FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

HARDY INLET LAWFUL NETS ORDER 1996

Order No. 2 of 1996

FD 1332/76

Made by the Minister under section 43.

Citation

1. This order may be cited as the *Hardy Inlet Lawful Nets Order 1996*.

Interpretation

- 2. In this order unless the contrary intention appears—
 - "authorised person" means a person who is the holder of a commercial fishing licence issued pursuant to regulation 122 of the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995* and that licence is endorsed to permit the licensee to take fish from the specified waters;
 - "fishing unit" means a licensed fishing boat or combination of licensed fishing boats registered in the name of the same licensee and each fishing boat licence is endorsed to permit that boat to be used to fish for a commercial purpose in the specified waters;
 - "lawful net" means the type and specification of a net as described in clause 3;
 - "specified waters" means all the waters of the Hardy Inlet and the tributaries of that Inlet.

Prohibition

3. An authorised person, when fishing for any fish other than crabs in the specified waters, shall not use any net other than a lawful net.

Lawful nets

- 4. (1)A lawful net, when being used or intended to be used by an authorised person in the specified waters shall, if the net is -
 - (a) a set net being used to take whiting or yellow eye mullet-
 - (i) not exceed 800 metres in length;
 - (ii) have a mesh size of not less than 44mm but not exceeding 62mm; and
 - (iii) not exceed 50 meshes in depth;
 - (b) a hauling net being used to take whiting or yellow eye mullet -
 - (i) not exceed 800 metres in length;
 - (ii) have a mesh size of not less than 44mm but not exceeding 62mm; and
 - (iii) not exceed 100 meshed in depth;
 - (c) a set net being used to take bream or any other species of fish -
 - (i) not exceed 800 metres in length;
 - (ii) have a mesh size of not less than 63mm but not exceeding 128mm; and
 - (iii) not exceed 33 meshes in depth;

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- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause (1) the total combined length of nets that -
 - (a) may be used,
 - (b) are intended to be used; or
 - (c) may be carried on a boat,

in respect of a fishing unit shall -

- (d) if one person is fishing in the specified waters in respect of that unit, not exceed 1000 metres at any one time; or
- (e) if more than one person is fishing in the specified waters in respect of that unit, not exceed 1400 metres at any one time.

Dated this 21st day of March 1996.

MONTY HOUSE, Minister for Fisheries.

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