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An Act for the protection and conservation of fisheries, and to make provision for the control of fishing, the control of the marketing and distribution of fish and the use and control of fishing ports and harbours, for measures pertaining to the general welfare and improvement of the fishing industry in Singapore and for purposes incidental thereto.

[1 January 1969]

PART 1**PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1. This Act is the Fisheries Act 1966.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Agency” means the Singapore Food Agency established by the Singapore Food Agency Act 2019;

“authorised officer” means any person appointed by the Director-General to be an authorised officer under section 3(2);

- “Director-General” means the Director-General, Food Administration appointed under section 3(1) of the Sale of Food Act 1973;
- “estuarine waters” means waters extending from the mouth of a river to the uppermost point upstream penetrated by sea water at the highest tide of the year and references to estuarine fishing and estuarine fisheries shall be construed accordingly;
- “fish” includes any of the varieties of marine, brackish water or fresh water fishes, crustacea, aquatic mollusca, turtles, marine sponges, trepang and any other form of aquatic life and the young and eggs thereof;
- “fish culturist” means any person culturing or cultivating fish for profit and includes fish pond operators and aquarists;
- “fish dealer” includes any person engaged in buying (except for personal consumption), selling, exposing for sale, consigning or exhibiting fish, whether living, fresh or processed, in any manner, or any person engaged in processing fish;
- “fish pond” means any enclosed area of water whether fresh or otherwise, which is used or intended for use in the cultivation, storage or capture of fish, and includes estuarine prawn ponds;
- “fishing stakes” means any device used for the capture of fish which is made up of poles or other supports permanently fixed into the ground and enclosed by ramie, rattan, wire or other screening material, so designed as to lead fish into the enclosures, or any device using a net or other screening material that is anchored permanently or impermanently;
- “fishing vessel” includes any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used for fishing or the transport of fish or fishing materials;
- “inland waters” means any rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and other waters, whether private or otherwise, other than maritime and estuarine waters and references to inland fishing and inland fisheries shall be construed accordingly;