

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 06 February, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Subject: - Draft National Fisheries Policy (NFP), 2019-comments regarding.

Fisheries and aquaculture remain an important source of food, nutrition, employment and income for millions, especially the rural populations. In fact, the sector provides livelihood to about 14.5 million people at the primary level and almost twice the number along the value chain. The sector has immense potential to double the fishers and fish farmers' incomes, as envisioned by the government. There is need to consolidate the sectoral gains and sustain growth through policy and financial support to accelerate fisheries development in a sustainable, responsible, inclusive and equitable manner.

2. In the year 2017, the Department of Fisheries has promulgated the 'National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017' through a Gazette Notification on 28th April, 2017. Subsequently, a Draft of the 'National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy (NIFAP)' was also prepared by a Committee of Experts with stakeholders' consultation. Besides, a 'Draft National Mariculture Policy' and a 'Draft National Policy on Post Harvest Processing and Marketing of Fish and Fisheries Products' have also been prepared. For drafting all the above-said three policies for holistic planning and development of fisheries sector, wide consultations were held with all the stake holders including line Ministries/Departments and State/UTs and research institutes etc.

3. Subsequently, it has been decided that to prepare an integrated national policy on fisheries rather than bringing in the various fisheries related policies in piecemeal, the Department has reviewed the existing and proposed policies and prepared a consolidated policy, 'The National Fisheries Policy' by integrating the proposed policies, i.e., 'National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy (NIFAP)' and 'National Mariculture Policy'. A copy of the said policy is attached herewith.

4. It is requested that comments, if any, on the draft 'The National Fisheries Policy' may kindly be sent to this Department latest by 14.02.2020. The comments may be communicated through email to the undersigned @ pl_pndn@yahoo.com.


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To,
As per the list attached

List of Secretaries of concerned Departments/Ministries

1. Secretary, D/o Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, D/o Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, D/o Agricultural Research and Education, M/o Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Commerce Secretary, M/o Commerce and Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
5. Secretary, Dept for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
6. Secretary, M/o Environ., Forest & CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Panchasheel Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi
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10. Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi
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13. Secretary, M/o Earth Sciences, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
14. Secretary, Department of Shipping, Parivahan Bhawan, New Delhi
15. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
16. Secretary, Dept of Telecommunications, M/o Communications, Sanchar Bhawan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.
17. Secretary, Legislative Dept, Ministry of Law and Justice, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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20. Director General, Coast Guard, New Delhi
21. Director General of Shipping, Mumbai