**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**27 April 2018**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(194)/2018/1748.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Friday, April 27, 2018, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:

**THE PUNJAB FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018**

**Bill No. 18 of 2018**

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*to amend the Punjab Fisheries Ordinance, 1961.*

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Fisheries Ordinance, 1961 *(XXX of 1961)* for safety and standardization of fish farms and for the purposes ancillary thereto;

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 2 of Ordinance XXX of 1961**.– In the Punjab Fisheries Ordinance, 1961 *(XXX of 1961)*, for brevity cited as ‘the Ordinance’, in section 2, for clause (g), the following shall be substituted:

“(g) “private water” means water which is the exclusive property of any person, a water area which is land-locked by his own survey numbers or in which any person has, for the time being, an exclusive right of fishery, whether as owner, lessee or in any other capacity for excavation or construction of a fish pool, pond, tank, lake or any other impounding device:

Explanation- Water shall not cease to be “private water” within the meaning of this definition by reason only that other persons may have, by custom, a right of fishery therein.”.

**3. Amendment in section 26 of Ordinance XXX of 1961**.–In the said Ordinance, in section 26, in subsection (2), for clause (h), the following shall be substituted:

 “(h) prohibition or regulation of any of the following matters:

1. erection and use of fixed engines;
2. construction of weirs;
3. dimension and kind of nets, cages, traps or other contrivances for taking fish to be used and the modes of using them; and
4. construction of a fish farm, pool, pond, tank, lake or in any other manner for fishery purposes; and”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

At present the Punjab Fisheries Ordinance, 1961 does not provide for any regulatory frame work inter alia for regulating the depth of fish farms and other regulatory and safety measures and protection of fish farms. In view of the forgoing the Government has decided to enact certain amendments in the Ordinance. Detailed rules will be framed to regulate construction of fish farms etc; Hence, this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**27 April 2018 Secretary**