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DECISION OF THE PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Approval of the overall planning for the management and exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue province towards 2010

THE PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF TTH PROVINCE

- Pursuant to the Law on the provincial council and committee organization dated November 26, 2003;
- Pursuant to the Decision No. 1198/QD-UB dated May 7, 2003 of the provincial People's Committee approving the outline and budget estimation for the overall planning of the management and exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue province;
- Pursuant to the conclusions of the provincial People's Council at the Announcement No. 22/TB-UB dated March 2, 2004 on the project for the management and exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue province;
- In recommendations of the Petition No. 382/KT dated October 15 of the Director of DOFI in application for the approval of the overall planning for the management and exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue province,

hereby DECIDES

Article 1: To approve the overall planning for the management and exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue province towards 2010 with the following contents:

1. New subjects (labourers, boats, fishing tools) are not allowed to freely participate in the exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system. The fishery resources exploitation capacity towards 2010 is reduced by 30% in comparison to that of present time, specifically:

- Reduce by 40% of the number, density of fishing tools equivalent to 40% of capacity
- Reduce by 25% of exploitation timing due to the ban on exploitation for 3 months in a year, equivalent to 15% of capacity
- Reduce by 25% of small individuals to be tapped due to the regulation on the increasing of the minimal mesh size, equivalent to 15% capacity

2. Hereunder is the planning on the reduction of the number of lagoon exploitation careers by administrative units:

Careers	Phong Dien		Quang Dien		Huong Tra		Phu Vang		Phu Loc	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%

Đặng (Fish corrals)	38	6	151	23.7	29	4.6	171	26.8	248	38.9
Đáy	0	0	49	11.4	46	10.7	260	60.5	75	17.4

3. Approach to fishery exploitation tools management:

Timing	Major decisions
From January 1, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All exploitation (capture) and aquaculture (water surface activities) should have permission certificates - The minimal mesh size 2a is regulated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Đặng (natural fishing gears): 10 mm + Đáy: 14 mm - All parts of Đáy and Sáo located on the circulation of water traffic should be removed
From January 1, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fishing gear (fish corrals) exploitation is banned for 3 months - The minimal mesh size 2a is regulated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Đặng (natural fishing gears): 18 mm + Đáy: 18 mm - Complete the arrangement of the corridor for protecting boats' circulation - Reduce the number/density of the fishing gears (fish corrals) by 1/2 of that at present.

4. Zoning of fishery resources management and exploitation:

Zoning	Administration units	Necessary administration regulations
Extremely sensible zone	Quang Thai, Thuan An, Phu An, Phu Xuan, Vinh Ha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only issue short-term fishing certificate permits annually - Shrimp farming area extension permits will not be issued in the future - Impose enforcement (Clear) on transgressing ponds without permits - permit time extension will not be issued to transgressing ponds
Sensible	Dien Hoa, Dien Hai, Quang Loi, Huang Phong, Hai Duong, Phu My, Phu Thuan, Vinh Hung, Vinh Giang, Loc Tri, Loc Binh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only issue middle-term fishing certificate permits (5 years) - Shrimp farming area extension permits will not be issued in the future - Impose enforcement (clear) on

		transgressing ponds without permits
Normal	The rest areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issue long-term fishing certificate permits (10 years) - Impose enforcement (clear) on transgressing ponds without permits

5. The system of permits for the exploitation and culture of fishery resources on the lagoon area should be applied for more effective management of exploitation activities:

- The forbidden careers (tools/facilities) on the lagoon system include: explosives, electric drag nets, Te quệu, trawlers, eels screening nets
- The careers to be limited and/or improved by mesh size extension: Đăng (fishing gears), Đáy, aquatic weeds exploitation using engine boats.
- Sporting fishing activities, recreation activities, and small-scale activities are allowed without any permits application: All types of fishing rods, nơm (fishing basket), dậm, vợt, chài quăng; câu giăng and screening nets (re ben) with length less than 50 meters; types of lờ (bamboo fish traps), lợp, đẹo hầu, cào ngao; manual tools for craps, clams, shellfish collection.

6. Technical requirements for protecting and developing lagoon fishery resources:

- Gradually set up and protect breed grounds, birth grounds, and lagoon bio-diversity.
- Add more high economic-value fishery varieties into the lagoon system
- Protect and restore coastal mangrove forest; protect and develop aquatic weeds at shallow water areas as shelter, birth, growing, and development places of lagoonal species.
- Build fish outlets in line with economic capacity at dikes and hydrolic works blocking the immigration, growth, birth lines of aquatic species.
- Gradually complete waste water treatment systems for treating waste water released from daily life, industry, aquaculture before its entering the lagoon.

7. Information technology via GIS should be applied for serving fishery management and related sectors. IT and GIS need to be used for fishery exploitation zoning, aquaculture zoning, water traffic zoning, breed and birth grounds zoning. Areas with overlaps in usage purposes should be gradually rearranged for sustainable development.

8. The system of the community-based fishery management should be developed in order to reduce the management expense for the authorities; also, it is advisable to enhance democracy at grass-root level among fishermen's organizations in self-managing fishing territory, fishery resources, aquatic environment and other related fields such as water traffic, flood and storms mitigation, rescue and relief works. Fishermen's organizations at all levels under the Vietnamese Fishery Association are major partners of authorities in the co-management of the fishery exploitation in particular and the fishery in general on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue.

Article 2: Base on the major contents regulated in the Article 1 of this Decision, People's committees of districts are responsible for the following:

1. Set up detailed planning, organize management tasks, and implement the planning for sustainable management and exploitation of the fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue with integrated linkages to the coastal part.
2. Land use certificates will not be issued to land sites located near the lagoon, which make the lagoon shallower and degraded. The boundary between the water surface and the inland

is identified by the topography map published in 1994 by the National administration of land-related issues.

3. Cooperate with the fishery sector to compile the system of natural fishery exploitation certificate permits for effectively managing and appropriately use the lagoon fishery resources.

4. Have an approach to modern tools and management technologies such as community-based management, zoning, GIS... in order to industrialize and modernize the fishery management.

Article 3: The Department of Fishery is responsible for the compilation of the "Statute on the exploitation of fishery resources on the lagoon system of Thua Thien Hue" in accordance with current regulations and submits to the PPC for approval in 2005; Also the Department should instruct agencies and sectors at all levels to carry out detailed management activities in the planning period.

Related Departments and agencies will base on this Decision to implement the co-management on the fields related to the production and development of fishery resources of the lagoon system, and guarantee the integrated management of the lagoon and coastal areas.

Article 4: The Head of the PPC office, Directors of the Departments: Fishery, Agriculture and Rural Development, Natural Resources and Environment, Planning and Investment, Finance; Chair persons of the districts: Phong Dien, Quang Dien, Huong Tra, Phu Vang, Phu Loc, and heads of related agencies are responsible for the implementation of this Decision./.

Recipients:

- As stated in Article 4,
- Standing Committee of PP's Council
- Chairman and deputies of PPC
- People's councils and committees:
Phong Dien, Quang Dien, Huong Tra,
Phu Vang, Phu Loc
- Filed

On behalf of PPC

For Chairman

(Signed and stamped)

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