

PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MARINE RESOURCES

PURSE SEINE FISHING or NET FISHING

The Government of the Bahamas is not minded to permit the use of purse seine or net fishing within the water of The Bahamas.

This method of fishing could result in the possible depletion or significant reduction of the fishing stocks in Bahamian waters. Having regard to the importance of sportfishing to the Tourism Industry, the Government takes the position that purse seine or net fishing will not be permitted in The Bahamas.

Consequently, the necessary amendments to the Fisheries Conservation (Jurisdiction and Conservation) Act and Regulations will be made, in order to maintain a sustainable level of fisheries resources within Bahamian waters. The legislation will prohibit the use of purse seine or net fishing to ensure that all fisheries resources, including migratory fish, are maintained at sustainable levels.