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**THE MARINE CONSERVATION (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2002  
(LAW 29 OF 2002)**

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Law 29 of 2002.

I Assent

B.H. Dinwiddy

Governor.

Date: 24 January, 2003

**A LAW TO AMEND THE MARINE CONSERVATION LAW (2002  
REVISION); AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES**

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. This Law may be cited as the Marine Conservation (Amendment) Law, 2002.
2. The Marine Conservation Law (2002 Revision), in this Law referred to as “the principal Law”, is amended in section 2 -
  - (a) by repealing the definition of “spear gun” and substituting the following definition-

“ “ spear gun” includes a mechanical or pneumatic spear gun, a Hawaiian sling, a pole spear, a stick spear, harpoon, rod or any device with a pointed end which may be used to impale, stab or pierce any marine life but does not include a striker;” and
  - (b) by inserting the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical order -

“echinoderms” means any member of the phylum Echinodermata of coelomate, radially symmetric animals which include starfishes, sea urchins, sea cucumbers and crinoids; and

“striker” means a long wooden pole, no shorter than ten feet in length, with no more than two barb-less prongs attached to one end;”.

Short title

Amendment of section 2  
of the Marine  
Conservation Law (2002  
Revision) - definitions

Amendment of section 6- closed seasons and ban\$- lobsters, conch and Nassau groupers

3. The principal law is amended in section 6 by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsection-

“(3a) Any person who, in Cayman waters, takes, injures or has in his possession-

- (a) any spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*) below 6 inches tail length; or
- (b) any member of any species of lobster other than the spiny lobster aforesaid,

is guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 8- restriction on taking and receiving whelks

4. The principal law is amended in section 8 by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsection -

“(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3), any person who takes from Cayman waters or receives or has in his possession any whelks taken from Cayman waters during the months of May to October inclusive is guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 15- use of spear guns prohibited

5. The principal Law is amended in section 15 as follows -

- (a) by re-numbering the section as subsection (1) of section 15; and
- (b) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection -

“(2) A person licensed under subsection (1) who, in any one day, takes more than three fish from Cayman waters by the use of a speargun or who has in his possession more than six fish which have been caught by a speargun is guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 18- restriction on taking certain marine life

6. The principal Law is amended in section 18 (2) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph-

“(c) any Echinoderms.”.

Insertion of new section- licence to fish

7. The principal Law is amended by inserting after section 18 the following section -

- “Licence to fish
- 18A. (1) Any person who resides in the Islands and-
- (a) who does not possess Caymanian status (as defined in section 15 of the Immigration Law (2001 Revision)); or
  - (b) who has a permit to work in the Islands

and who takes or attempts to take any marine life from Cayman waters by any means is guilty of an offence unless licensed by the Board who may, in granting such licence, impose such conditions as it may think fit.

(2) The monthly fee for such licence is set out in the Schedule.

(3) The Schedule may be amended by the Governor by order.”.

8. The principal Law is amended by inserting after section 22 the following section -

Insertion of new section -prohibition relating to divers

“Prohibition relating to divers

22A. Any person who, while diving in Cayman waters, whether using underwater breathing apparatus or otherwise, wears gloves of any type is guilty of an offence.”.

9. The principal Law is amended by inserting the following Schedule-

Insertion of Schedule

“SCHEDULE

(sections 18A (2))

Monthly Fishing Licence Fee

One thousand dollars.”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

JULIANNA O’CONNOR - CONNOLLY

Speaker.

WENDY LAUER EBANKS

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.