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## fishermen urged to surrender licences

licences to other parties, then those parties should bring them to the department.

"This will make it easier for the state to issue incentives to active fishermen and also give others an opportunity to apply for fishing licences," he said after handing out boat licences in the Johor Baru district at Kampung Pasir Gudang Baru in Pasir Gudang.

Johor recorded 12,160 active fishermen last year. Of that figure, 11,267 were deep-sea fishermen while the rest were coastal fishermen.

"There are about 100 more licences we can give out under our quota for fishermen, so we can still process applicants wanting to be fishermen," said Zahari.

He said the licence not only gave the holders permission to venture to fishing waters but also entitled them to the fisherman's monthly allowance of RM300 and diesel subsidy.

He gave an assurance that there was sufficient supply of fish in Malaysia even after floods in eight districts - Pontian, Kota Tinggi, Kuala Segamat, Mersing, Batu Pahat, Muar

and Tangkak - affecting more than 20,000 residents.

He said reserving frozen fish was one of several measures that had been taken to ensure there was no shortage of supply.

"At the end of last year, I visited a fish collection centre involved in catching fish for storage during the monsoon season.

"Based on the information received from the entrepreneur (owner of the collection centre), the supply of fish, especially in this state, is sufficient but prices may fluctuate," he added. - Bernama