

## Fish Resources Management Act 1994

## PROHIBITION ON FISHING FOR DEMERSAL SCALEFISH ORDER 2025

[LLS35727]

Made by the Minister under section 43.

**1. Citation**

This order is the *Prohibition on Fishing for Demersal Scalefish Order 2025*.

**2. Commencement**

This order comes into operation as follows –

- (a) clauses 1 and 2 – on the day on which this order is published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) clause 5 – on 1 January 2026;
- (c) the rest of the order – on 16 December 2025.

**3. Interpretation**

In this order –

***charter boat*** has the same meaning as in the regulations;

***demersal scalefish*** has the same meaning as in regulation 45 of the regulations;

***dhufish*** means fish of the common name “Dhufish, West Australian” as described in the regulations;

***Metropolitan area*** means the area described in the Schedule;

***relevant authorisation*** means an authorisation granted under –

- (a) the *West Coast Demersal Scalefish (Interim) Management Plan 2007*;
- (b) the *West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997*; or
- (c) the *Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery Management Plan 2018* that authorises fishing in zone 1 or zone 3 of that Fishery;

***spearfishing*** means fishing with a handspear or spear gun while diving or snorkelling;

***West Coast Region*** has the same meaning as in the regulations.

#### **4. Prohibition on recreational fishing for demersal scalefish in the West Coast Region**

- (1) A person must not engage in recreational fishing for demersal scalefish in the West Coast Region.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply in respect of –
- (a) a person engaging in recreational fishing by line from the shore or a structure attached to land;
  - (b) a person engaging in recreational fishing for demersal scalefish, excluding dhufish, by spearfishing from the shore or a structure attached to land;
  - (c) a person participating in a fishing tour on a charter boat outside of the Metropolitan area.

#### **5. Prohibition on commercial fishing under a relevant authorisation**

A person must not engage in commercial fishing under the authority of a relevant authorisation.

#### **6. Revocation**

The *Prohibition on Fishing for Demersal Scalefish from Boats (Closed Season - West Coast Region) Order 2024* is revoked.

### **Schedule**

#### **Metropolitan area**

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the high water mark on the coastline of Western Australia and 31° 00.00' south latitude; thence extending west along the geodesic to the intersection with 114° 50.43' east longitude; thence generally south to the intersection of 31° 12.00' south latitude and 114° 55.00' east longitude; thence generally south to the intersection of 31° 47.00' south latitude and 115° 01.00' east longitude; thence generally south-east to the intersection of 31° 56.00' south latitude and 115° 12.50' east longitude; thence generally south-west to the intersection of 33° 00.00' south latitude and 114° 38.15' east longitude; thence east along the geodesic to the intersection with the high water mark on the coastline of Western Australia; thence generally north-west along the high water mark to the commencement point.

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2025

Minister for Fisheries