

# **The Case Study of Legal regulations and criteria for delegation of coastal zones as a support site for applicants for fish farming in cages in the Caspian Sea**

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## **Abstract**

Considering the production of 900 tons of fish in the cages of Caspian Sea (Report of Fisheries of Mazandaran, 1396) and increase in plans of fish farming in cages, the need for a coastal zone to support floating or immersed cages in the sea is essential. Some limited breeders have coastal lands as support sites that do not have any problems but the majority of breeders need to rent coastal lands, which in many cases is in the possession of the Natural Resources Administration that it is necessary to be provided for growers as a lease. Considering that in addition to the coastal zone as the support site, the water zone is used not only for the transport of breeders from the coast to the cages' location, but distance between cages are considered as a water zone which has regulations and criteria that request of Natural Resources Administration for renting a coastal zone of 2000 meters is legal and for a water zone of 10,000 square meters based on the following reasons is not considered to be legal.

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