

Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1983

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT (No. 8 of 1983)

I assent,
Beretitenti.
11th May, 1983.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES ORDINANCE (Chapter 33)

Commencement: 11th May, 1983.

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1983.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by notice in the gazette appoint.

Amends S. 2 of Cap. 33

3. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended deleting the definition of "fishery limits" and substituting therefor:

""fishery limits" means the exclusive economic zone of Kiribati or such part of that zone as is defined by the Minister, for the purpose by Notice published in the Gazette".

Further amends S. 2 of Cap. 33

4. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is further amended by in the definition of "territorial sea" deleting "3 geographical miles" and substituting therefor "12 geographical miles".

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The brief amendments to the Fisheries Ordinance (Cap. 33) are required to achieve conformity with the Marine Zones (Declaration) Act 1983. That Act has yet to be passed and assented to, and the Fisheries (Amendment) Act is for practical purposes conditional on the Marine Zones (Declaration) Act becoming law. It is for that reason that the Fisheries (Amendment) Act will take effect only on an appointed date.

This Act provides that fishery limits shall be the same as the exclusive economic zone, or part of such zone as may be decided by the Minister. It also increases the limit of the territorial seas to 12 from 3 miles. Although the Marine Zones (Declaration) Act so provides, it has been felt advisable for purposes of clarity and reference to specifically amend the Fisheries Ordinance in this regard.

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