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Date : 23/05/2023

To,

Omega Fishmeal & Oil Private Limited,
Ratnagiri

Sub. :- Protection of ETP Species-Reg.
Ref. :- Your office letter dated 21/04/2023

With reference to your letter dated 21/04/2023 the details regarding ETP species are as follows.

As per the Maharashtra Marine Fishing Regulation Act (MMFRA), 2021 of Govt. of Maharashtra, the catching of marine animals coming under the group ETP species is a punishable offence and the Fisheries Department is closely monitoring this. The Department of Fisheries along with Mangrove Cell conducts awareness programmes at Fishermen Societies and educate the fishermen about the need for conservation of these species and encourage them to release the accidentally caught ETP species back into the sea.

To encourage the release of accidentally caught ETP Species, the Department of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra has launched a financial incentive scheme on 21/12/2018 and offered a maximum of Rs.25000/- to fishermen as per the terms & conditions mentioned in Government Resolution. As per the amendment made in this resolution on 08/01/2021, the government has categorized the ETP Species and financial assistance amount declared as Rs.25000/- for release of Sharks, Dolphins and Marine Mammals whereas Rs.12500/- for release of Sea Turtles and Porcupine Ray species. Since launch of this scheme, total 19 fishermen received incentive till today. The list of 19 Fishermen and the copy of the Government Resolution is attached herewith.

Thanking You,

Your's,

(N. V. Bhandale)

Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries (Tech.)
Ratnagiri

Encl. - As above.