

Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

THE ORDER

No. 285 dated May 06, 2022

Moscow

On Approval of the Fishing Rules for the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin

SUMMARY

1. Approve the **Fishing Rules for the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin** in accordance with the Appendix to this order.
2. Recognize the following orders as invalid:
 - the Order of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture of May 23, 2019 No. 267 "On approval of the Fishing Rules for the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin";
 - the Order of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture of July 20, 2020 No. 405 " On Amendments to the Fishing Rules for the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin approved by the Order of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture of May 23, 2019 No. 267.
3. This order comes into force on September 1, 2022 and is valid until September 1, 2028.

Minister

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FISHING RULES FOR THE FAR EASTERN FISHERIES BASIN

I. General provisions

1. Fishing Rules for the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin (hereinafter - Fishing Rules) regulate the activities of Russian legal entities, individual entrepreneurs and citizens, including indigenous minorities, engaged in fishing in the internal sea waters of the Russian Federation, in the territorial sea of the Russian Federation, on the continental shelf of the Russian Federation, in the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Federation within the Far Eastern Fisheries Basin, with the exception of water bodies or parts thereof, located in specially protected natural territories of federal significance, within which fishing is prohibited in accordance with the Russian legislation, as well as the activities of foreign legal entities and citizens engaged in fishing in accordance with the Russian legislation and international treaties of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as users).

2. The Far Eastern Fisheries Basin includes:

a) the Chukchi Sea with the basins of the rivers flowing into it, the Bering Sea with the basins of the rivers flowing into it, the waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Eastern Kamchatka and the Kuril Islands with the basins of the rivers flowing into it, the Sea of Okhotsk with the basins of the rivers flowing into it, the Sea of Japan the sea with the basins of rivers flowing into it, as well as water bodies located on the land territory of the Russian Federation within the boundaries of the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Primorsky, Khabarovsk and Kamchatka Territories, the Jewish Autonomous Region, Sakhalin, Magadan and Amur Regions, limited by the basins of the above rivers, with the exception of ponds and flooded quarries;

b) harvest (catch) areas, fishing zones (subzones), the names, designations and boundaries of which are determined in accordance with Appendix No. 1 to the Fishing Rules.

3. The Fishing Rules regulate the harvest (catch) of aquatic biological resources for commercial fishing, coastal fishing, fishing for research and control purposes, fishing for educational and cultural purposes, fishing for aquaculture, amateur fishing, fishing to ensure the traditional way of life and traditional economic activities of indigenous peoples.

4. The Fishing Rules establish:

a) the types of permitted fishing;

b) standards, including standards for the release of products after processing of aquatic biological resources, caviar, as well as the parameters and terms of permitted fishing;

c) restrictions on fishing and other activities related to the use of aquatic biological resources, including:

prohibition of fishing in certain areas and in relation to certain species;

closure of fishing in certain areas and in relation to certain species;

minimum size and weight of harvested aquatic biological resources;

types and number of permitted gear and fishing methods;

fishing gear size and design and mesh size;

distribution of harvesting (catching) areas for aquatic biological resources (area, sub-area, fishing zone, fishing subzone) between groups of vessels differing in fishing gear, types and sizes;

periods of harvest (catch) of aquatic biological resources for groups of vessels differing in fishing gear, types (capacity) and sizes;

the number and types (capacity) of vessels that can carry out commercial fishing and coastal fishing simultaneously in the same harvest (catch) area;

minimum volume of harvest (catch) of aquatic biological resources per vessel;

time of departure of vessels for commercial and coastal fishing;

permitted by-catches of some species during the harvesting (catching) of other aquatic biological resources;

fishing periods in water bodies;

d) requirements for the conservation of aquatic biological resources, including user responsibilities, a list of documents required for users, requirements for users;

e) the daily rate of harvesting (catching) of aquatic biological resources (quantity, weight) allowed to a citizen during amateur fishing.

5. When fishing for research and control purposes, for educational and cultural purposes, as well as for aquaculture purposes, areas prohibited for catching aquatic biological resources, catch periods, species, sex and size composition of the caught aquatic biological resources are not established, except in cases established by the Fishing Rules. However, for these purposes, they are established by annual plans for conducting research on aquatic biological resources, curricula or plans for cultural activities, as well as programs for the implementation of work in the field of aquaculture, approved in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

6. In the event that international treaties of the Russian Federation in the field of fisheries and the conservation of aquatic biological resources establish other rules that are not provided for by the Fishing Rules, the rules of international treaties shall apply.

7. In order to preserve the rare and endangered species of aquatic biological resources listed in the Russian Red Data Book and (or) regional Red Data Books, catching such species is prohibited. In exceptional cases, the catch of rare and endangered species of aquatic biological resources is allowed on the basis of fishing permits in the manner prescribed by Decree of the Russian Government of December 24, 2008 No. 1017 "On the extraction (catch) of rare and endangered species of aquatic biological resources".