

## **Information on management and control of shellfish farming in Surat Thani Province**

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1. Operations of the working group to determine the management guidelines for the Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province.

1.1 According to the working group to determine the management guidelines for the Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province has sent a letter to the Ministry of Transport and the Marine Department to request the Marine Department to consider issuing an announcement specifying the property guarding in the form obtained from the resolution of the meeting of the working group, to be another type of building and permissible river intrusion. However, the working group on determines the management guidelines for the Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province has sent a letter to the Ministry of Transport and the Marine Department to inquire about the results of the consideration, which is currently under consideration by the Marine Department.

1.2 Because the consideration results of issuing the announcement, property guarding in the form obtained from the resolution of the working group meeting, to be another type of structure and permissible river intrusion have not yet been known from the Marine Department. The Department of Fisheries has therefore proposed a guideline for the Provincial Fisheries Office to issue an announcement extending the time limit for applying for a permit for another period of time. Then, it has been announced to extend the time period according to the announcement of the Surat Thani Provincial Fisheries Office on determining the extension of time for whom wishing to do aquaculture in the fishery area which is the public property of the land to submit an application for a license (No. 8) B.E. 2565 by extending the period from the ending on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 to July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

2. Management of the land's public property in the Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province by the Provincial Fisheries Committee has taken the following actions:

2.1 The meeting of the Surat Thani Provincial Fisheries Committee No. 2/2021 on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 resolved to approve the following:

2.1.1 Resolution to implement management guidelines to achieve a sustainable balance in Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province of the working group to solve the problem of invasion of public areas in Bandon Bay, Surat Thani Province. After the Thai-MECC, Surat Thani Province demolish any structures or other things made into the fishery; Caring for the shellfish farming and homestays in Mueang Surat Thani District and Phunphin District are all out as follows.

(1) Integrate staff from all sectors in the area to enforce laws to manage the conversion of shellfish farming that encroach on public areas into fishermen's fishing grounds.

(2) Use the provincial fisheries committee mechanism to manage the suitable area for shellfish farming and announce it as an aquaculture area for the aquaculture operations to control the type of shellfish farming in accordance with the legal procedure.

(3) Announced to determinate some areas as marine animal sanctuaries which prohibit fishing under section 56 of the Fisheries Royal Ordinance B.E. 2558 as a conservation area for cockle species.

2.1.2 Resolved to approve the implementation plan of the management approach in a balanced and sustainable manner by defining the practice guidelines divided into the following issues:

Issue 1 Basic information in the area

1. Fishing by using stationary fishing gears that clearly and appropriately define the area according to the fisheries law can be carried out in accordance with Section 63 and other relevant laws.

2. Areas permitted for aquaculture in the public property of the land. The new area to be announced has a clear designation, suitability and conditions for obtaining permission to prevent invasion of new areas.

3. Academic information under the information for consideration of permission to raising shellfish farming by the working group to determine the management guidelines for the Ban Don Bay, Surat Thani Province by the Coastal Aquaculture Research and Development Division.

4. The aquatic animal sanctuary under section 56.

5. Community conservation area such as fish houses for conservation or structures that are not fishing gears operated by each agency should clearly define the area and must request permission from the relevant agencies.

6. Announcement area prohibiting the use of certain types of fishing gears for fishing in fisheries under section 71 (1)

7. Bandon Bay Wetlands, determine wetland conservation measures for the determination of boundaries and appropriate guidelines for raising shellfish farming in Surat Thani which agree that there should be regulatory agencies in the area.

Issue 2 Resource of shellfish was born.

It is advisable to manage the shellfish source for the equitable utilization of resources together and the maximum benefit.

Issue 3 Area where defined by various agencies such as seagrass resources, wiring lines, submarine cables, and navigational waterways.

Issue 4 Related laws, for example, the Fisheries Royal Ordinance B.E.2558, Maritime Act in Thai Waters (river intrusion/navigating waterways), and local province/meeting for hearing opinion, Marine and Coastal Resource Management Promotion Act, B.E. 2558, and the Marine National Interest Act B.E. 2562.

2.2 Organizing a public hearing meeting with stakeholders around Ban Don Bay, Surat Thani Province.

Surat Thani Province by the Surat Thani Provincial Fisheries Office held a public hearing meeting on the implementation of management guidelines for sustainable balance in the area of Ban Don Bay, Surat Thani Province from stakeholders in the area No. 1, between December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, in the area of 6 districts, which has already been implemented and will continue to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing meeting.

### 2.3 Surveying and Coordinates to prepare a map attached to the announcement.

Surat Thani Province by the Surat Thani Provincial Fisheries Office has determinate a plan to survey the area and waterways in each sub-district in the area of Kanchanadit, Mueang, Phunphin, Tha Chang, Chaiya and Don Sak to survey and determine the coordinates of the navigation waterway and the channel boundary between the districts of each district clearly for use in the preparation of the map attached to the announcement on 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. With requiring representatives from relevant government agencies and stakeholder representatives of every sub-district to participate that will be reported to the Department of Fisheries.

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