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# Xcalak Fisheries Agreement between the Fishing Cooperative Andres Quintana Roo and the Independent Fishermen Summary

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## **Summary**

1. Commercial and sport fishing that occur within the Park must abide by the existing laws and those established in this agreement.
2. It is prohibited to fish lobster in the frontal reef within the Park.
3. Fishing by individuals for domestic consumption who do not live in Xcalak is considered sport fishing and requires an official permit.
4. Local authorities must be informed of all sport fishing activities.
5. Mooring Buoys will be installed to identify the secondary zoning areas.
6. In coordination with the resource users, Government officials (PROFEPA, SEMARNAP, and Navy) will establish the mechanism to enforce the area.
7. Special conditions for Fishing Techniques
  - Harpoon: prohibited in the dock area.
  - Atarrayas: Permitted only in fishing zones.
  - Weirs: Permitted perpendicular to the reef. Must be check frequently to ensure they do not to capture turtles and other non-commercial animals. Should not obstruct migratory routes.
  - Heart shape weirs: There is a need to study this practice to determine impact.
  - Fishing with Tanks: Prohibited.
8. Design and establish a monitoring and enforcement program.
9. Fish Inventory (species and technology).
10. Study to understand reproduction of Grouper.
11. Studies to implement aquaculture.