

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INLAND FISHERIES ACT CAP. 144 LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Hon. Dozie F. Nwankwo

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. The Inland Fisheries Act Cap. 144 Laws of the Federation of | Amendment of |
| 2 | Nigeria 2004 (in this bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set | Inland Fisheries |
| 3 | out in this Bill. | Act Cap. 144 |
| | | LFN, 2004 |
| 4 | 2. Section 1(2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 5 | expression "N500" with the expression "N25000". | Section 1(2) |
| 6 | 3. Section 4(2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 7 | expression "N250" with the expression of "N10000". | Section 4(2) |
| 8 | 4. Section 5(3) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 9 | expression "N500" with the expression "N25000". | Section 5(3) |
| 10 | 5. Section 6(2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 11 | expression "N3000" with the expression "N300000". | Section 6(2) |
| 12 | 6. Section 7 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 13 | expression "N500" with the expression "N5000". | Section 7(2) |
| 14 | 7. Section 8(2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 15 | expression "N25000" with the expression "N100000". | Section 8(2) |
| 16 | 8. Section 9 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 17 | expression "(N3000" with expression "N100000". | Section 9(2) |
| 18 | 9. Section 10(2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 19 | expression "N50000" with the expression "N500000". | Section 10(2) |
| 20 | 10. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting | Amendment |
| 21 | subsection (2) of this section with a new subsection (2): | Section 11 |

1 "A person who contravenes the provision of subsection (1) of this
2 section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N10Q000 or
3 imprisonment for a term of nine months or to both such fine and imprisonment
4 and in addition, the contaminated, infected or spoiled fish or fish product shall
5 be destroyed."

Citation

6 11. This Bill may be cited as the Inland Fisheries Act (Amendment)
7 Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Inland Fisheries Act Cap.144 Laws of the
Federation of Nigeria 2004 to review the penalties upwards.