

SAINT LUCIA

No. 3 of 2023

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title
2. Insertion of new sections 22A and 22B

I Assent

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ERROL CHARLES,
*Acting Governor-General.**March 8, 2023.*

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AN ACT to amend the Fisheries Act, Cap. 7.15.

[9th March, 2023]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2023.

Insertion of new sections 22A and 22B

2. The Fisheries Act, Cap. 7.15 is amended by inserting immediately after section 22 the following new sections 22A and 22B —

“Marine management authority

22A.—(1) The Minister may, by Notice published in the *Gazette*, designate a local authority, marine cooperative or marine association or other appropriate body in the marine reserve as a marine management authority for that marine reserve.

(2) Where there is no appropriate body under subsection (1), the Minister may promote the formation of an appropriate body.

By-laws of marine management authority

22B.—(1) A marine management authority designated under section 22A(1) may, with the approval of the Minister make by-laws, not inconsistent with this Act, regulating the conduct of snorkeling, diving, mooring and other similar activities within the marine reserve.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the by-laws may provide —

- (a) for fees or charges to be fixed for the carrying out of services by the marine management authority;
- (b) that a breach of the by-laws constitutes an offence;

- (c) penalties on summary conviction by way of a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars for a breach under paragraph (b).”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 28th day of February, 2023.

CLAUDIUS J. FRANCIS,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of March, 2023.

ALVINA REYNOLDS,
President of the Senate.