The ecological environment of fishery waters shall be supervised and regulated and fishery pollution shall be investigated and handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Marine Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China and the Water Pollution Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China.

Article 37 The State maintains special protection of the rare and endangered aquatic wild animals such as white-flag dolphin to prevent them from extinction. Killing and injuring of important aquatic wild animals protected by the State is prohibited. Where it is necessary to catch such animals for purposes of scientific research, taming and propagation, exhibition or for other special purposes, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the the Wild Animal Protection Law of the People's Republic of China.

Chapter V
Legal Liability

Article 38 Where a person uses explosives, poisons, electricity or other means in fishing, which im-

pairs the fishery resources, engages in fishing in violation of the regulations on restricted fishing areas and closed seasons, uses banned fishing gear and methods or fishing nets with mesh smaller than the minimum size, or catches juvenile fish the proportion of which exceeds the specified level, his catch and illegal gains therefrom shall be confiscated and he shall be fined not more than RMB 50 000 yuan. If the circumstances are serious, his fishing gear shall be confiscated and his fishing license revoked. If the circumstances are especially serious, his fishing vessel may be confiscated. If a crime is constituted, he shall be investigated for criminal responsibility in accordance with law.

Where illegally harvested catch is sold in restricted fishing areas and during closed seasons, the administrative department for fisheries under the people's government at or above the county level shall investigate and handle the case without delay.

Where a person manufactures or sells banned fishing gear, the illegally manufactured and sold fishing gear and his illegal gains therefrom shall be confiscated and he shall also be fined not more than 10 000 yuan.

Article 39 Anyone who poaches for or seizes another person's aquatic products, or undermines another