

Milestone 17 Implement a minimum landing size for BSC in Surat Thani

Department of Fisheries

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At present, the Minister has not yet issued an announcement specifying the size of the blue swimming crab , which prohibits catching or bringing aquatic animals onto fishing vessels. However, The draft bill to amend the Fisheries Act B.E. 2558 (2015) B.E. is currently under consideration. The Senate and the House of Representatives have designated persons in the joint committee to consider the draft bill to amend the Fisheries Act B.E. 2558 (2015) B.E. and are in the process of scheduling a meeting of the joint committee to consider the draft bill. The gist of the amendment to Section 57 of the Fisheries Act B.E. 2558 is as follows:

1. The Draft Act , Section 24, shall revoke Section 57 of the Fisheries Act and replace it with the following :

“Section 57 prohibits any person from catching or bringing aquatic animals onto a fishing vessel that are juvenile aquatic animals of the size and quantity as specified by the Minister with the approval of the Committee.

The determination of the size or quantity of young aquatic animals that are prohibited from being caught or brought onto fishing vessels according to paragraph one may be determined differently according to the type of aquatic animal or may be applied only in a particular area. ”

Comparative table of provisions of Section 57

Section 57 Of the Fisheries Act B.E. 2558	Section 57 of the Fisheries Act Amendment Act B.E. 2558
No person shall catch aquatic animals or bring aquatic animals smaller than those announced by the Minister onto a fishing vessel.	No person shall be allowed to catch or bring aquatic animals onto a fishing vessel that are juvenile aquatic animals of the size and quantity as announced by the Minister with the approval of the Committee. The determination of the size or quantity of young aquatic animals that are prohibited from being caught or brought onto fishing vessels according to paragraph

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and consider reducing the penalty. The draft law, Section 46, stipulates that Section 138, Section 139 and Section 140 of the Fisheries Act B.E. 2015 be repealed.

Comparative table of penalties under Section 57

Violate Section 57	Fine Section 139 Fisheries Act	Fine Section 139 Of the Act amending the Emergency Decree
	From 10,000 - 100,000 baht or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.	From 10,000 - 100,000 baht or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.
Use a ship of 10 gross tons or more but less than 20 gross tons.	From 100,000 baht to 200,000 baht, or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.	From 20,000 baht to 200,000 baht, or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.
Use ships of 20 gross tons or more but less than 60 gross tons.	From 200,000 baht to 600,000 baht or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing. Whichever amount is higher	From 50,000 baht to 600,000 baht, or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing. Whichever amount is higher
Use ships of 60 gross tons or more, but less than 150. Gross tons	From 600,000 baht to 5,000,000 baht or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.	From 100,000 baht to 800,000 baht, or a fine of 5 times the value of the aquatic animals obtained from fishing, whichever amount is higher.