ABSTRACT

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: The Conflict between Small-Scale Local Fishermen

and Anchovy Fishermen with Electric Power Generator:

A Case Study of Songkhla Province

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The objectives of this research are to study the effect of the fishing of anchovy fishermen with electric power generator on the fishing of small-scale local fishermen and to study the causes of conflict between two interest groups ,i.e, the small-scale local fishermen and the anchovy fishermen with electric power generator in Songkhla Provice. The finding result is that economic factor is an important cause of conflict between the two interest groups. The level of income of small-scale local fishermen was decreased since the emergence of enormous number of anchovy fishermen with electric power generator. The conflict between the two interest groups led to the formation of tripartite corporation, in which the state has come to play an important role of negotiation, controlling, and guiding. However, the attempt to solve the conflict has been taken too long due to political interference. This, in turn, leads to the intensification of conflict. Moreover, the policy on anchovy fishing declared by the

state has become an important cause of conflict and protestation by the two groups since there exists a great deal of uncertainty at policy level.