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## A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES ACT

### Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

#### 1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Fisheries Act (*No. 40 of 2020*), may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

#### 2. Amendment of section 31 of the principal Act.

Paragraph (b) of section 31(2) is repealed as replaced as follows —

- “(b) the transshipment, handling, buying, selling, receiving, possession, import or export of —
- (i) fish,
  - (ii) fish products,
  - (iii) fish included in a specified class, or
  - (iv) illegally caught fish.”

### OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to replace the existing provision to expressly empower the Director to prohibit the transshipment, landing, buying, selling, receiving, possession, import or export of fish products.