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AN ACT to provide for the development and management of Local Fisheries.

Commencement:

October 13, 1997

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P.L. 1997-60

§301. Short Title.

This Chapter may be cited as the Management and Development of Local Fisheries Act". [Short title supplied by Commissioner during codification.]

§302. Management and development of local fisheries.

- (1) The Authority may take measures for the management and development of local fisheries including in internal waters and within five miles of the baseline from which the territorial sea of any atoll or island is measured.
- (2) A Local Government Council may take measures for the management and development of local fisheries in its internal waters and within its waters up to five miles seaward of the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, in accordance with this Title.
- (3) Before any measures are taken pursuant to Subsection (1), the Director shall ensure that consultations are held with any Local Government Council affected by the proposed measures, and as appropriate convene public hearings.

- (4) Each Local Government Council shall, as much as possible, cooperate in the development of local fisheries for the proper management and development of the fisheries resources for the benefit of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- (5) Subject to Subsections (1) and (3), each Local Government Council shall be responsible for the management, development and sustainable use, in accordance with this Title, of the reef and inshore fisheries within its waters, extending up to five miles seaward from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured. [P.L. 1997-60, §43.]

§303. Duties of Local Government Councils in the management and development of fisheries.

- (1) Each Local Government Council, in managing, developing and ensuring sustainable use of its waters, shall have the following duties:
 - (a) preparation of fishery management plans, with the assistance and advice of the Authority, for any fishery in the municipal waters, consistent with any overall management plan or objective of the Authority;
 - (b) recommend that the Authority promulgate regulations regarding:
 - (i) fishing operations;
 - (ii) the issuance of fishing licenses or permits for the designated fishery;
 - (c) adopt Ordinances, in accordance with this Title, for the management, development and sustainable use of the marine resources within its waters;
 - (d) perform such other functions as may be delegated by the Authority. [P.L. 1997-60, §44.]

§304. Powers of a Local Government Council in the management and development of fisheries.

- (1) A Local Government Council shall have the following powers in respect of its waters, and shall exercise them consistently with fisheries management and development measures or policy adopted by the Authority, and in accordance with this Title and relevant laws: