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## EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE

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### FISHERIES ACT 1998 (ACT NO.6 OF 1998)

#### FISHERIES (CLOSED AREA-EEZ) REGULATIONS 2011

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 59 of the Act, I make these Regulations –

Citation  
commence-  
ment, and  
expiration

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Closed Area-EEZ) Regulations 2011.

(2) These Regulations commence on the date of publication in the *Gazette*, and expire on 31 December 2011.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

“closed area” means the area of waters covering the Solomon Islands exclusive economic zone;

“PNA” means the Parties to the Nauru Agreement that was established in 1982;

“vessel day” means the number of days issued under regulation 3(2) in accordance with the PNA vessel day trading scheme.

Closure of  
EEZ to purse  
seine vessels

3. (1) The area of waters covered under the Solomon Islands exclusive economic zone is closed for fishing to all purse seine vessels.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply –

(a) to any purse seine vessel issued with a vessel day allocation by the Director, in writing, authorising the purse seine vessel to fish in the closed area;

(b) to any purse seine vessel under the United States Multi-Lateral Treaty or the Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement.

(3) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 200,000 penalty units.

DATED AT HONIARA this twentieth-sixth day of August, 2011.

HON. JOHN MOFFAT FUGUI  
Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources (Supervising)