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Dolphins which are commonly sighted off the coast of Port Dickson by fishermen there are a protected species under the Fisheries Act 1985. AFP PIC

Dolphins spotted in Port Dickson waters

PORT DICKSON: A video clip showing dolphins in open waters here, have created a buzz on social media.

The 43-second recording showed four dolphins swimming along the water surface at Tanjung Tuan.

It was posted on the 'N9 Info Traffic' Facebook account and it garnered thousands of likes and was re-posted hundreds of times.

However, the phenomenon is nothing new to fishermen or the Negri Sembilan Fisheries Department (NSFD).

NSFD director Halimi Abu Hanip, when contacted by Bernama, said the dolphins which were usually found around Port Dickson's waters, were a protected species under the Fisheries Act 1985.

"Local fishermen are aware of this.

"We hope members of the public do not

disturb the animals," he added.

Halimi said the Movement Control Order could have contributed to an improved environment and marine life in the area.

"With no indiscriminate fishing or water recreation activities in Port Dickson and fewer people around, the dolphins swim closer to the coast."

Meanwhile, Negri Sembilan Fishermen's Association chairman Abu Bakar Dawam said dolphins were a common sight among anglers while at sea.

"For the fishermen, dolphins are a common sight.

"Of course, when members of the public see them for the first time, they may be surprised.

"The last time I saw dolphins was along a cargo ship route in Tanjung Tuan waters in December." **Bernama**

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Netizens abuzz over dolphins spotted near PD

PORT DICKSON: A 43-second video of dolphins showing up in Port Dickson went viral on Facebook on Wednesday.

The video, shared via the "N9 INFO TRAFFIC" Facebook account, showed four dolphins swimming near the water's surface at Tanjung Tuan.

Negri Sembilan Fisheries Department and fishermen there said the sighting was nothing new.

Department director Halimi Abu Hanip said the dolphins, which are usually found in Port Dickson waters, are a protected species under the Fisheries Act 1985.

"Local fishermen are aware of this and are not allowed to catch them. We hope members of the public will not disturb them."

Halimi said clearly, the movement control order has had a good impact on the environment and marine life in the area.

"It shows that in the absence of indiscriminate fishing or recreational activities in Port Dickson, dolphins which often swim far away, are now venturing closer to the coast."

- Bernama