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**Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020**

# DECLARATION OF CLOSED SEASON FOR MULLET FISHING IN THE COASTAL REEF AREAS ADJACENT TO BAITI, EWA AND ANETAN DISTRICTS 2026

[*Sections 8 and 24*]

**SL No. 52 of 2026**

**I, Honourable Reagan Aliklik** pursuant to the powers vested in me under Sections 8 and 24 of the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020*, declare that the closed season for fishing of mullet is from **1 July and ending 31 October** of each year. The details relating to this declaration are set out below:

## 1. Citation

This Declaration may be cited as the *Declaration of Closed Season for Mullet Fishing in the coastal reef areas adjacent to Baiti, Ewa and Anetan Districts 2026*.

## 2. Application

This Declaration applies to all species of the **Mullet (Family: Mugilidae)**.

## 3. Closed Areas

The coastal reef areas adjacent to the following districts are hereby declared closed areas to the taking, harvesting, catching, possession for commercial purposes, or any other fishing activity directed at mullet during the closed season:

- Baiti District;
- Ewa District; and
- Anetan District.

## 4. Closed season

(1) The closed season period is from **1 July** to **31 October** of each year.

(2) During this period, no person shall take, harvest, catch, or otherwise fish for mullet within the closed areas specified in Clause 3.

**5. Purpose**

The purpose of this Declaration is to protect mullet during their spawning season, promote stock replenishment, and ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable utilisation of mullet resources within the Republic of Naoero.

**6. Commencement**

This Declaration shall take effect on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**7. Penalty**

A person who takes, harvest, catch or carries out any fishing of mullet in the closed area during the closed season commits as offence under Section 24 of the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020* and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding $10,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or to both.

**8. Duration**

This Declaration shall remain in force and continue to apply annually unless amended, revoked, or replaced by a subsequent declaration made under the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020*.

**Dated this 5th day of November 2026.**

Hon. Reagan Winson Aliklik, M.P,
**Minister responsible for Fisheries**