cases have been registered for year 2022-23 and 14 Cases have been registered for year 2023-24 till date against the erring fishermen for violating the Fishing Rules & Regulations.
- b. Prosecutions initiated against above cases and Rs. 31,51,060/- has been collected as fine from them.

4. Special Incentive for avoiding the fishing of ETP Species:-

As per the Maharashtra Fisheries Department order No.75 Dated 11/05/2018, an incentive of maximum Rs. 25000/- will be given to those fishermen who release the accidental catches of ETP Species subjected to production of required evidences including video coverage of the release activity.

During the year 2023-24, the department of fisheries, Ratnagiri has conducted total 10 training programmes to Indian Coast Guard, Coastal police along with Fisherman Communities to communicate information about the latest Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) activities, weather warnings, alerts, Awareness about social welfare schemes and about changes in fisheries Regulation if any.


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