

**BELIZE:**

**FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2024**

**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

1. Citation.
2. Repeal and replacement of regulation 26:08.

**BELIZE:**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**No. 135 of 2024**

*REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 87 of the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.*

*(Gazetted 17th October, 2024).*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

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Sub Leg, 2020  
Edn. CAP.  
210 p.50.  
S.I. 57 of 2021.  
S.I. 105 of  
2022. S.I. 106  
of 2022.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Fisheries Regulations, which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

2. Regulation 26:08 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following—

Repeal and  
replacement  
of regulation  
26:08.

“Restriction on fishing within Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve, Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve and Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve.

**26:08**—(1) No person shall, within the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve, Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve or the Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve—

- (a) fish using hooks greater than 12/0;
- (b) fish using any unanchored or drifting longline; or
- (c) fish for sharks (all species in the Superorder Selachimorpha).

(2) Any person who lands a shark while fishing in the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve, Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve or Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve shall immediately release the shark in the same state it was landed.

Schedule I.  
S.I. 133 of  
2024.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

“Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve” means the area specified in Schedule I of the Fisheries Resources (Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve) Order, 2024;

Schedule I.  
S.I.134 of  
2024.

“Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve” means the area specified in Schedule I of the Fisheries Resources (Lighthouse Reef Atoll Marine Reserve) Order, 2024, but excludes General Use Zone II; and

Schedule I.  
S.I. 71 of  
2022.

“Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve” means the area specified in Schedule I of the Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) (Amendment) Order, 2022.

**MADE** by the Minister responsible for fisheries this 16th day of October, 2024.



**(HON. ABNER PEREZ)**

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(Minister responsible for fisheries)*