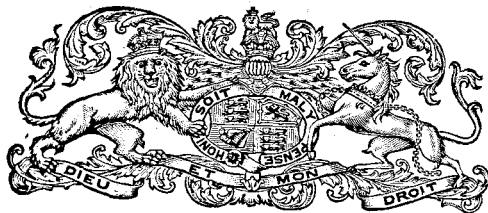


WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

No. 6 of 1920



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C. H. RODWELL,

High Commissioner.

20th July, 1920.

KING'S REGULATION

TO PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL SALE OR EXPORT
IN OR FROM THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS
PROTECTORATE OF TROCAS SHELL IN CER-
TAIN CASES.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for
the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific
Order in Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the
Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions
beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India.

[20th July, 1920.]

1. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as the SHORT TITLE.
Trocas Shell Fishing Regulation 1920.

2. In this Regulation the word "inspector" means an INTERPRETATION
officer appointed by the Resident Commissioner to be an
inspector under and for the purposes of this Regulation
and includes a District Officer, a Collector of Customs, or
a European Officer of the Armed Constabulary.

REMOVAL SALE
OR EXPORT, ETC.
OF CERTAIN
TROCAS SHELL
PROHIBITED.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person by himself or his servants or agents to remove from any reef or shore in the Protectorate or from the Protectorate waters or to sell or expose or offer for sale or to purchase or to export or attempt to export or to cause or permit to be exported from the Protectorate or to otherwise deal with any Trocas shell (sometimes known locally as lala shell) which at the time of such removal sale purchase export or other dealing with has not attained a size of two and a half inches in diameter as measured across the base or such other size as may from time to time be in substitution therefor prescribed by the Resident Commissioner by Proclamation published in the Gazette. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply to Trocas shell imported into the Protectorate for the purpose of exportation.

PENALTY FOR
BREACH OF
SECTION THREE.

4. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section three hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

POWER OF
RESIDENT COM-
MISSIONER TO
APPOINT A CLOSE
SEASON.

5. (1) The Resident Commissioner may whenever he deems it expedient by Proclamation published in the Gazette prescribe and appoint in respect of either the whole or any specified part of the Protectorate a period to be observed as a close season during which period the fishing for or the removal from any reef or shore in the Protectorate or from the Protectorate waters of Trocas shell fish or the destruction thereof shall be unlawful.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of any such Proclamation shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to the like penalties as are provided by section four hereof.

POWER OF
RESIDENT COM-
MISSIONER TO
MAKE RULES.

6.—(1) The Resident Commissioner may by Proclamation published in the Gazette make rules for requiring the submission to inspection at such places and in such manner as he may direct of all or any Trocas shell before the same is exposed or offered for sale or exported from the Protectorate, and generally for more effectually giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Any such rules may prescribe for a breach thereof any fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

INSPECTOR'S
POWERS OF
SEARCH AND
ENTRY.

7. An inspector may make any inquiries or searches that he thinks fit to ascertain whether or not an offence under this Regulation has been committed and may for the purpose enter into or upon any premises building or vessel.

PENALTY FOR
OBSTRUCTING
INSPECTOR, ETC.

8. If any person obstructs or impedes an inspector in the execution of his duty, or refuses to answer any question reasonably put to him by, or in answering any such question makes any false statement to, an inspector he shall on conviction be liable to the like penalties as are provided by section four hereof.

SEIZURE AND
FORFEITURE OF
SHELLS IN
CERTAIN CASES.

9. Every shell in respect whereof an offence under this Regulation has been committed and the contents of every bag, box, package, or other receptacle containing shells in which any such shell may be found and every such bag box package or other receptacle and every heap or collection of shells in which any such shell may be found shall be liable to seizure by an inspector and to forfeiture to His Britannic Majesty.

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10. Any vessel employed or used by an offender under this Regulation in or for the purpose of the commission of his offence may together with all things found on board thereof be seized and detained by an inspector until released by an order of the Resident Commissioner or the Court.

SEIZURE AND
DETENTION OF
VESSEL BY
INSPECTOR IN
CERTAIN CASES.

11. When any fine is imposed under this Regulation by the Court and such fine together with costs if any is not immediately paid the Court may order that any vessel seized and detained as in section ten hereof provided together with all things found on board thereof be kept at the risk and expense of the owner of the vessel for a period of three months unless such vessel is before the expiration of such period released by payment of the fine, costs, and expenses. If at the expiration of such three months such fine, costs and expenses or any of them or any part thereof remain unpaid then the vessel together with all things on board thereof shall be forfeited to His Britannic Majesty.

FORFEITURE OF
VESSEL IN
CERTAIN CASES.

12. Judicial notice shall be taken of every Proclamation or order by the Resident Commissioner made or issued or purporting to be made or issued under or in pursuance of this Regulation.

JUDICIAL NOTICE
OF RESIDENT
COMMISSIONER'S
PROCLAMATION.

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By Command,

H. E. SNELL,

Acting Secretary to His Britannic Majesty's High
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