

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEA FISHERIES ACT CAP. S4 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO AMONG OTHER THINGS BRING THE PENALTIES THEREIN IN CONFORMITY WITH MODERN DAY REALITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The Sea Fisheries Act Cap S4 Laws of the Federation, 2004 (in
2 this Bill, referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out
3 hereunder; Amendment of
Sea Fisheries Act
- 4 2. Section 1 (2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 1 (2)
5 substituting the sum of "\$250,000" with "not less than "N50,000,000".
- 6 3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by substituting Amendment of
Section 5
7 the sum of "N50,000" with "not less than "N500,000".
- 8 4. Section 10 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 10
9 substituting the sum of "N50,000" with "not less than "N100,000".
- 10 5. Section 11 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 11
11 substituting the sum of "N50,000" with "not less than "N1,000,000".
- 12 6. Section 12 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by Amendment of
Section 12
13 substituting the sum of "N50,000" with "not less than "N500,000".
- 14 7. This Bill may be cited as Sea Fisheries Act (Amended) Bill, Citation
15 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Sea Fisheries Act by increasing the penalties on violators of the provision of this act, thus bringing it in conformity with modern day realities.