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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 read with paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

FELIX PERERA,  
Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

Colombo,  
28th March, 2007.

**Regulations**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Bolgoda Reservoir. (Fishing Operations) Regulations, 2007.
2. These regulations shall apply to every licence holder who engages in fishing operation in the Bolgoda Reservoir.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Fishing Operations Regulations of 1996, no licence holder shall engage in any fishing operations in the Bolgoda Reservoir, unless the licence issued to such licence holder bears and endorsement to the effect that it is "valid for Bolgoda Reservoir".
4. No person shall for the purpose of taking fish in the Bolgoda Reservoir –
  - (a) use any net other than a gill net, a cast net or a drift net ;
  - (b) erect any structure other than a Jakotuwa ; or
  - (c) use any net of mesh size less than four inches (101.6 mm.).
5. The set of nets that could be in a boat (oru) shall be as follows –
  - (a) maximum number of net pieces in a set of nets, shall be limited to four (4) ; and
  - (b) maximum number of mesh in the length of a net shall be one hundred and fifty (150) meshes and the mesh in the breadth of the net shall be forty (40) meshes.

6. Fishing operations near Jakotuwa -

- (a) at a distance of 5 meters from the Jakotuwa, at noon ; or
- (b) at a distance of 20 meters from the Jakotuwa, at night, shall be permitted.

7. No licence holder shall -

- (a) use cast nets in any part of the Bolgoda Reservoir, which is being used exclusively for handline fishing ; or
- (b) engage in fishing in the Bolgoda Reservoir more than once a day, nor engage in fishing using nets except from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

8. Nets with mesh size not less than two and half inches (2 1/2) shall not be used for prawn fishing in the Bolgoda Reservoir, during the months of August and September.

9. Mechanized fishing boats shall not be used for fishing operations in the Bolgoda Reservoir.

10. In these regulations : -

“cast nets” means a cone shaped net, one end of which is kept free and the other end cast on to the surface of water ;

“driftgill net” means a net set at the surface layers of water ;

“gill net” means a net set at any depth, surface, mid water or at the bottom layers of waters ;

“jakotuwa” means a trap made out of Bata Strips (a variety of bamboo) usually erected in the Reservoir, to catch fish and prawns, which consists of two main parts, namely a trap and a fence ; and

“licence holder” means a person to whom a licence is issued to engage in any prescribed fishing operation.