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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TO ALL BECHE-DE-MER (BDM) LICENSED OPERATORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

THE NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY (NFA) wishes to advise all Licensed beche-de-mer (BDM) operators and the general public throughout all maritime provinces in Papua New Guinea that the usual annual BDM Fishery will be closed from 1st October, 2009 throughout the country to comply with the provisions of the "National Beche-de-mer Fishery Management Plan 1998 in order to maintain sustainability of the fishery.

Effective also as of the 1st October, 2009 is the 3 year nationwide closure on the fishery as endorsed by the National Fisheries Board in its regular Meeting No. 2 held in Kavieng, New Ireland Province on 12th June, 2009 for conservation management purposes.

The closure will take effect at the close of business on Thursday 1st October, 2009. The take of sea cucumbers from their natural habitat and the purchase of BDM products after 1st October, 2009 will be seen as illegal and those who are caught harvesting will be dealt with severely. NFA would like to request that the general public also cooperates and report any illegal matters seen so that non complying parties can be dealt with and we maintain sustainability & management to an important fishery in PNG.

All BDM licensed operators in the provinces are given until close of business on Friday 16th October, 2009 to declare to NFA and Provincial Fisheries Office the quantity of their products kept in storage. For those licensees who wish to store their product for export later, may do so, however these products must be deposed (sold domestically or exported) by 31st December, 2009. There shall be no BDM trade after 31st December, 2009.

NFA and the provincial fisheries office will undertake routine inspection of all licensed BDM facilities to ensure full compliance.

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Dated this 30th day of September, 2009.

Authorised by

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