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**Decree**  
**on the Limitations Concerning Salmon Fishing in the Territorial Waters of Finland and in the Fishing Zone in the Baltic Main Basin, in the Gulf of Bothnia and in the Simojoki River**  
**(258/1996, amendments up to 262/96 included)**

Section 1

*Scope of application*

- (1) This Act concerns the limitations of salmon fishing (*Salmo salar*) in the territorial waters of Finland and in the fishing zone as well as in the Simojoki river.

Section 2

*Fishing off the coast*

- (1) Salmon fishing shall be prohibited with fishing gear woven from wire as well as with anchored lines and drifting longlines in the territorial waters of Finland and in the fishing zone in the Baltic main basin and the Gulf of Bothnia as follows:
1. from the beginning of 1 June to the end of 15 June in a maritime area between latitudes 59° 00'N and 62° 30'N, excluding the Gulf of Finland as well as the maritime area which is directly linked to it and lying east of latitude 22°30'E;
  2. from the beginning of 1 June to the end of 20 June in a maritime area between latitudes 62° 30'N and 64° 00'N;
  3. from the beginning of 1 June to the end of 25 June in a maritime area between latitudes 64° 00'N and 65° 30'N; as well as
  4. from the beginning of 1 June to the end of 30 June north of latitude 65° 30'N.
- (2) By way of derogation to the above-mentioned paragraph 1 in 1996 and 1997 salmon fishing shall be prohibited with fishing gear woven from wire as well as with anchored lines and drift longlines in the territorial waters of Finland and in the fishing zone in the Baltic main basin and the Gulf of Bothnia as follows:
1. from the beginning of 1 March to the end of 20 June in a maritime area between latitudes 59°00'N and 62°30'N, excluding the Gulf of Finland as well as the maritime area which is directly linked to it and lying east of latitude 22°30'E;
  2. from the beginning of 1 March to the end of 25 June in a maritime area between latitudes 62° 30'N and 64° 00'N;
  3. from the beginning of 1 March to the end of 30 June in a maritime area between latitudes 64° 00'N and 65° 30'N; as well as
  4. from the beginning of 1 March to the end of 5 July north of latitude 65° 30'N.
- (3) Those parts of the fishing gear which do not fish salmon, may be put into the sea at the most 30 days before the termination of the prohibitions referred to in subsections 1 and 2.

- (4) The limitations referred to above in subsections 1 and 2 do not include the following maritime areas, provided that none of the parts shall not cross the said boundaries:
1. that maritime area in front of the Oulujoki river which is bounded by the lines going along the longitude 24°50'E and through the points 65°06'N/24°54'E and 65°07'N/25°05'E (annexed cartograms 1 and 2 );
  2. that maritime area in front of the Iijoki river which is bounded by the lines going through the points 65°16'N/25°16'E, 65°16'N/25°13'E and 65°20'N/25°11'E as well as 65°23'N/25°15'E (annexed cartogram 3); as well as
  3. that maritime area in front of the Kemijoki river which is bounded by the line going through the border between the towns of Tornio and Kemi and the points 65°41'N/24°31'E and 65°43'N/24°24'E (annexed cartogram 4).

### Section 3 *Estuary-fishing*

- (1) In addition to what is laid down in section 2, salmon fishing shall be prohibited with fishing gear woven from wire from the beginning of 1 July to the end of 15 July in that maritime area in front of Simojoki river which is bounded by the lines going through points 65°34'N/25°02'E and 65°36'N/24°50'E and 65°38'N/24°42'E (annexed cartogram 5).

### Section 4 *River fishing*

- (1) Salmon fishing is prohibited with fishing gear woven from wire in the Simojoki river as far as outlet of the Portimojärvi lake from 1 May until the end of 30 November.

### Section 5 *Entry into force*

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 29 April 1996. (262/1996)

### Section 6 *Repealed Acts*

- (1) This Decree repeals:
1. the Decree of 25 March 1994 (231/94) on certain limitations of salmon fishing in the territorial waters of Finland, in the fishing zone in the Baltic main basin and in the Gulf of Bothnia as well as in the Simojoki river; as well as
  2. the Decree of 6 May 1983 (411/83) on restricting the use of certain fishing gear in public waters in the sea and in the fishing zone of Finland, as amended.