

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FISHERIES SOCIETY OF NIGERIA CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2016

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[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOCIETY

2 1.-(1) There shall be established an Apex Professional body for the Establishment of Fisheries Society of Nigeria  
3 Fisheries Sector in Nigeria to be known and called the "Fisheries Society of  
4 Nigeria (hereinafter called Fison).

5 (2) The FISON shall have Zonal formations based on the six  
6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria.

7 (3) FISON shall have overall formations consisting of the under  
8 listed units within its conglomerate system.

9 (4) Formation Units of the FISON conglomerate system (in  
10 Protocol order) shall include:

11 (i) The Board of Trustees (B.O.T);

12 (ii) The Governing Council (G.C);

13 (iii) The Council of Fellows (CoF);

14 (iv) The National Executive Council (NEC.);

15 (v) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN);

16 (vi) Coordinating Group (CG);

17 (vii) The State Chapters (SCs);

18 (viii) The Affiliates.

19 2. The objects of the FISON are to promote the professional Objective of the Society  
20 interests of its members and:

1 (1) To promote the professional and practitioner development of all  
2 categories of stake holders involved in Aquaculture, Capture Fisheries and  
3 Post-harvest management sub-sectors of operations; as well as fisheries  
4 research and development in Nigeria;

5 (2) To promote the necessary forum for the productive interaction of  
6 individuals and corporate stakeholder organizations involved in Aquaculture,  
7 Capture fisheries, Post-harvest management sub-sectors of operations and  
8 related development activities in Nigeria;

9 (3) To collaborate with organizations having related interests both in  
10 Nigeria and elsewhere globally as a means of improving the status of the  
11 development of the Fisheries Sector in Nigeria;

12 (4) To promote and support multivariate reviews and capacity  
13 building schedules for all categories of stakeholders as a bases for assuring the  
14 relevant certification, accreditations, and endorsement schedules for all  
15 fisheries programmes, projects, production centers and facilities in the  
16 Fisheries sector in Nigeria;

17 (5) To collate, publish and disseminate information for the sustainable  
18 development of the Fisheries Sector in Nigeria.

Membership

19 3. There shall be four categories of membership:

20 A. Individuals:

21 (a) Business Member, Bm:

22 (1) Shall be an individual who has been practically engaged in some  
23 fish production, operations/related Cooperator activities of programmes,  
24 projects, production centers or facilities in the Fisheries Sector in Nigeria;

25 (2) Shall be enrolled as a Business Member with an enrollment  
26 number.

27 (b) Associate Member, Am:

28 (i) Shall be an individual with a minimum of ND/Diploma Certificate  
29 in Fisheries and graduates of other related disciplines from recognized  
30 institutions.

1 (c) Graduate Member, Gm:

2 (i) Shall be an individual who has been formally inducted by  
3 FISON having completed a programme leading to HND Fisheries or B.Sc  
4 Zoology from a recognized institution;

5 (ii) Shall be assigned an enrollment number that will be revalidated  
6 with a professional number after two years post NYSC.

7 (d) Professional Member, Mfs:

8 (i) Shall be any individual with basic approved qualification(s) in  
9 (HND, B.sc) in Fisheries or Zoology who has been formally admitted into  
10 the Society as an individual enrolled member;

11 (ii) Shall be entitled to the award of "Member of the Fisheries  
12 Society" (Mfs) and an enrollment number after three years of consecutive  
13 participation at the Annual National Conferences of FISON.

14 (e) Fellowship Awards (Ffs):

15 (i) Shall be awarded to a professional member who has had 20  
16 years post-qualification experience and is adjudged to have significantly  
17 contributed to Fisheries Sectoral Development in Nigeria by the Council of  
18 Fellows;

19 (ii) Shall be financially active members who must have relentlessly  
20 shown sustained interests in the progress of FISON and Fisheries  
21 development in Nigeria;

22 (iii) Shall involve the presentation of: a formal letter of admission  
23 into the Council of Fellows; a plaque; a brooch, and certificate;

24 (iv) Shall involve the payment of an approved fee prior to the  
25 Award Ceremony.

26 (f) Honorary Fellowship Awards:

27 (i) Shall be awarded to a person whose outstanding contributions in  
28 support of the development of the Fisheries Sector in Nigeria has been  
29 adjudged significant by the Council of Fellows;

30 (ii) Shall involve the presentation (on convocation) of a formal

1 letter of award, award robe, a plaque, a brooch, a certificate;

2 (iii) Shall involve the contribution of approved financial support to  
3 FISON prior to the Award ceremony.

4 (g) Chartered Fisheries Specialist, Cfs:

5 (i) Shall be an enrolled professionals (individual, enrolled  
6 professional member) who has fulfilled the Charter Registration requirements  
7 as set by Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) from time to time;

8 (ii) Shall be entitled to the award of "Chartered Fisheries Specialist  
9 (Cfs)" and the use of Consultant's stamp for endorsing documents on all  
10 relevant professional specialist assignments.

11 B. Corporate:

12 Shall include all corporate organizations, agencies, etc with the award of a  
13 Registration Number in the under listed groupings/categories:

14 (a) Fishing Companies, Fish Feed Exporters/Importers, etc.

15 (b) Industrial Fish Farms, Fisheries Equipment Suppliers/Distributor  
16 Companies, Feed millers, etc.

17 (c) Fisheries Commodities Vendors and Services  
18 Agencies/Organizations, etc.

19 (d) Individually-owned/Cooperative Fish Farms, Cooperative Estate  
20 Unions, Cooperative Fisheries/Fish Farm Projects, etc.

21 Other Awards:

22 (i) Shall be given to Individual, Corporate and Affiliate members for  
23 outstanding contributions at National, State or Other levels of contributions to  
24 the Fisheries Sector in Nigeria as the NEC shall recommend regularly;

25 (ii) Shall be given to financial Professional/Corporate members  
26 whose Contributions to the FISON's progress is significant.

27 C. Affiliates:

28 (a) Shall be Fisheries Commodities/Fisheries Segment  
29 Associations/Organizations duly registered by law and functioning within the  
30 purview of some defined mandate(s) based on its own constitution;

1 (b) Shall have been formally admitted into FISON under approved  
2 schedules/guidelines set from time to time by the Congress;

3 (c) Shall operate within the scope(s) set by FISON as approved by  
4 the Congress;

5 (d) Shall enroll members within the operations of its mandate;

6 (e) Shall participate productively alongside FISON in the Fisheries  
7 Sector for overall National benefits;

8 (f) Shall be entitled to the award of a Registration Number.

9 D. State Chapters:

10 (a) Shall be State-based formations of Individual, Corporate and  
11 Affiliate categories of members engaged in the pursuit and operations of the  
12 countryside activities of FISON;

13 (b) Shall undertake Training; Coordination, Project Supervision,  
14 Monitoring & Evaluation, etc for FISON within their relevant States'  
15 jurisdiction;

16 (c) Shall formally endorse the nomination of candidates for  
17 Election into the State, Zonal and National Executive Councils as well as the  
18 Council of Fellows;

19 (d) Shall have endorsement rights on Zonal and National (Biennial  
20 General Elections or by-elections) for the election of members of the  
21 National Executive Council;

22 (e) Shall promote and encourage the collection, collation, and  
23 management of Fisheries Sector's datasets in support of all relevant projects;

24 (f) Shall undertake the enrolment of all categories of members  
25 within its relevant State jurisdiction/constituency.

26 4. The Society shall have a crest or logogram bearing the  
27 following:

Crest  
(or Logogram)

28 (i) Map of Nigeria in green, with a green colour in the diagram of  
29 Tilapia across it and two enclosing concentric circles with the inscription  
30 "Fisheries Society of Nigeria".

1 (ii) Basal area supporting the concentric circles and having the  
2 inscription if FISON”;

3 (iii) Green and black, colours on the inscription;

4 (iv) Blue colour in basal coastal area of the map;

Establishment  
of the Board of  
Trustees (BOT)

5 5.-(i) FISON shall have an entity responsible for its statutory  
6 property/asset holding to be known and called the Board of Trustees (B.O.T.);

7 (ii) The Board of Trustees shall have seven (7) appointed from each of  
8 the six geo-political zones of Nigeria;

9 (iii) The Board of Trustees shall have power to hold in trust all  
10 properties/assets of FISON;

11 (iv) The Board of Trustees shall have power to execute documents on  
12 behalf of FISON with its common seal as presented to it by the National  
13 Executive Council.

Establishment  
of the Governing  
Council

14 6.-(i) There shall be for FISON, an entity to be known as the  
15 "Governing Council" or GC which shall have responsibility for the policy  
16 direction of FISON;

17 (ii) The Governing Council (or GC) established in this section, shall  
18 consist of the following members:

19 (a) The Chairman, Board of Trustees who shall be the Chairman;

20 (b) Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees who shall be the Vice-  
21 Chairman;

22 (c) The Chairman, Council of Fellows;

23 (d) The National President of FISON;

24 (e) Provost, Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN);

25 (f) Director, Federal Department of Fisheries (FDF);

26 (g) Executive Director, National Institute for Freshwater Fisheries  
27 Research (NIFFR);

28 (h) Executive Director, National Institute for Oceanography and  
29 Marine Research (NIOMR);

30 (i) Zonal Chairmen from each of the six-geopolitical zones;

1 (j) The National Secretary who shall be the Secretary to the Commencement  
2 Governing Council:

3 The provisions of Annexure I of this Act shall have effect respect to the  
4 qualification and tenure of office of members of the Governing Council and  
5 the other matters herein mentioned.

6 7.-(i) FISON shall have a Professional Advisory entity for the Establishment of  
7 maintenance of its professional traditions and norms; to be known and called the Council of  
8 the Council of Fellows (C.O.F.); Fellows

9 (ii) The Council of Fellows (COF) shall have Statutory and  
10 Moderator responsibilities on the programmes and policies of FISON for  
11 the adoption of the National Executive Council;

12 (iii) The Council of Fellows shall have responsibility to advise on  
13 the composition of the appointive positions/groups of FISON (e.g. the FIN  
14 ACADEMIC BOARD);

15 (iv) The Council of Fellows shall have responsibility to advice on  
16 other professional activities of FISON and/or the Fisheries Sector as  
17 regularly advisable.

18 8.-(1) FISON shall have a National Executive Council to be elected Establishment of  
19 biennially at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) by an Electorate of the National  
20 approved representatives. Executive Council (NEC)

21 (2) The Officers of the National Executive Council shall include:

22 (a) The National President;

23 (b) The Vice Presidents (6);

24 (c) The National Secretary;

25 (d) The Assistant National Secretary;

26 (e) The Public Relations Officer;

27 (f) The National Treasurer;

28 (g) The Financial Secretary;

29 (h) The National Editor;

30 (i) The Director, Federal Department of Fisheries (FDF);

1 (k) The Executive Director, Nigerian Institute for Oceanography &  
2 Marine Research (NIOMR);

3 (n) The Executive Director, National Institute for Freshwater  
4 Fisheries Research (NIFFR).

5 (3) The National Executive Council (which is the Professional  
6 Management entity of FIOSN) shall have responsibility for the administration,  
7 implementation, coordination and supervision of the programmes and policies  
8 of FISON.

9 (4) The National Executive Council shall have responsibility to  
10 consult with all tiers of governments, and other local and International  
11 organizations on behalf of FISON.

Establishment  
of the Fisheries  
Institute of  
Nigeria (FIN)

12 9.-(i) FISON shall have a Resource and Capacity Building/Training  
13 arm to be known and called the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (hereinafter  
14 referred to as FIN). It shall have a logogram inclusive of the FISON logogram  
15 across a book page;

16 (ii) FIN shall have responsibility to administer the charter registration  
17 of accredited members and document same in a National Charter Register;

18 (iii) FIN shall have responsibility to administer the Certification,  
19 Accreditation, and products Endorsements of fisheries programmes, projects,  
20 production centers, and facilities consultants nationwide in partnership with  
21 the FDF;

22 (iv) FIN shall have responsibility to develop, moderate, and  
23 implement the annual work plans for Capacity/Training and Resource  
24 assignments of FISON in all the States and Abuja FCT in consultation with the  
25 State Chapters.

The coordinating  
(Groups)  
formations

26 10. There shall be two Coordinating Formations that will include:

27 (1) Industry Coordinating Group (ICG):

28 (a) This shall be the Coordinating Group for all linkages/networking  
29 activities involving the operations of the Culture, Capture, Post-harvest  
30 practices and other Fisheries-related ancillary industries.



1 (b) The members of the Industry Coordinating Group (ICG) shall  
2 include:

- 3 (i) Vice-President (Industry) (Chairman);  
4 (ii) Representative of FIN (Member);  
5 (iii) Representative of FDF (Member);  
6 (iv) Representative of AFFAN (Member);  
7 (v) Representative of AFFON (Member);  
8 (vi) Representative of AFISUN (Member);  
9 (vii) Representative of AOFFEN (Member);  
10 (viii) Representative of CAFAN (Member);  
11 (ix) Representative of FEDA (Member);  
12 (x) Representative of NAFIS (Member);  
13 (xi) Representative of NITOA (Member);  
14 (xii) Representative of NUFAS (Member);  
15 (xiii) Representative of TADAN (Member);  
16 (xiv) Representative of AAVN (Member);  
17 (xv) Assistant National Secretary (Secretary)

18 (c) The Industry Coordinating Group (ICG) shall be involved with:

- 19 (i) Coordination of the three Fisheries sub-sectors of Capture,  
20 Culture and Post-Harvest Management;  
21 (ii) The Publication of Annual Fisheries Directory;  
22 (iii) Membership recruitment by Affiliates (in consultation with  
23 FISON);  
24 (iv) Annual International Fisheries Exhibition;  
25 (v) Training of Fishers, Fish Farmers, etc under their respective  
26 Affiliates mandates;  
27 (vi) Credit Linkages for all Fisheries Sector Stakeholders;  
28 (vii) Project Support Funding for an Annual Fisheries Industry Awards.

29 (2) Research Coordinating Group (RCG);

30 The Research Coordinating Group shall be involved with:

- 1 (i) Project Support for an Annual Fisheries Research Fund;
- 2 (ii) Coordination of Fisheries Research Grants Project;
- 3 (iii) Coordination of an Annual Fisheries Research Review Forum;
- 4 (iv) Development of guidelines, and Standards for Certification,
- 5 Accreditation and Endorsement schedules with FIN;
- 6 (v) Support for Projects Monitoring and Evaluation activities with
- 7 FIN;
- 8 (vi) Resource Support for Project Studies, Fisheries Surveys, Field
- 9 Fish Production assessments, etc;
- 10 (vii) Project Support for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs),
- 11 Environmental Audit Reviews (EARs), etc.

12 (a) The members of the Research Coordinating Group

13 (RCG) shall include:

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|----|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 14 | (i) Vice-President (Research)                 | (Chairman)        |
| 15 | (ii) Representative of FDF                    | (Member)          |
| 16 | (iii) Representative of NIFFR                 | (Member)          |
| 17 | (iv) Representative of NIOMR                  | (Member)          |
| 18 | (v) Representative of FIN                     | (Member)          |
| 19 | (vi) Representatives of Tertiary Institutions | (6 Zonal Members) |
| 20 | (vii) Assistant National Secretary            | (Secretary)       |

The state  
formations

21 **II. The State Chapters shall include:**

- 22 (i) State Chapters consisting of all individual members (Professional,
- 23 Chartered, etc), corporate members, and Affiliates operating within every
- 24 respective State in active collaboration/cooperation for Fisheries development
- 25 as the State General Meeting (SGM);
- 26 (ii) State Executive Councils (SECs) with a three-year tenure and
- 27 elected by every respective and/or any approved by-election(s);
- 28 (iii) State FIN Coordinating Committee for management, of State
- 29 level Capacity building / Training assignments, Field Team (3-member unit)
- 30 assignments for Certification/Endorsement schedules, etc.

1 Triennial State General (Electoral) Meetings operating as the electorate of  
2 all categories of members from all agency / Organizations / Corporate /  
3 Affiliates / institutions / Ministries, etc in active participation and present for  
4 the electoral Voting schedules.

5 12. Shall be Fisheries Commodities / Fisheries Segment Affiliates  
6 Associations / Organizations duly registered by law and functioning within  
7 the purview of some defined mandate(s) based on its own constitution.

8 PART 2

9 SCHEDULES

10 FIRST SCHEDULE

11 A: BASIS OF CHARTER SCHEDULES

12 The Charter qualification examination shall be in the order hereunder stated:

13 (i) Professional member with:

14 (a) HND/BSc (3rd Class or Pass) 3 Examinations

15 (b) BSc (3rd Class or Pass)

16 plus PGD in Fisheries 2 Examinations

17 (c) HND plus PGD in Fisheries 2 Examinations

18 (d) BSc. (Honours) 2 Examinations

19 (This schedule is effective from the approval date)

20 (ii) There shall be a prescribed fee at each stage of the qualifying  
21 examinations;

22 (iii) There shall be revalidation of membership of every Chartered  
23 Fisheries Specialist (Cfs) annually (license for Practice);

24 (iv) The payment of Chartered Fisheries Specialist (Cfs) annual  
25 dues should be paid on or before 30th of October every preceding year of  
26 license usage;

27 (v) All the list of affected professionals shall be circulated to  
28 appropriate authorities of Academic Institutions, Federal and States Civil  
29 Service organizations/Agencies, Private Sector Organizations, etc annually.

30 (vi) Payments made under the Charter Schedules shall be the basis

1 for inclusions/revisions of the National Charter Register annually.

2 vii. The license for Practice (with Consultancy Stamp) shall be issued annually  
3 to every Chartered Fisheries Specialist (Cfs) on the payment of annual dues.

4 B: PROFESSIONAL REMUNERATION(S)/ ACCREDITATION(S)

5 (i) Professional remuneration(s)/accreditation(s) shall not be advised  
6 by FISON for anyone in default of the payment of annual professional  
7 membership fees;

8 (ii) Professional remunerations shall not be advised by FISON for  
9 anyone who has not acquired charter registration by the time of attaining the  
10 position of a Policy Manager or its equivalent in the public or private sector;

11 (iii) Professional remunerations shall not be advised by FISON for  
12 anyone who has been deleted from the National Charter Register;

13 (iv) Charter Accreditation shall not be advised by FISON for any  
14 corporate and Country-Based Affiliates that have not fulfilled the revalidation  
15 requirements for Charter registration.

16 C: ADMINISTRATION OF CHARTER REGISTRATION

17 (i) The National President in consultation with the Provost of  
18 Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall cause an annual authorized validation  
19 list of registered members (National Charter Register) to be provided (subject  
20 to the payment of approved fees) to State Chapters, Agencies and other relevant  
21 organizations for record purposes with regards to the continuity of professional  
22 remunerations/accreditations/certifications by or before the 30th of October  
23 every year;

24 (ii) The National President in consultation with the Provost of the  
25 Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall cause any requested supplementary  
26 authorized validation lists of registered professional members to be provided  
27 (subject to the payment of approved fees and fines for late payments) to State  
28 Chapters, Agencies and other relevant organizations, consultants, etc for  
29 record purposes with regards to the continuity of professional  
30 remunerations/accreditations/certifications;

1 (iii) The National President in consultation with the Provost of the  
2 Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall cause an annual authorized  
3 Revalidation to be made for State Chapters, Consultants, Corporate  
4 Members, Affiliates, and others (certified regularly) to be provided (subject  
5 to the payment of approved fees and fines for late payments for record  
6 purposes with regards to the continuity and use of  
7 certifications/competencies hitherto ascribed.

8 D: SIGNATORIES TO THE CHARTER REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

9 (i) There shall be three signatories to the Charter Registration  
10 documents provided for all categories of Registrations / Accreditations /  
11 Endorsements / Certifications by FISON;

12 (ii) The three signatories shall be: the National President, the  
13 Provost of FIN and the Registrar of FIN;

14 (iii) The National President shall sign across the Seal of all Charter  
15 Registration Documents;

16 (iv) All Charter Registration / Accreditation / Endorsement /  
17 Certification Documents shall be embossed with the Seal of the Fisheries  
18 Institute of Nigeria (FIN).

19 E: CODE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES/CONDUCT (ETHICS)

20 The Code of Professional Practices/Conduct (or Ethics)

21 (i) Shall be prepared by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) for the  
22 approval of the National Executive Council;

23 (ii) Shall contain the guidelines for professional practices/conduct  
24 and decorum applicable to all categories of members;

25 (iii) Shall state the expectations of FISON of all registered  
26 members on fisheries practices in the Fisheries sub-sector;

27 (iv) Shall state the basis for certifications / accreditations /  
28 endorsements / registrations of Fisheries programmes, projects, production  
29 centres, facilities, utilities, consultancy in the Fisheries Sector.

1 (v) Shall stipulate professional standards in all Fisheries  
2 undertakings.

3 (vi) Shall include the memorandum of Charter registration.

4 SECOND SCHEDULE

5 A: BASIS OF CHARTER REGISTRATION

6 (1) The Charter registration of professional members of FISON shall  
7 be undertaken by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN)

8 (a) The Charter registration formalities for members of FISON shall  
9 be managed by the Management of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN);

10 (b) The Management of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall  
11 include sixteen members as follows:

12 (i) The Provost,

13 (ii) The Deputy Provost,

14 (iii) The Registrar,

15 (iv) The Deputy Registrar, and

16 (v) The Heads of Units (12)

17 (2) The members of the Management Unit (MU) shall be appointed  
18 (for a 5-year tenure at any time) through the recommendation of the National  
19 Executive Council in consultation with the Council of Fellows.

20 B: REGISTRATION OF FISHERIES CONSULTANTS

21 (i) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall provide professional  
22 stamps for its Charter Fisheries Specialist as Fisheries Consultants;

23 (ii) Subject to the rules made by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria  
24 (FIN) under this Act, a member shall be entitled to be registered as a Fisheries  
25 Consultant if:

26 he is prima-facie qualified for enrolment as a professional member in FISON  
27 having passed Prescribed the examinations of FIN.

28 C: FISHERIES CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION AND PRODUCTS  
29 ENDORSEMENTS

30 (a) Issuing of Fisheries Competence Certificates

1 The FIN shall issue professional certification (in consultation with FDF)  
2 and Annual Accreditation as well as Products Endorsements in respect of:

- 3 (i) Cold rooms/Cold storage centres;
- 4 (ii) Fish Markets/Fish Marketers;
- 5 (iii) Fish Enclosures/Farms Infrastructure;
- 6 (iv) Fish Processing/Fish handling Centres;
- 7 (v) Fishing Vessels/Fishing boats/crafts;
- 8 (vi) Fish Hatcheries/Brood fish Centres;
- 9 (vii) Fish Feed Vending/Feed Milling Centres;
- 10 (viii) Fisheries Commodities Sales/Service Centres;
- 11 (ix) Other Fisheries Production/Operations, Companies,  
12 Agencies, Facilities and Utilities;
- 13 (x) Fisheries Cooperatives Production Centres;
- 14 (xi) Fisheries Artisans;
- 15 (xii) Fisheries Service Providers;
- 16 (b) Fisheries Professional Training/Empowerment Activities;

17 The FIN shall undertake Fisheries Professional Training/Empowerment  
18 Activities:

- 19 (a) Tutorial/Professional Training Units;
- 20 (b) Practical Training/Capacity Building Centres;
- 21 (c) Development of Training Materials (Bulletins, Visuals, etc);
- 22 (d) Research Support Monitoring Schedules;
- 23 (e) Fisheries Cooperatives Societies Empowerment;
- 24 (f) Collaborative Certification, training/Assignments;
- 25 (g) Fisheries Consultancy Reports Inventory;
- 26 (h) Technical Backstopping on consultancy/ Contractorship  
27 Projects based on formal application(s)
- 28 (i) Participatory Consultancy Support Services based on formal  
29 application(s);
- 30 (j) Project Management Services; Monitoring, Supervision,

- 1 Evaluation, intervention/undertakings based on formal applications
- 2 (c) Development of FIN Documents.
- 3 The FIN shall develop essential work-documents on:
- 4 (i) FIN Protocol (Guidelines/Schedules for Certification, etc
- 5 (ii) FIN Annual Training Work plan
- 6 (iii) FIN Charter Registration Syllabi and Examination schedules
- 7 (iv) Other Documents (varied) as advisable.
- 8 (d) Appointment of FIN State Coordinators:
- 9 (i) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall appoint State
- 10 Coordinators through the recommendation of its Management in consultation
- 11 with the National Executive Council and State Chapters;
- 12 (ii) FIN shall train and accredit State Coordinators as regularly
- 13 advisable;
- 14 (iii) The FIN State Coordinators shall be appointed through
- 15 appropriate applications on the recommendation of their respective State
- 16 Chapters from their list of financial professional members;
- 17 (iv) The FIN State Coordinators shall be appointed for a specified
- 18 tenure as appropriate from time to time.
- 19 D: QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHARTER REGISTRATION;
- 20 (a) A professional member of FISON shall be deemed qualified if he
- 21 makes an application for Charter registration provided the evidence of
- 22 qualification, show that:
- 23 (i) he / she has formally applied to be so registered;
- 24 (ii) he is of good character;
- 25 (iii) he I she has basic educational qualifications required by the
- 26 Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN);
- 27 (iv) he/she has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere for an
- 28 offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- 29 (v) he / she has fulfilled all financial obligations.
- 30 (b) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) shall, from time to time,



1 publish particulars of qualifications acceptable to FISON for Charter  
2 registration

3 E: FISON CONSULTANCY UNIT (FCU)

4 FISON shall operate a Consultancy Unit (FCU) seated with the Fisheries  
5 Institute of Nigeria (FIN). The FCU shall undertake:

6 (i) All Consultancy and Service Provider assignments for FISON;

7 (ii) All Surveys, Assessments and Quantifications on FISON  
8 Project assignments;

9 (iii) All interactive Consultancy & Contractor ship engagements  
10 for FISON

11 All Miscellaneous Consultancy empowerment for FISON members.

## 12 THIRD SCHEDULE

### 13 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

#### 14 SECTION A: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FISHERIES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

15 FISON shall establish a tribunal to be known Fisheries Disciplinary  
16 Tribunal (FDT) hereinafter referred to as the "Tribunal" which shall be  
17 charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it  
18 by the National Executive Council:

19 (i) The Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a retired  
20 High Court Judge/Magistrate and six (6) other professional members  
21 appointed by the National Executive Council;

22 (ii) The Tribunal shall conduct preliminary investigation(s) into  
23 any case where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as  
24 a Consultant or Chartered Fisheries specialist (Cfps);

25 (iii) The National Executive Council may make rules or bye-laws  
26 not contained in this Act as to what constitute professional misconduct;

27 (iv) The allegations of professional misconduct shall normally be  
28 made through the relevant State Chapter(s) to the National Executive  
29 Council.

30 The Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, can give a direction reprimanding an erring

1 on member or ordering the Registrar of FIN to strike his name off the relevant  
2 part of the National Charter Register:

3 (i) When the Tribunal gives a direction under sub-section (i) of this  
4 Act; The Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the  
5 member whom it relates.

6 (ii) A decision of the Tribunal under sub-section (ii) of this section  
7 shall take action;

8 (iii) where no appeal under this section is brought against the time  
9 limited for such an appeal and on the expiration of that time;

10 (iv) where such appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for  
11 prosecution on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;

12 (v) where such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out  
13 if and when the appeal is discussed and shall not take effect except in  
14 accordance with the provisions of this sub-section.

15 A person whose name is removed from the National Charter Register in  
16 pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled  
17 to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by  
18 the Tribunal on the application of that person, and a direction under this section  
19 for the removal of a person's name from the National Charter Register may  
20 prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration  
21 of such an application, (from the date of his last application) as may be  
22 specified in the direction.

#### 23 FOURTH SCHEDULE

#### 24 MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

#### 25 A: PROVISION OF LIBRARY & RESEARCH FACILITIES BY "FIN"

26 FIN shall:

27 (1) Provide and maintain a library comprising books, documents,  
28 electronic storage systems, publications, aquaculture research work  
29 datasets, internet access, etc for the advancement of knowledge in fisheries that  
30 it may think necessary.

1 (2) Encourage research into any aspects of fisheries as it may from  
2 time to time consider necessary.

3 (3) Undertake regular studies of the existing fisheries and  
4 aquaculture practices; scientific information technology and extension  
5 services relevant to viable large scale fish culture systems obtainable from  
6 the internet and electronic mail services and related options for keeping  
7 abreast of current technology-driven research and publications.

8 (4) Engage in the production and sale of informational research  
9 materials, books and journals, etc arising from its research and consultancy  
10 linkages.

11 B: REGULATIONS AND OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT:

12 (i) Rules made for the purposes of this Act shall be subject to  
13 confirmation by the National Executive Council;

14 (ii) If, one/or after the commencement of this Act, any person that  
15 is not a member of FIN practices as a Charter Registered member of FISON  
16 or in expectation of reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or  
17 description implying that he is in practice as a Charter Registered member of  
18 FISON commits an offence:

19 Provided that it is in the case of a person falling within Article XV of this Act.

20 (iii) If, and/or after the commencement of this Act, an enrolled  
21 individual member holds himself out as a fisheries consultant, or takes or  
22 uses any name, title; addition or description implying that he is a fisheries  
23 and aquaculture practitioner, he commits an offence;

24 (iv) If the Registrar or any other person employed on behalf of the  
25 Institute willfully makes any falsification(s) in any matter relating to the  
26 National Charter Register, he commits an offence;

27 (v) A person found guilty of an offence under this section shall be  
28 liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding 50,000  
29 Naira;

30 (vi) On conviction on indictment to a fine of an amount not

1 exceeding 250,000 Naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two  
2 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment;  
3 (vii) where an offence under this section which has been committed  
4 by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or  
5 connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director,  
6 manager, secretary or other similar officer; of the body corporate or any person  
7 purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, shall be  
8 deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against  
9 and punished accordingly.

#### 10 C. EXPLANATORY NOTES

11 In this Act, except the context otherwise implies, the following words shall  
12 have the meaning assigned to them, that is:

- 13 (a) "Board" means the Board of Trustees. (Article XIII, Section E);  
14 (b) "Council" means the Governing Council established under Article  
15 XIII Section F of this Act, as the Governing entity of FISON;  
16 (c) "enrolled" in relation to a fellow, member means registered in the  
17 part of the Register for Fellows, members as the case may be;  
18 (d) "FIN" means the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria established  
19 pursuant to Article XIII Section of this Act;  
20 (e) "Member" means any enrolled member of FISON;  
21 (f) "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for  
22 Corporate Affairs matters;  
23 (g) "President" and "Vice President" mean respectively the office  
24 holders under those names in FISON, elected in accordance with Article XIII  
25 Section B of this Act;  
26 (h) "Register" means the National Charter Register maintained  
27 pursuant to Article XIII Section 0 of this Act;  
28 (i) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Fisheries Institute of  
29 Nigeria appointed in terms of Article XV Section A;  
30 (j) "Tribunal" means the Fisheries Disciplinary Tribunal established

1 under Article XVI Section A.

2 D: CITATION

3 This Bill may be cited as the Fisheries Society of Nigeria (Establishment, Citation  
4 etc) Bill, 2016.

5 (ii) All Articles and Sections of this Act should be cited  
6 sequentially as listed.

7 SECTION E: PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FISHERIES  
8 INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA (FIN)

9 (a) Notification of Meetings:

10 By notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the  
11 objects of the proposed meeting, the Provost shall convene a special  
12 meeting. The quorum of any general meeting of the shall be six (6) members.

13 (b) Meeting of the Management Unit (MU):

14 (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders, the MU of FIN  
15 shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Provost, and if he is required to  
16 do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven other members,  
17 he shall summon a meeting to be held within seven days from the date on  
18 which the notice is given.

19 (2) At any meeting of the MU of FIN, the Provost or in his absence  
20 the Deputy Provost shall preside; but if both are absent, the members present  
21 at the meeting shall The Registrar to preside at that meeting.

22 (3) Where the MU of FIN desires to obtain advice of any person on  
23 a particular matter, it may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks  
24 fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of cooption shall not be entitled to  
25 vote at any meeting of FIN and shall not count towards the quorum of six (6)  
26 required for the meeting.

27 (4) Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of this paragraph,  
28 the first annual meeting of the FIN shall be summoned by the Provost, who  
29 may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be  
30 followed in the year-plan.

1 (c) Units:

2 (1) The FIN shall have twelve (12) units grouped into three distinct  
3 departments to carry out on its behalf, such functions as the National Executive  
4 Council shall approve of its recommendations.

5 (2) A unit appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number  
6 of Resource Persons determined by FIN to perform roles assigned to them as  
7 specialists.

8 (3) A decision of a unit of FIN shall be of no effect until it is ratified by  
9 the Management Unit (MU).

10 (d) Miscellaneous:

11 (1) The fixing of the seal of the FIN (inclusive of its logogram) shall  
12 be authenticated by the signature of the National President when specially  
13 requested by FIN to act for such purpose(s).

14 (2) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under  
15 the seal of FIN shall be received in evidence and shall unless the contrary is  
16 provided, be deemed to be so executed.

17 PART 3

18 ANNEXURE I

19 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

20 *Eligibility for Membership of the Governing Council*

21 1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the  
22 Governing Council shall hold office as long as he/she is an accredited  
23 representative of the membership assigned.

24 (2) Any member of FISON who ceases to be a member thereof, if he is  
25 also a member of the Governing Council, cease to hold office on the Governing  
26 Council.

27 (3) Any elected member may by notice in writing and addressed to the  
28 National President resign his office, and any appointed member may, likewise  
29 resign his appointment.

30 (4) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected

1 member of the Governing Council shall be eligible again to become a  
2 member of the Governing Council, as an appointed member if appropriately  
3 re-appointed.

4 *Powers of the Governing Council*

5 1.-(1) The Council shall have power to approve policy  
6 recommendations presented for its consideration by the National Executive  
7 Council.

8 2. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Governing Council  
9 may in the name of FISON declare policy instruments regulating the  
10 proceedings of FISON or of itself, and in the exercise of its powers under  
11 this Act, may set up Committees in the general interest of FISON, and make  
12 policy instruments thereof.

13 3. The quorum of the Governing Council shall be five (5) provided  
14 this includes the Chairman and the Secretary.

15 The policy instruments shall provide for decision(s) to be taken by a  
16 majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the  
17 Chairman, will as the case may be, have a second or casting vote Policy  
18 instruments made by a Committee shall provide that it is to report back to the  
19 Governing Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.

20 *Meetings of FIN*

21 1.-(1) FIN shall convene its Annual General Meeting on a day as it  
22 may from time to time appoint in any particular year, however, that if the  
23 meeting is not held within one year after the previous Annual General  
24 Meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective  
25 dates of the two meetings.

26 (2) A special meeting of FIN may be convened by the Provost at  
27 any time, and if not less than five members of the MU of FIN require it.

28 (3) The validity of any proceedings of FIN or its committee shall  
29 not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the  
30 appointment of a member of the MU or of a person to serve on the

1 committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the  
2 proceedings.

3 (4) Any member of the MU of FIN and any person holding office on a  
4 committee of FIN who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement  
5 entered into or proposed to be considered by FIN or a Committee thereof, shall  
6 forthwith disclose his interest to the National President or to FIN, as the case  
7 may be, and shall not vote on any issue(s) relating to the contract or  
8 arrangement.

9 (5) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of FIN be  
10 required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts of  
11 FIN.

#### 12 ANNEXURE II

##### 13 AFFILIATES OF FISON

- 14 AAVN - Association of Aquatic Veterinarians of Nigeria
- 15 AAFAN - Association of Fish Farmers and Aquaculturists of Nigeria
- 16 AFFON - Association of Fingerlings Farmers of Nigeria
- 17 AFISUN - Association of Fish Suppliers of Nigeria
- 18 AOFFEN - Association of Ornamental Fish Farmers Exporters of Nigeria
- 19 CAFAN - Catfish Farmers Association of Nigeria
- 20 FEDA - Fish Export Development Association
- 21 NAFIS - National Association of Fisheries Students
- 22 NITOA - Nigeria Trawler Owners Association
- 23 NUFAS - Nigerian Union of Fishers and Seafood-dealers
- 24 TADAN - Tilapia Aquaculture Developers Association of Nigeria

#### 25 ANNEXURE III

##### 26 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 27 ADB - African Development Bank
- 28 AFFAN - Association of Fish Farmers and Aquaculturists
- 29 AFFON - Association of Fingerlings Farmers of Nigeria
- 30 AFFORD - African Fisheries Forum on Resource Development



- 1 AFISUN - Association of Fish Suppliers of Nigeria
- 2 AGM - Annual General Meeting
- 3 AM - Associate Member
- 4 AOFFEN - Association of Ornamental Fresh Fish Exporters of Nigeria
- 5 AU - African Union
- 6 AAVN - Aquatic Veterinarians Association of Nigeria
- 7 BM - Business Member
- 8 BOT - Board of Trustees
- 9 B.Sc - Bachelor of Science (Degree)
- 10 CAFAN - Catfish Farmers Association of Nigeria
- 11 Cfs - Chartered Fisheries Specialist
- 12 COF - Council of Fellows
- 13 ECOWAS - Economic Community of West African States
- 14 EAR - Environmental Audit Review
- 15 EIA - Environmental Impact Assessment
- 16 FAO - Food and Agricultural Organization
- 17 FCT - Federal Capital Territory
- 18 FCU - FISON Consultancy Unit
- 19 FDF - Federal Department of Fisheries
- 20 FDT - Fisheries Disciplinary Tribunal
- 21 FEDA - Fish Export Development Association
- 22 FCM - Fellows Consultative Meeting
- 23 Ffs - Fellow of the Fisheries Society
- 24 FIN - Fisheries Institute of Nigeria
- 25 FISON - Fisheries Society of Nigeria
- 26 GC - Governing Council
- 27 GM - Graduate Member
- 28 HND - Higher National Diploma
- 29 ICG - Industry Coordinating Group
- 30 IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development

- 1 LOC - Local Organizing Committee
- 2 Mfs - Member of the Fisheries Society
- 3 MOU - Memorandum Of Understanding
- 4 NAFDAC - National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control
- 5 NAFIS - National Association of Fisheries Students
- 6 ND - National Diploma (Ordinary National Diploma)
- 7 NEC - National Executive Council
- 8 NEPC - Nigerian Export Promotion Council
- 9 NGOs - Non Governmental Organizations
- 10 NIFFR - National Institute of Freshwater Fisheries Research (New Bussa,  
11 Nigeria)
- 12 NIOMR - Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research (Lagos,  
13 Nigeria)
- 14 NITOA - Nigeria Trawler Owners Association
- 15 NAQS - National Agricultural Quarantine Service
- 16 NTC - National Technical Committee
- 17 NUFAS - Nigerian Union of Fishers and Seafoods dealers
- 18 NYSC - National Youth Service Corps
- 19 PAFFA - Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association
- 20 MU - Management Unit (of FIN)
- 21 RCG - Research Coordinating Group
- 22 SEC - State Executive Council
- 23 SGM - State General Meeting
- 24 SON - Standards Organization of Nigeria
- 25 TADAN - Tilapia Aquaculture Development of Nigeria Association
- 26 TC - Technical Committee
- 27 UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
- 28 UNICEF - United Nations International Children Education Fund
- 29 UNIDO - United Nations International Development Organization
- 30 WAS - World Aquaculture Society

- 1 WB - World Bank
- 2 ZEC - Zonal Executive Council
- 3 ZEM - Zonal Executive Meeting
- 4 ZGM - Zonal General Meeting

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Fisheries Society of Nigeria charged with the responsibility for registration and discipline of members of the profession.

