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GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
DECREE # 317, Dated 20 MAY 2006

ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES FOR CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN THE SPHERE OF FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(Based on the text of RF Government Decree #546 dated 07 SEP 2006)

In order to execute the Federal Law on Fisheries and Conservation of Marine Biological Resources, the Government of the Russian Federation hereby decrees:

1. It is hereby ordered that the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation shall coordinate with the regional executive agencies of the Russian Federation a list of fisheries areas that shall include the inland waters of the Russian Federation (including inland seas of the Russian Federation) and territorial seas of the Russian Federation, and shall approve the following:

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- a) annually, the total allowable catch of marine biological resources (hereinafter, the marine biological resources) within the inland waters of the Russian Federation, including the inland seas of the Russian Federation, and the territorial seas of the Russian Federation, the continental shelf of the Russian Federation and within the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Federation, the Sea of Azov and the Caspian Sea (hereinafter, the total allowable catches of marine biological resources), as well as harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources granted by the Russian Federation in accordance with international agreements with the Russian Federation;
- b) annually, the allocation of total allowable catches of marine biological resources, as well as harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources granted by the Russian Federation in accordance with international agreements with the Russian Federation, as applied to the quota species;
- c) the composition and procedure for conducting regional scientific research conferences;
- d) the procedure for categorizing the marine target species that have commercial fisheries significance and the utilization of the marine biological resources they represent;
- e) the procedure for establishing fisheries restrictions;
- f) the procedure for removing portions of the total volume of harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources set aside for conducting commercial fisheries;
- g) the procedure for undertaking acclimatization measures for marine biological resources;
- h) the procedure for concluding and registering agreements on transferring from one party to another portions of total harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources for conducting commercial fisheries;
- i) the procedure for conducting auctions for the sale of commercial harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources and portions of total harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources for conducting commercial fisheries;
- j) the procedure for allocating coastal quotas within the inland waters of the Russian Federation and territorial sea of the Russian Federation to parties engaged in the utilization of marine biological resources;
- k) the list of marine biological resources that may be considered target species for fisheries;
- l) the list of marine biological resources which may be harvested (caught) in amateur and sports fishing upon issuance of licenses for the harvest (catch) of the marine biological resources;
- m) standard fisheries regulations and fisheries regulations for each fisheries region;
- n) the procedure for conducting scientific research fisheries and test fisheries;
- o) the procedure for conducting fisheries for purposes of training and education;
- p) the procedure for conducting fisheries for purposes of aquaculture, stock regeneration and acclimatization of the marine biological resources;
- q) the procedure for conducting fisheries for purposes of maintaining traditional ways of life and conducting traditional economic activities by the native minorities of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation;
- r) the types of commercial fishing vessels, fishing gear and methods of harvest (catch) of the marine biological resources for conducting coastal fisheries by fisheries region;
- s) the procedure for developing standards on water quality for the marine biological resources of commercial fisheries significance, including standards on the maximum allowable concentrations of hazardous substances in the waters occupied by the marine biological resources of commercial fisheries significance;
- t) the procedure for allocating fishing quotas on fresh-water target species among the regions of the Russian Federation.

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2. It is hereby ordered that the Federal Fisheries Agency shall:
- a) annually set the total allowable catch of marine biological resources;
 - b) annually allocate the total allowable catch of marine biological resources, as well as harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources granted by the Russian Federation in accordance with international agreements with the Russian Federation, applicable to the quota species;
 - c) categorize the marine target species that have commercial fisheries significance and the details of their utilization;
 - d) remove portions of the total volume of harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources that have been set aside for commercial fisheries in cases where the utilization rights of the marine biological resources have been halted;
 - e) conclude agreements on the artificial stock regeneration of the marine biological resource species that represent commercial fisheries significance;
 - f) act as organizer of auctions for the sale of commercial harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources;
 - g) conclude agreements with specialized companies to organize auctions for the sale of commercial harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources;
 - h) issue documents that confirm that particular users have been issued quotas for the harvest (catch) of marine biological resources;
 - i) on behalf of the regional executive agency of the Russian Federation, allocate coastal quotas within the inland waters of the Russian Federation and territorial sea of the Russian Federation among parties engaged in the utilization of marine biological resources;
 - j) Voided by RF Government Decree #546 dated 07 SEP 2006;
 - k) allocate among parties engaged in the utilization of marine biological resources scientific quotas, harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources for fisheries conducted for the purposes of aquaculture, regeneration of stocks or acclimatization of marine biological resources, and harvest (catch) quotas for marine biological resources for training and educational purposes;
 - l) conduct governmental monitoring of the marine biological resources;
 - m) organize and conduct competitions for rights to conclude use agreements for commercial fishing areas;
 - n) conclude agreements on the use of commercial fishing areas and under such agreements assign commercial fishing areas to individuals and legal entities.

3. It is hereby ordered that the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitation Control shall:
- a) exercise government control over fisheries and marine biological resource conservation;
 - b) suspend harvest (catch) permits for marine biological resources or revoke such permits before their established expiration dates;
 - c) temporarily engage in the processing, issuing and registration of harvest (catch) permits for marine biological resources, as well as alteration of such permits, preliminarily to the amendment of legal standards by the Government of the Russian Federation that reassign this function to different federal executive agencies;
 - d) coordinate the placing, design, construction, reconstruction and commissioning of commercial and other sites, as well as the introduction of new processing methods, that impact the condition of the marine biological resources.

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