

FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

NICKOL BAY PRAWN MANAGED FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN 1991

**NOTICE OF AREAS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR PRAWNS IN THE
NICKOL BAY PRAWN MANAGED FISHERY FOR 2023; 2024 AND 2025**

Notice No. 1 of 2023

I, Rick Fletcher, Executive Director, Fisheries and Agricultural Resource Management of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, in accordance with clause 9 of the *Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991* (the Plan), being of the opinion that it is in the better interest of the Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery (the Fishery) to do so, do hereby -

1. Cancel *Notice of Areas Closed to Fishing for Prawns in the Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery for 2020; 2021; and 2022: Notice No.1 of 2020* dated 27 February 2020; and
2. Prohibit fishing for prawns in those parts of the Fishery, between the times and dates provided for in items (a) to (f) below –
 - (a) fishing for prawns is prohibited in all waters of the Fishery from the date of the signing of this Notice until 0800 hours on 1 March 2023.
 - (b) fishing for prawns is prohibited from the date of the signing of this Notice until 0800 hours 30 October 2025 in the New Port of Dampier as contained in the Schedule to this Notice.
 - (c) fishing for prawns is prohibited between 0800 hours 1 March 2023 to 0600 hours 30 May 2023; and 0800 hours 1 March 2024 to 0600 hours 30 May 2024; and 0800 hours 1 March 2025 to 0600 hours 30 May 2025, in –
 - i) the Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice;
 - ii) the Extended Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice;
 - iii) the Depuch Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice; and

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- iv) the De Grey Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice.
- (d) fishing for prawns is prohibited between 1800 hours each day and 0600 hours the following day from 1800 hours 30 May 2023 to 0600 hours 14 June 2023; from 1800 hours 30 May 2024 to 0600 hours 14 June 2024; and from 1800 hours 30 May 2025 to 0600 hours 14 June 2025 in –
 - i) the Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice; and
 - ii) the Depuch Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice.
- (e) fishing for prawns is prohibited from 0800 hours 1 October 2023 to 0800 hours 30 October 2023; from 0800 hours 1 October 2024 to 0800 hours 30 October 2024; and from 0800 hours 1 October 2025 to 0800 hours 30 October 2025 in –
 - i) the Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice; and
 - ii) the Depuch Size Management Fish Ground as contained in the Schedule to this Notice.
- (f) fishing for prawns is prohibited in all waters of the Fishery from 0800 hours 30 October 2023 to 0800 hours 1 March 2024; from 30 October 2024 to 1 March 2025; and from 30 October 2025 to 1 May 2026.

SCHEDULE 1

New Port of Dampier

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 20°41.907' south latitude and 116° 39.008' east longitude; thence extending north by west along the geodesic to the East Lewis Island at the intersection of 20°37.899' south latitude and 116° 38.124' east longitude (King Point); thence generally easterly along the high water mark on the southern side of East Lewis Island to the intersection of 20°37.754' south latitude and 116° 39.907' east longitude (Roe Point); thence easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 37.499' south latitude and 116° 44.759' east longitude (Phillip Point); thence generally south westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.

(the above description differs from the Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Port of Dampier)*

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Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground

All waters of Nickol Bay south of a line drawn from Sloping Point, at the intersection of 20°31.485' south latitude and 116°51.994' east longitude; thence south east by east along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°38.10' south latitude and 117°02.30' east longitude; thence southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°38.90' south latitude and 117°02.20' east longitude.

Extended Nickol Bay Size Management Fish Ground

All waters of Nickol Bay bounded by a line commencing on Dolphin Island at the intersection of 20°28.887' south latitude and 116°53.147' east longitude; thence south easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°38.10' south latitude and 117°02.30' east longitude; thence north west by west along the geodesic to Sloping Point at the intersection of 20°31.485' south latitude by 116°51.994' east longitude; thence north along the meridian to the Dolphin Island at the intersection of 20°31.00' south latitude and 116°51.994' east longitude; thence generally northerly along the high water mark on the eastern side of Dolphin Island to the commencement point.

Depuch Size Management Fish Ground

All waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing on the mainland at the intersection of 20°42.633' south latitude and 117°33.00' east longitude; thence north along the meridian to the intersection of 20°36.50' south latitude; thence east along the parallel to the intersection of 117°43.00' east longitude; thence south south east along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°39.25' south latitude and 117°43.95' east longitude; thence south by east along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°40.772' south latitude and 117°44.305' east longitude.

De Grey Size Management Fish Ground

All waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 20°10.623' south latitude and 118°53.554' east longitude; thence north west by north along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°06.60' south latitude and 118°50.00' east longitude; thence north by west along the geodesic to the intersection of 20°01.20' south latitude and 118°48.30' east longitude; thence north north east along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°57.00' south latitude and 118°50.50' east longitude; thence north north east along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°53.20' south latitude and 118°53.60' east longitude; thence north east by east along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°49.20' south latitude and 119°00.20' east longitude; thence east north east along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°47.50' south latitude and 119°05.30' east longitude; thence east south east along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°49.90' south latitude and 119°11.50' east longitude ; thence south easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 19°53.60' south latitude and 119°15.80' east longitude; thence south along the meridian (119°15.80') to the mainland at 19°58.50' south latitude.

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Rick Fletcher
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dated this 20th day of February 2023

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