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Reminder – Conch Season Remains Closed

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The Belize Fisheries Department hereby reminds the public and fishers in particular that in accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 54 of 2012, the queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) fishery remains closed as declared by the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development on **March 27, 2020 and will remain closed until midnight of September 30, 2020.**

Any person or establishment found in possession of the queen conch will be charged and prosecuted in a court of law in accordance with the Fisheries Regulations.

The fishing community and public are encouraged to respect and comply with the regulations and to **report any illegal fisheries at fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz** or +501 224 4552.

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