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Public Notice

The Fisheries Administrator hereby reminds the public that the Conch Season will officially open from October 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021. The public is advised that if the conch production quota is realized earlier, the conch season will be declared closed.

Fisheries Regulation which relates to Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*):

Regulation 6. (1) No person shall take in the waters of Belize or buy, sell or have in his possession-

- (a) any conch between the 1st July and the 30th September, inclusive, in any year;
- (b)
 - (i) at any time, conch the overall shell length of which does not exceed 7 inches (17.8 centimeters);
 - ii) the weight of unprocessed conch taken which does not exceed 7 ½ ounces (213 grams);
 - iii) the weight of partially process (market clean) conch taken which does not exceed 3 ounces (85 grams);
 - iv) the weight of fully process (fillet) conch taken which does not exceed 2 ¾ ounces (78 grams);

Regulation 6. (2) No fisherman shall buy, sell or have in his possession in Belize, fillet or diced conch (*Strombus gigas*) meat other than market clean, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

Regulation 6. (3) No person or establishment shall buy, sell or have in his possession diced conch (*Strombus gigas*) meat except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

The Fisheries Department advises the Public to report any illegal fisheries activity by calling telephone numbers: 224-4552 or 223-2623 or by email at at fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz or seniorfisheriesofficer@fisheries.gov.bz. The public is assured that all information communicated to the Fisheries Department will be treated with the strictest of confidence!

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