

FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

***ABROLHOS ISLANDS AND MID WEST TRAWL MANAGED FISHERY
MANAGEMENT PLAN 1993***

**NOTICE OF AREAS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR SCALLOPS AND PRAWNS IN THE
ABROLHOS ISLANDS AND MID WEST TRAWL MANAGED FISHERY**

Notice No. 1 of 2023

I, Rick Fletcher, Executive Director Fisheries and Agriculture Resource Management of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia, in accordance with clause 12 of the *Abrolhos Islands and Mid West Trawl Managed Fishery Management Plan 1993* (the Plan) consider it in the better interest of the fishery to hereby -

1. Cancel *Notice No. 2 of 2021*, dated 12 August 2021;
2. Permit fishing for scallops in the waters described in Item 2 of Schedule 1 of the Plan (**Abrolhos Islands Area**) during the period commencing at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2023 and ending at 0800 hours WST 31 August 2023; at 0800 hours 1 March 2024 and ending at 0800 hours WST 31 August 2024; and at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2025 and ending at 0800 hours WST 31 August 2025;
3. Permit fishing for scallops and prawns during the period commencing at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2023 and ending at 0800 hours WST on 31 August 2023; at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2024 and ending at 0800 hours WST 31 August 2024; and at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2025 and ending at 0800 hours WST on 31 August 2025 in those parts of the Fishery described in **Schedule 1** of this Notice.
4. Permit fishing for scallops and prawns in the waters described in Item 3 of Schedule 1 of the Plan (**Port Gregory Area**) during the period commencing at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2023 and ending at 0800 hours WST on 15 November 2023; at 0800 hours WST on 1 March and ending at 0800 hours WST on 15 November 2024; and at 0800 hours WST on 1 March 2025 and ending at 0800 hours WST on 15 November 2025;
5. Prohibit fishing for scallops or prawns at any other time in all waters of the Fishery; and
6. Prohibit fishing for scallops or prawns at all times in the waters described in Schedule 1 of the *Houtman Abrolhos Reef Observation Areas Notice 1994*.

WST – Western Standard Time

Rick Fletcher
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
as delegate for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Dated this 20th day of February 2023

Schedule 1 – Areas of the Fishery

1. Eastern Boundary Block

The area of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at a point at 28° 22.003' south latitude and 113° 59.779' east longitude; then extending easterly along the geodesic to a point at 28° 21.30' south latitude and 114° 02.10' east longitude; then south-easterly along the geodesic to a point at 28° 24.50' south latitude 114° 03.50' east longitude; then south-westerly along the geodesic to a point at 28° 25.994' south latitude and 114° 01.66' east longitude; then north-westerly along the geodesic to the commencement point;

2. North Eastern Extension Area

The area of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at a point at 28° 17' south latitude and 113° 58' east longitude; then extending due west along the parallel to a point at 28° 17' south latitude and 113° 57.555' east longitude; then north-westerly along the geodesic to a point at 28° 00.297' south latitude and 113° 50.134' east longitude; then due east along the parallel to a point at 28° 00.297' south latitude and 113° 56.166' east longitude; then south-easterly along the geodesic to a point at 28° 13' south latitude and 114° 01.802' east longitude; then due west along the parallel to a point at 28° 13' south latitude and 113° 58' east longitude; then due south along the meridian to the commencement point.

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