

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 171

Acceptance of the Amendments to the Closed Areas in the Solomon Islands as set forth in Annex I, Schedules 2 and 3 of the Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is a party to the Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau recognizes the sovereign rights of the Solomon Islands, in accordance with international law, to determine the regulation, management, and control of its fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau has been notified by the Treaty Administrator that the Solomon Islands noticed the Administrator of a proposed amendment to Annex 1, Schedule 2 of the Treaty which describes the Solomon Island's Closed Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Solomon Islands proposes to amend Annex I, Schedule 2 of the Treaty regarding the Solomon Islands to read as follows:

SCHEDULE 2 CLOSED AREAS

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Solomon Islands At all times, all internal waters, territorial seas, and, archipelagic waters, together with, all waters within the exclusive economic zone of the Solomon Islands that are west of the meridian of Longitude 163° East.

WHEREAS, the Government of the Solomon Islands proposes to amend Annex 1, Schedule 3 of the Treaty, which describes and prohibits fishing within the Solomon Islands Limited Area by deleting Schedule 3 in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Treaty sets forth the procedures for amending the Treaty's Annex; and

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Treaty does not require the ratification of amendments to the Treaty's Annex; and

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Treaty requires all parties approving the amendments to the Treaty's Annex to notify their acceptance of the amendments to the Depositary; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Treaty Annex shall only enter into force upon the receipt by the Depositary of notices of acceptance from all parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and law of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of Palau hereby notices its acceptance of the Government of Solomon Islands' proposed amendment to the Treaty Annex I, Schedule 2 as set forth in this executive order, and the proposed amendment to delete Treaty Annex I, Schedule 3.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 24th Day of November, 1999, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau