

FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

ONSLow PRAWN MANAGED FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN 1991

**NOTICE OF AREAS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR PRAWNS IN THE ONSLOW
PRAWN MANAGED FISHERY FOR 2023, 2024 AND 2025**

Notice No. 1 of 2022

I, Rick Fletcher, Executive Director, Fisheries and Agricultural Resource Management of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, in accordance with clause 10 of the *Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991* (the Plan), being of the opinion that it is in the better interests of the Fishery, do hereby-

1. Cancel *Notice of Areas Closed to Fishing for Prawns in the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery for 2020; 2021; and 2022: Notice No. 1 of 2020* dated 13 March 2020; and
2. Permit fishing for prawns in all the waters of the “Gear Trial Area” as described in the schedule to this Notice between 0800 hours to 1600 hours each day from 0800 hours 18 March 2023 to 1600 hours 31 March 2023; from 0800 hours 18 March 2024 to 1600 hours 31 March 2024; and from 0800 hours 18 March 2025 to 1600 hours 31 March 2025; and
3. Permit fishing for prawns in all waters of the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery (the Fishery), as described in the Plan and in the schedule to this Notice from 0800 hours 1 April 2023 to 0800 hours 30 October 2023; from 0800 hours 1 April 2024 to 0800 hours 30 October 2024; and from 0800 hours 1 April 2025 to 0800 hours 30 October 2025, except for those parts of the Fishery between the times and dates provided for in paragraphs (a) to (e) below –
 - (a) fishing for prawns is prohibited from the date of this Notice in –
 - i) all the waters of the “New Coolgra Nursery” as described in the schedule to this Notice;
 - ii) all the waters of the “New Port of Onslow” as described in the schedule to this Notice; and
 - iii) all the waters of the “New Port of Dampier” as described in the schedule to this Notice.
 - (b) fishing for prawns is prohibited from 0800 hours 1 April 2023 to 0800 hours 3 May 2023; from 0800 hours 1 April 2024 to 0800 hours 3 May 2024; and from 0800 hours 1 April 2025 to 0800 hours 3 May 2025 in –
 - i) all the waters of the “Ashburton Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice;

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- ii) all the waters of the “Weld Island Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice; and
 - iii) all the waters of the “Mangrove Island Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice.
- (c) fishing for prawns is prohibited from 0800 hours 1 April 2023 to 0800 hours 30 May 2023; from 0800 hours 1 April 2024 to 0800 hours 30 May 2024; and from 0800 hours 1 April 2025 to 0800 hours 30 May 2025 in –
- i) all the waters of the “Fortescue Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice;
- (d) fishing for prawns is prohibited from 1800 hours to 0600 hours the following day from 0800 hours 3 May 2023 to 0600 hours 1 October 2023; from 0800 hours 3 May 2024 to 0600 hours 1 October 2024; and from 0800 hours 3 May 2025 to 0600 hours 1 October 2025 in –
- i) all the waters of the “Ashburton Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice.
- (e) fishing for prawns is prohibited from 0800 hours on 1 October 2023 to 0800 hours on 30 October 2023; from 0800 hours on 1 October 2024 to 0800 hours on 30 October 2024; and from 0800 hours on 1 October 2025 to 0800 hours on 30 October 2025 in –
- i) all the waters of the “Ashburton Prawn Size Management Fish Ground” as described in the schedule to this Notice.
- (f) fishing for prawns is prohibited in all waters of the Fishery, as described in the Plan (and the schedule to this Notice), from 0800 hours on 30 October 2022 to 0800 hours on 1 April 2023; from 30 October 2023 to 0800 hours on 1 April 2024; and from 0800 hours on 30 October 2024 to 0800 hours 1 April 2025.

SCHEDULE 1

Gear Trial Area

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 37.35' south latitude and 115° 05.80' east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 32.496' south latitude and 115° 03.198' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection 21° 31.90' south latitude and 115° 07.90' east longitude (on Direction Island); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 32.138' south latitude and 115° 07.91' east longitude (on Direction Island); thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 36.65' south latitude and 115° 06.85' east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

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(the above description differs from the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Gear Trial Area)*

New Coolgra Nursery

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 36.676' south latitude and 115° 10.65' east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 36.65' south latitude and 115° 09.45' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 33.35' south latitude and 115° 12.50' east longitude; thence extending due east along the parallel to the intersection of 21° 33.35' south latitude and 115° 19.90' east longitude; thence extending due south along the meridian to the intersection of 21° 34.58' south latitude and 115° 19.90' east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

(the above description differs from the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Coolgra Point Nursery)*

New Port of Onslow

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 37.887' south latitude and 115° 06.583' east longitude (on the mainland near Beadon Point); thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 37.35' south latitude and 115° 05.80' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection 21° 36.65' south latitude and 115° 06.85' east longitude; thence extending due east along the parallel to the intersection of 21° 36.65' south latitude and 115° 09.45' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 36.676' south latitude and 115° 10.65' east longitude; thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

(the above description differs from the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Onslow Townsite Closed Area)*

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 (on the mainland); thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 37.899' south latitude and 116° 38.124' east longitude (on East Lewis Island at King Point); thence extending generally easterly along the high water mark of the coastline on the southern side of East Lewis Island to the intersection of 20° 37.754' south latitude and 116° 39.907' east longitude (at Roe Point); thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 37.499' south latitude and 116° 44.759' east longitude (on the mainland near Phillip Point); thence extending generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

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

Ashburton Prawn Size Management Fish Ground

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 43.80' south latitude and 114° 52' east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending due north along the

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meridian to the intersection of 21° 41.80' south latitude and 114° 52' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection 21° 38.80' south latitude and 114° 58' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection 21° 39.50' south latitude and 115° 01.50' east; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 37.35' south latitude and 115° 05.80' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 37.887' south latitude and 115° 06.583' east longitude (on the mainland near Beadon Point); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

(the above description differs from the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Ashburton Nursery)*

Fortescue Prawn Size Management Fish Ground

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 16.69 south latitude and 115° 42.38' east longitude (on the mainland near Robe Point); thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 15.095' south latitude and 115° 40.899' east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 12.07' south latitude and 115° 38.09' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 06.15' south latitude and 115° 47.15' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 04.85' south latitude and 115° 49.25' east longitude (on Angle Island); thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 58.75' south latitude and 115° 51.90' east longitude (on Round Island); thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 57.30' south latitude and 115° 54.15' east longitude (on Sholl Island); thence extending due east along the parallel to the intersection of 20° 57.30' south latitude and 116° 05' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 55' south latitude and 116° 09' east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 51' south latitude and 116° 09.80' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 20° 50.025 south latitude and 116° 12.297' east longitude (on the mainland near Cape Preston); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

(the above description differs from the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery Management Plan 1991 description of the Fortescue Nursery)*

Weld Island Prawn Size Management Fish Ground

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 26.16' south latitude and 115° 32.60' east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending due north along the meridian to the intersection of 21° 22.94' south latitude and 115° 32.60' (on Weld Island); thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 15.095' south latitude and 115° 40.899' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 16.69' south latitude and 115° 42.38' east longitude (on the mainland near Robe Point); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

Mangrove Islands Prawn Size Management Fish Ground

All the waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21° 34.58' south latitude and 115° 19.90' east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending due north along the meridian to the intersection of 21° 33.35' south latitude and 115° 19.90' east longitude; thence

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extending due west along the parallel to the intersection of 115° 12.50' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 26.50' south latitude and 115° 22.60' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 21° 22.94' south latitude and 115° 32.60' east longitude (on Weld Island); thence extending due south along the meridian to the intersection of 21° 26.16' south latitude and 115° 32.60' east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark of the coastline to the commencement point.

Rick Fletcher

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MANAGEMENT**

Dated this 1st day of December 2022

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