

**Parliament: 300 Fishing Licences Cancelled Due To Abuse - Mohd Johari
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 28 (Bernama) -- The Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry has cancelled 300 fishing licences for abusing subsidized diesel or farming them out to foreigners.

Its Deputy Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharum said the cancellation was done following the legalisation process of illegal workers carried out on fishermen, especially in the East Coast of the Peninsula.

"Many boat owners and licence holders farmed their licences to other fishermen including those from Vietnam. There were also cases whereby catch landed by boats that received diesel subsidy did not commensurate with the amount of subsidized diesel.

"As such, we have to withdraw their licences to ensure only self-operated boat owners are licenced," he said when replying to a supplementary question by Datuk Kamarudin Jaffar (PAS-Tumpat) who wanted to know if the ministry was able to detect abuse of licence and diesel subsidy by fishermen, and actions taken against such offenders.

Mohd Johari said the ministry also worked closely with the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) to monitor offences such as selling their catch and subsidized diesel in mid-sea.

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