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REGULATION OF AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY IN ZAMBIA

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and the Ministry of Water Development Sanitation and Environmental Protection under which the Water Resources Management Authority ("WARMA") falls wishes to clarify the matter relating to the Regulation of the Aquaculture Industry in Zambia following concerns attributed to a minute issued by Director – Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.

We wish to inform the general public that the said minute was issued merely to bring to the attention of officers in the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock the requirement for commercial fish farmers to obtain aquaculture permits to ensure equitable utilization of water resources. From the time of enactment of the Statutory Instrument, permits have only been issued to commercial water users who include commercial fish farmers and these permits are valid for a period of five (5) years as per the provisions of the law. The instruction by the Director – Fisheries is hereby withdrawn and the public is consequently advised to ignore it as fresh instructions will be issued.

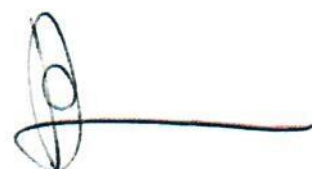
We wish to emphasize that the requirement to obtain a permit **DOES NOT** extend to small scale or subsistence aquaculture operations.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection urges all members of the public to contact any of the WARMA Catchment offices or the Headquarters on +260 211 – 251 934 should they require any further clarification. Further information can also be obtained on the WARMA website www.warma.org.zm.

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