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Ministry of Agriculture  
(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries)

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

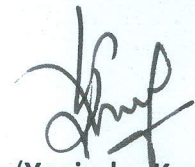
The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Order of even No. dated 03.03.2016 issued by this Department regarding implementation of a uniform Fishing Ban in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters for conservation and effective management of fishery resources and also for sea safety reasons.

2. The Coastal States and Union Territories are advised to follow the same duration of uniform Fishing Ban within their territorial waters (of 0 to 12 nautical miles) as it is implemented in the EEZ (12 to 200 nautical miles) adjacent to their territorial waters. In case where some State(s)/UT(s) prefers to implement a different Fishing Ban Period in their territorial waters, the State/UT is hereby requested to ensure that fishing boats of that State/UT do not enter the territorial waters of other State(s)/UTs or in the EEZ.

3. The Coast Guard is requested separately to ensure strict implementation of Fishing Ban period in the EEZ and also to prevent entry of fishing boats of one State/UT to another neighbouring State(s)/UT in case different ban periods are implemented among States/UTs in their territorial waters.

4. States who would prefer to have fishing ban of less than 61 days in their territorial waters are advised to reach 61 days ban period in their territorial waters gradually within a period of 04 years for the purpose of ensuring uniformity.

Encl. As above



(Yoginder Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Distribution to:**

The Secretary (Fisheries), All Maritime States/Union Territories as per the list.

