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## **2022 Summer Fishing Ban in China**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following Huatai Circular PNI[2021]05 issued in April, 2021, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas has not published a new Circular to adjust the system of summer fishing ban in China. According to the *Notice of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas on Adjusting the System of Summer Fishing Ban* (Circular [2021] No.1 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas), issued on 23 February 2021, China's coastal areas will enter the fishing ban on 1 May, 2022. The fishery administration of Shandong, Jiangsu, Fujian, Guangdong,

Guangxi provinces and other relevant municipal fishery authorities have also issued Implementation Plans for the 2022 summer fishing ban. We hereby summarize details of the 2022 summer fishing ban as below for Clubs/Member's kind reference.

## **I. Sea Areas of Fishing Ban**

The sea areas of fishing ban include the Bohai Sea, the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, and the South China Sea (including Beibu Gulf) to the north of latitude 12°N.

## **II. Types of Fishing Ban**

Except for using fishing tackle, all types of fishing including auxiliary fishing vessels that serving fishing vessels are prohibited.

## **III. Period of Fishing Ban**

- 1) The Bohai Sea and the Yellow Sea area to the north latitude 35°: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2022 to 12:00 p.m. of 1 September 2022.
  
- 2) The Yellow Sea and the East China Sea area between north latitude 35° and 26°30': From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2022 to 12:00 p.m. of 16 September 2022. The fishing ban for trawlers using spar drag for shrimp, pots cast, gill nets, and lighting enclosure (cladding) net: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2022

to 12:00 p.m. of 1 August 2022.

- 3) The East China Sea and the South China Sea area between north latitude 26°30' and 12°: From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2022 to 12:00 p.m. of 16 August 2022.
- 4) From 12:00 p.m. of 1 May 2022, it is prohibited for small trawlers to conduct any fishing operation for at least three months. The ending time of fishing ban shall be determined by the fishery administration department of coastal provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.

Our experiences suggest that the density of fishing boats at sea will be higher at the time of beginning and the end of the fishing ban. Therefore, vessels are suggested to take proper measures to avoid collision, such as keeping close contact with the VTS center and the pilot station, strengthening lookout, etc. If any assistance is needed, please feel free to contact us ([pni.bj@huatai-serv.com](mailto:pni.bj@huatai-serv.com)) or our local branches.

Best regards,



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