Draft Management Plan for the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery

September 2018
1.0 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

INTENTION TO DETERMINE A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DEMERSAL GILLNET AND DEMERSAL LONGLINE MANAGED FISHERY: DRAFT PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with section 64(2) of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994, the Minister for Fisheries published a Notice in the Government Gazette on 4 September 2018 (Appendix 1) stating that he intends to determine a Management Plan for the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (Fishery) and invites interested persons to comment on the Draft Plan.

A copy of the Draft Plan is included within this Fisheries Management Paper and is available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) website, www.fish.wa.gov.au

Interested persons seeking to comment on the Draft Plan are invited to make representations in writing to the Minister for Fisheries by 4.00 pm, 30 September 2018.

Representations in connection with the Draft Plan may be forwarded to:

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1.1 Key Elements of the Draft Management Plan

The Draft Plan for the Fishery has been developed to reflect the arrangements and access rights currently provided for under the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Management Plan 1992.

Below are some of the key elements within the Draft Plan; however, interested persons are encouraged to read the Draft Plan thoroughly to formulate their own views.

- The Fishery includes the waters within the Australian Fishing Zone situated on the west and south coasts of Western Australia between 33° south latitude and 129° east longitude (Western Australian/South Australian border).

- The entitlement to fish in the Fishery is expressed in terms of units, with each zone in the Fishery having a specific unit value.

- A person can only fish with demersal gillnet or demersal longline as stipulated under the Draft Plan and cannot fish simultaneously with both gear types.
• There are provisions in the Draft Plan to allow the granting of additional licences (but not entitlement) and the consolidation of licences.

• There are prohibitions on fishing with demersal gillnets within the Australian Sea Lion (ASL) Gillnet Exclusion Zones (Zones) – Schedule 6.

1.2 Next Steps

1. DPIRD will collate submissions and provide advice to the Minister for Fisheries regarding the written comments received on the Draft Plan and the Draft Plan may be amended if the Minister considers it appropriate to do so;

2. Following considerations of the submissions received and amendment of the Draft Plan as appropriate, the final management plan will be provided to the Minister for his consideration and approval. Subject to the Minister’s approval, the new Management Plan will be published in the Government Gazette;

3. Subject to the Management Plan gaining Ministerial approval and being published in the Government Gazette, DPIRD will invite persons meeting the criteria for the grant of a licence to lodge an application for a licence; and,

4. The final Plan will come into effect on 1 December 2018.

After reading the Draft Plan, if you have any questions please contact Nick Blay on (08) 6551 4452.
2.0 BACKGROUND

The Fishery

The Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (JASDGDLF) came into effect under Western Australian (WA) state law in 1988. Since this time the JASDGDLF has been operationally managed by the WA Government on behalf of a Joint Authority comprising the WA and Commonwealth Governments.

The current management arrangements for the JASDGDLF are provided for under the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Management Plan 1992. The JASDGDLF spans the waters from 33° S latitude to the WA/South Australian (SA) border and comprises of three fishing zones. Fishing is prohibited or restricted in some areas due to ASL Zones and State and Commonwealth Marine Parks.

There are currently 53 licences in the JASDGDLF with the majority of operators employing demersal gillnets and power-hauled reels to target sharks (gummy, dusky, whiskery and sandbar), with demersal scalefish also being an important secondary component of the catch. Demersal longline is a permitted method of fishing but at present is not widely used.

Catch from the JASDGDLF is sold to local, WA and eastern states markets and typically consumed by WA and Australian families as fish and chips and as fresh fish via fish shops and restaurants. The estimated value for the JASDGDLF, from a total catch of just over 1,000 tonnes for 2015-16, was $4.3 million.

The JASDGDLF employs approximately 60 skippers and crew and plays a significant social and economic role in the regional centres of the State’s South Coast. The fishery also contributes to employment in fish processing facilities, the transport industry and local restaurants and fish retailers.

Offshore Constitutional Settlement

The Offshore Constitutional Settlement is a legal arrangement between the State and Commonwealth Governments and specifies arrangements under which fisheries inside the 200 nautical mile limit of the Australian Fishing Zone come under either State, Commonwealth, or as per the JASDGDLF, joint authority management.

The original reason for the joint authority was to provide for the Commonwealth to have a formal role in the management of sharks off the State’s South Coast, noting that some stocks are shared with adjacent jurisdictions, i.e. the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery.

Under these arrangements, both the Commonwealth and the State Minister are required to agree and co-sign changes in management arrangements within the JASDGDLF.
Given the mature nature of the relationship between the State and the Commonwealth, it was determined these formal arrangements are no longer necessary and the desired management outcomes for shark and demersal scalefish stocks can be achieved through more efficient, cost effective processes by transitioning the JASDGDLF to single WA management.

Noting this, on 6 August 2018, documents co-signed by the Hon. David Kelly MLA, Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science and the (Commonwealth) Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston, to transition the JASDGDLF to sole WA jurisdiction, were published in the Commonwealth gazette. Subsequently, the draft *Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery Management Plan 2018* has been developed to replace the existing *Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Management Plan 1992*, and provide for the ongoing management of fishing by demersal gillnets and demersal longlines for shark and demersal scalefish from 33° S latitude to the WA/SA border.
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PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Citation

This plan is the *Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery Management Plan 2018*.

2. Commencement

This plan will come into operation on 1 December 2018.

3. Exception

This plan does not apply prior to 1 January 2019 to the persons described in clause 7(1).

4. Interpretation

In this plan, unless the contrary intention appears –

*approved ALC* means an approved automatic location communicator as defined in regulation 55A;

*approved directions* has the same meaning as in regulation 55A;

*authorised boat* means a licensed fishing boat, the name and licensed fishing boat number and length of which are specified on a licence;

*current entitlement* means the usual entitlement conferred by a licence as –

  (a) increased by any entitlement transferred to the licence; or
  (b) decreased by any entitlement transferred from the licence;

*demersal gillnet* means any gillnet that –

  (a) has a mesh size greater than 114 millimetres when measured in accordance with regulation 64D; and
  (b) when set is wholly or partially in continuous or intermittent contact with the sea bed.
**demersal longline** means a longline that, when set, is laid wholly or partially in continuous or intermittent contact with the seabed, other than –
- (a) a hand line;
- (b) a trawl line;
- (c) a drop line; or
- (d) a pelagic longline.

**Fishery** means the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery identified in clause 6;

**fishing session** means a period of time during a fishing trip when gear is being used in the waters of the Fishery, including any times when gear is being pulled from the water and any part of that gear remains in the water;

**fishing trip** means a period between when a boat commences travelling through the waters of the Fishery with gear on board for the purposes of undertaking a fishing session and when that boat ceases travelling through the waters of the Fishery with that gear on board after undertaking, or attempting to undertake, a fishing session;

**gear** means a demersal gillnet or demersal longline;

**licence** means a managed fishery licence authorising a person to fish in the Fishery;

**port area** means an area of the Fishery described in Schedule 4;

**return** means a Commercial Fishing Daily/Trip Return Sheet created for the temperate demersal gillnet and demersal longline fisheries and available from the Department;

**set** in relation to a demersal gillnet or demersal longline means to position, release, leave or allow the demersal gillnet or demersal longline to remain in the waters of the Fishery;

**total fee** means the product of the fee (per unit) and the number of units of usual entitlement conferred by a licence;

**unit value** means the value of a unit of entitlement, in terms of units, determined in accordance with clause 12;

**usual entitlement** means the entitlement conferred by a licence without regard to any entitlement transferred to or from the licence;

**Zone 1 unit** means a unit of entitlement to fish in Zone 1 of the Fishery as provided for in clause 12(2);

**Zone 2 unit** means a unit of entitlement to fish in Zone 2 of the Fishery as provided for in clause 12(3);

**Zone 3 unit** means a unit of entitlement to fish in Zone 3 of the Fishery as provided for in clause 12(4).
5. **Procedure before this plan may be amended or revoked**

All the licence holders are the persons to be consulted before this plan is amended or revoked.

**PART 2 – THE FISHERY**

6. **Identification and declaration of the Fishery**

(1) The Fishery to which this plan relates is fishing by the use of demersal gillnets and demersal longlines to take fish in the waters described in Schedule 1.

(2) The waters referred to in subclause (1) are divided into zones as described in item 2 of Schedule 1.

(3) The Fishery is a managed fishery, and may be referred to as the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery.

**PART 3 – LICENCES AND FEES**

7. **Criteria for the grant of a licence**

(1) The criteria to be satisfied before the CEO may grant a person a licence to fish in the Fishery are that –

   (a) on the date of commencement of this plan the person was the holder of a licence that authorised fishing in a zone in accordance with the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Management Plan 1992; and

   (b) an application for the grant of a licence is made on or prior to 1 January 2019.

(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1), the CEO may grant a person a licence to fish in the Fishery if the CEO is satisfied that –

   (a) immediately upon being granted a licence an application will be made under section 140 of the Act to transfer usual units of entitlement to the licence, if it is granted, from another licence; and

   (b) the application referred to in paragraph (a) will be in respect of a total of not less than 1 unit; and

   (c) in the CEO’s opinion, there is no arguable ground in respect of the application referred to in paragraph (a) to refuse to transfer the units of usual entitlement to the licence; and

   (d) the person is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

8. **Duration of licences**

A licence expires on 31 May next following the date of grant or renewal.
9. Items that must be specified on a licence

A licence granted or renewed in respect of the Fishery must specify –
(a) the name and business address of the holder of the licence; and
(b) the name and licensed fishing boat number of the licensed fishing boat that may be used for fishing under the authority of the licence; and
(c) the licence number; and
(d) the date on which the licence was granted or renewed; and
(e) the date on which the licence expires; and
(f) the name of the Fishery; and
(g) the usual entitlement of the licence; and
(h) the current entitlement of the licence; and
(i) the unit value in respect of each unit conferred by the licence; and
(j) any conditions imposed on the licence by the CEO.

10. Fees

(1) Where a licence is granted or renewed prior to 31 May 2019 the fee per unit is –
(a) $6.52 per Zone 1 unit;  
(b) $13.24 per Zone 2 unit; and
(c) $6.52 per Zone 3 unit.

(2) For the purposes of regulation 137(2) the total fee may be paid by instalments as specified in Schedule 2 if –
(a) an election to pay by instalments is made by the holder of a licence in accordance with subclause (3); and
(b) there is no other fee, charge or levy in respect of the licence which has not been paid at the time the election is received at the head office of the Department.

(3) An election for the purposes of subclause (2) must be –
(a) made in writing;
(b) received at an office of the Department on or before 1 June of the year for which the licence is to be renewed; and
(c) accompanied by the first instalment plus the surcharge.

(4) For the purposes of regulation 137(3) the surcharge shall be 3.13% of the total fee.

PART 4 – SCHEME OF ENTITLEMENT

11. Extent of entitlements

(1) The extent of entitlement in Zone 1 conferred by all licences is 10,540 Zone 1 units.

(2) The extent of entitlement in Zone 2 conferred by all licences is 14,044 Zone 2 units.

(3) The extent of entitlement in Zone 3 conferred by all licences is 625 Zone 3 units.
12. **Licence entitlements to be expressed in terms of units**

   (1) The entitlement to fish in the Fishery conferred by a licence is to be expressed in terms of units.

   (2) A Zone 1 unit allows a person to fish for 264 hours by means of –
       (a) 27 metres of demersal gillnet; or
       (b) 9 hooks on a demersal longline
       in Zone 1 of the Fishery.

   (3) A Zone 2 unit allows a person to fish for 380 hours by means of –
       (a) 27 metres of demersal gillnet; or
       (b) 9 hooks on a demersal longline
       in Zone 2 of the Fishery.

   (4) A Zone 3 unit allows a person to fish for 264 hours by means of –
       (a) 27 metres of demersal gillnet; or
       (b) 9 hooks on a demersal longline
       in Zone 3 of the Fishery.

13. **Prohibition on fishing in excess of current entitlement**

   (1) A person fishing under the authority of a licence must not fish in the Fishery at any time unless the number of units used under the authority of that licence is less than or equal to the number of units of current entitlement conferred by that licence.

   (2) For the purposes of subclause (1), the number of units used under the authority of a licence is to be determined by the relevant formula specified in Schedule 3.

**PART 6 – TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT**

14. **Grounds for refusal to transfer part of an entitlement**

   The CEO may refuse to transfer part of an entitlement to another licence on the grounds that the application is not in respect of a whole number of units.

15. **Temporary transfer of part of an entitlement**

   A unit of entitlement may be temporarily transferred from one licence to another licence, for a period ending at the time the licence expires, provided that –
   (a) the transfer is of a whole number of units; and
   (b) the fee in respect of the licence has been paid when it became due.

16. **Reduction of entitlement conferred by a licence**

   (1) Where –
       (a) a person is convicted for an offence against section 74 of the Act relating to exceeding a restriction provided for in clause 13; and
(b) a court has determined the extent by which the restriction was exceeded,

the CEO is to reduce the number of units of entitlement conferred by the relevant licence in accordance with subclause (2).

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), the number of units of entitlement conferred by the licence is to be reduced by the number of units that exceeded the current entitlement at the time of the offence.

17. **Surrender of licence and reallocation of usual entitlement**

(1) The criteria to be satisfied before the CEO will increase the usual entitlement conferred by a licence are that –

(a) an application to increase the usual entitlement conferred by a licence is made by the holder of a licence;

(b) another licence has been surrendered under section 144 of the Act;

(c) the person who was the holder of the surrendered licence has consented to the application referred to in paragraph (a); and

(d) the CEO is of the opinion that the person who was the holder of the surrendered licence is not liable to prosecution for an offence that is prescribed for the purposes of section 224 of the Act.

(2) Subclause (1) applies once in connection with the surrender of any licence.

(3) For the purposes of subclause (1)(a) a reference to a licence includes a reference to a licence which has been applied for in accordance with clause 7(2).

**PART 7 – AUTOMATIC LOCATION COMMUNICATORS AND NOMINATIONS**

18. **Requirement for approved ALC to be installed in an authorised boat**

(1) A person must not use an authorised boat in the Fishery unless an approved ALC has been installed in that boat, has been tested, and is being used, in accordance with the approved directions and is operating effectively.

(2) A person must not fish in the Fishery using an authorised boat at any time when the sleep mode facility of the approved ALC on board that boat is in operation.

19. **Nomination of intention to fish**

(1) The master of an authorised boat must ensure that a nomination of intention to fish is made prior to commencing a fishing trip.

(2) A nomination made under subclause (1) must be made by the master –

(a) by the use of an approved ALC in accordance with the approved directions; and

(b) no more than 2 hours prior to commencing a fishing trip from a port area; or
(c) immediately upon entering the waters of the Fishery where an authorised 
boat is entering the waters of the Fishery from outside the Fishery.

(3) Where a nomination of intention to fish is made under subclause (1), the master 
of the authorised boat must specify the –
(a) licence which authorises fishing to occur;
(b) Fishery in which fishing will be carried out;
(c) zone of the Fishery in which fishing will be carried out;
(d) name of the master of the authorised boat; and
(e) amount of gear to be used for fishing, either in metres of demersal gillnet, 
or the number of hooks on a demersal longline.

(3) The master of an authorised boat must not fish or permit a person to fish from that 
boat with more gear than has been nominated under subclause (3)(e).

(4) Subject to subclause (6), the amount of fishing gear nominated under subclause 
(3)(e) is to be used to calculate the units of entitlement fished in accordance with 
Schedule 3.

(5) Where the master of an authorised boat fishes or permits a person to fish from that 
boat with more gear than has been nominated under subclause (3)(e), the amount 
of gear used will be taken to calculate the units of entitlement fished in accordance 
with Schedule 3.

(6) For the purposes of subclause (5), where the master of an authorised boat does not 
nominate an amount of fishing gear under subclause (3)(e), the greater of –
(a) the amount of gear specified under subclause (3)(e) in the most recent 
prior nomination; or
(b) the amount of fishing gear used,
will apply.

(7) The master of an authorised boat must not permit that boat to be used unless a 
nomination has been made in accordance with this clause.

20. Nomination to commence fishing

(1) The master of an authorised boat must ensure that a nomination to commence 
fishing is made immediately prior to setting gear in the waters of the Fishery for 
the purposes of commencing –
(a) the first fishing session of a fishing trip; or
(b) each fishing session of a fishing trip.

(2) A nomination made under subclause (1) must be made by the master of an 
authorised boat by the use of an approved ALC in accordance with the approved 
directions.

(3) Where a nomination to commence fishing is made under subclause (1), the 
master of an authorised boat must specify –
(a) the licence which authorises fishing to occur;
(b) the date of fishing;
(c) the time that fishing is to commence; and
(d) the location from which fishing is to commence.

(4) For the purposes of subclause (3)(b) and (3)(c), where the master of an authorised boat fails to make a nomination specifying the information required in these subclauses, the date and time at which gear is to be taken to be in the water is the date and time commencing from the most recent—
(a) nomination of intention to fish received under clause 19(1); or
(b) nomination to cease fishing received under clause 21(1).

21. Nomination to cease fishing

(1) The master of an authorised boat must ensure that a nomination to cease fishing is made immediately after gear is removed from the waters of the Fishery following—
(a) the last fishing session of a fishing trip; or
(b) completion of each fishing session of a fishing trip.

(2) A nomination made under subclause (1) must be made by the master of an authorised boat by the use of an approved ALC in accordance with the approved directions.

(3) Where a nomination to cease fishing is made under subclause (1), the master of an authorised boat must specify—
(a) the licence which authorises fishing to occur;
(b) the date fishing has ceased;
(c) the time that fishing ceased; and
(d) the location where fishing ceased.

(4) For the purposes of subclause (3)(b) and (3)(c), where the master of an authorised boat fails to make a nomination specifying the information required in these subclauses, the date and time at which gear is taken to be removed from the water is the date and time of the next—
(a) nomination of intention to fish received under clause 19(1); or
(b) nomination to commence fishing received under clause 21(1).

PART 8 – GENERAL REGULATION OF FISHING

22. Fishing by means of demersal gillnet and demersal longline – general restrictions

(1) A person fishing in the Fishery under the authority of a licence must not fish—
(a) by any means other than by demersal gillnet or demersal longline; or
(b) in a Zone of the Fishery other than the Zone specified on a licence.

(2) A person must not use a demersal gillnet and a demersal longline at the same time.

(3) A person must not use a demersal gillnet that has—
(a) a mesh size of less than 162.5 millimetres; or
(b) a depth greater than 20 meshes.
A person must not use a demersal gillnet or demersal longline in the Fishery unless that demersal gillnet or demersal longline is attached to a surface float that –

(a) has a diameter of not less than 200 millimetres where the float is spherical and, in any other case, a length of not less than 200 millimetres and a width of not less than 100 millimetres; and

(b) is branded or stamped in legible characters with the licensed fishing boat number of the authorised boat that is being used to fish in the Fishery.

The master of an authorised boat must not permit any gear being –

(a) used in the Fishery from; or

(b) carried on,

the authorised boat at any one time, to be in excess of the gear specified in a nomination made in respect of that boat in accordance with subclause 19(3)(e).

Subclause (5)(b) does not apply where a regional manager, compliance manager or fisheries officer of the Department has, in writing, authorised the master of an authorised boat to carry excess gear on board for the purpose of gear replacement.

The master of an authorised boat must not use or permit to be used from the boat, more than 8,235 metres of demersal gillnet or 2,745 hooks.

A person who sets gear in the Fishery must remove that gear from the water at least once each day.

A person must not use a demersal longline unless that demersal longline conforms to the specifications set out in Schedule 5.

The master of an authorised boat must not fish or permit a person to fish from that boat by means of any powered hauling device unless that powered hauling device has locking equipment that can be used to prevent the use of that device.

The CEO, a regional manager or compliance manager may, by notice in writing, direct the master of the an authorised boat to lock a powered hauling device and the master must comply with any such direction.

The master of an authorised boat that is not being used in the Fishery must ensure that all gear on that authorised boat is securely stowed.

23. **Records and returns**

The master of an authorised boat must make an accurate record of all fishing activity carried out under the relevant licence, in a return, specifying –

(a) the persons fishing;

(b) the relevant authorisation under which fishing was carried out;

(c) the type and total quantity of gear used;

(d) the duration of fishing;

(e) the location where fishing was carried out; and

(f) the species, number and weight of fish taken.
(2) The master of an authorised boat must provide a copy of the return made under subclause (1) to the CEO –
   (a) at the address specified on the return; and
   (b) no later than the 15th day of the calendar month following the calendar month to which the information in the copy of the return relates.

(3) The master of an authorised boat must not fish in the Fishery or permit a person to fish from that boat unless this clause is complied with.

PART 9 – PROHIBITIONS AND OFFENCES

24. Persons prohibited from fishing in the Fishery

(1) A person must not fish in the Fishery other than –
   (a) in accordance with this plan; and
   (b) under the authority of a licence.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to a person fishing for a non-commercial purpose in accordance with the Act.

25. Prohibition on fishing under the authority of more than one licence

A person must not fish in the Fishery under the authority of more than one licence at any one time.

26. Areas permanently closed to fishing by demersal gillnet

A person must not fish by means of demersal gillnet in the waters described in Schedule 6.

27. Prohibition on selling or dealing with, or attempting to sell or deal with, fish

(1) In this clause –

   *deal with* includes handling, storing, transporting, weighing and recording;

   *otherwise dealt with* includes handled, stored, transported, weighed and recorded.

(2) A person must not sell, purchase, or deal with, or attempt to sell, purchase or deal with, or be in possession of, any fish taken from the Fishery, landed or otherwise dealt with in contravention of this plan.

(3) A person must not sell, purchase, or deal with, or attempt to sell, purchase, or deal with, or be in possession of, any fish unless that fish was taken and landed by a person fishing under the authority of a licence.
28. **Notice of closure of area of Fishery**

(1) The CEO may, by Notice published in the Gazette prohibit fishing by any means in any part of the Fishery for the period specified in the Notice if –
   (a) the sustainability of fish stocks is at high risk; or
   (b) the livelihood of threatened, endangered or protected species are at high risk due to fishing activities in the Fishery.

(2) A Notice made in accordance with subclause (1) -
   (a) may only be made after consultation with all licence holders; and
   (b) must take into account any advice received from the Department’s Director Fisheries Science and Resources Assessment;
   (c) may apply at all times or for a specified period; and
   (d) revokes any previous Notice made under subclause (1).

(3) A person must not fish in any part of the Fishery at a time when fishing in that part of the Fishery has been prohibited by a Notice made under subclause (1).

29. **Offences**

A person who contravenes a provision of clause 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28 commits an offence.

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**Schedule 1**

Description of the Fishery

(1) The waters within the Australian Fishing Zone situated on the west and south coasts of the State between 33° south latitude and 129° east longitude.

(2) The waters within the Fishery are divided into zones as follows –
   (a) Zone 1, being the whole of the waters between 33° south latitude and 116°30ʹ east longitude;
   (b) Zone 2, being the whole of the waters between 116°30ʹ east longitude and 129° east longitude;
   (c) Zone 3, being the whole of the waters between 33° south latitude and 116°55ʹ40ʹ east longitude.
Schedule 2
Fees

[clause 10]

The fee payable in respect of the grant or renewal of a licence may be paid in instalments consisting of –
(a) the first instalment being 25% of the total fee and due for payment on or before 1 June;
(b) the second instalment being 25% of the total fee and due for payment on or before 1 September following the day on which the first instalment is paid;
(c) the third instalment being 50% of the total fee and due for payment on or before 1 December following the day on which the first instalment is paid.

Schedule 3
Units fished

[clause 13]

The number of units fished under the authority of a licence is to be determined by the relevant formula:

Zones 1 and 3 – demersal gillnet

\[ U = \left[ \frac{G}{27} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T}{264} \right] \]

where

U is the number of units fished;
G is the number of metres of demersal gillnet used to fish; and
T is the number of hours fished.

Zones 1 and 3 – hooks on demersal longline

\[ U = \left[ \frac{H}{9} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T}{264} \right] \]

where

U is the number of units fished;
H is the number of hooks used on a demersal longline; and
T is the number of hours fished.

Zone 2 – demersal gillnet

\[ U = \left[ \frac{G}{27} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T}{380} \right] \]

where
U is the number of units fished;  
G is the number of metres of demersal gillnet used to fish; and  
T is the number of hours fished.

**Zone 2 – hooks on demersal longline**

\[ U = \left[ \frac{H}{9} \right] \times \left[ \frac{T}{380} \right] \]

where

U is the number of units fished;  
H is the number of hooks used on a demersal longline; and  
T is the number of hours fished.

**Schedule 4**

**Port Areas**

[clause 19]

Fremantle

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 32° 03.73′ south latitude and 115° 44.56′ east longitude.

Safety Bay

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 32° 18.33′ south latitude and 115° 42.42′ east longitude.

Mandurah

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 32° 31.27′ south latitude and 115° 42.13′ east longitude.

Bunbury

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 33° 18.25′ south latitude and 115° 38.83′ east longitude.

Busselton

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 33° 37.47′ south latitude and 115° 23.49′ east longitude.

Quindalup

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 33° 37.70′ south latitude and 115° 08.24′ east longitude.
Canal Rocks
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 33° 40.13′ south latitude and 114° 59.82′ east longitude.

Cowaramup
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 33° 51.76′ south latitude and 114° 59.28′ east longitude.

Hamelin Bay
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 34° 13.10′ south latitude and 115° 01.70′ east longitude.

Augusta
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 34° 20.62′ south latitude and 115° 10.14′ east longitude.

Windy Harbour
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 34° 50.20′ south latitude and 116° 01.79′ east longitude.

Peaceful Bay
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of 35° 02.44′ south latitude and 116° 55.83′ east longitude.

Hartman’s Beach (Cosy Corner)
All waters of the Fishery within a radius of one (1) nautical mile of the intersection of 35° 04.28′ south latitude and 117° 38.76′ east longitude.

Albany
All waters of the Fishery bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 35° 01.49′ south latitude and 117° 50.56′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 35° 04.95′ south latitude and 117° 51.14′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 35° 05.96′ south latitude and 117° 57.84′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 35° 05.64′ south latitude and 118° 00.34′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 35° 03.85′ south latitude and 118° 03.43′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 35° 01.18′ south latitude and 118° 02.26′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the
intersection of $34° 55.74'$ south latitude and $117° 58.80'$ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of $34° 55.56'$ south latitude and $117° 56.04'$ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of $34° 59.66'$ south latitude and $117° 56.29'$ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

Two Peoples Bay

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of one (1) nautical mile of the intersection of $34° 58.32'$ south latitude and $118° 10.84'$ east longitude.

Cheyne Beach

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of one (1) nautical mile of the intersection of $34° 52.80'$ south latitude and $118° 24.46'$ east longitude.

Cape Riche

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of one (1) nautical mile of the intersection of $34° 35.84'$ south latitude and $118° 45.07'$ east longitude.

Bremer Bay

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of $34° 25.47'$ south latitude and $119° 23.89'$ east longitude.

Doubtful Islands

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of one (1) nautical mile of the intersection of $34° 21.92'$ south latitude and $119° 31.47'$ east longitude.

Hopetoun

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of $33° 57.25'$ south latitude and $120° 07.60'$ east longitude.

Esperance

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of $33° 49.77'$ south latitude and $121° 56.11'$ east longitude.

Eucla

All waters of the Fishery within a radius of two (2) nautical miles of the intersection of $31° 43.26'$ south latitude and $128° 54.07'$ east longitude.
Schedule 5
Demersal longline specifications

[Clause 22]

(1) A trace or snood used in a demersal longline must not be made of any material other than –
   (a) unsheathed monofilament nylon; or
   (b) fluorocarbon.

(2) A demersal longline must not have any part that is made of or includes metal, unless that part or inclusion is a flag, swivel, sinker, float or connector.

(3) A demersal longline must not have –
   (a) any branch lines;
   (b) any hook –
      (i) made of material that exceeds 3 millimetres width at any point except for the barb;
      (ii) that when measured externally exceeds 8 centimetres in length or width;
   (c) more than 2 ferrules, swages, barrel locks or sleeves per snood;
   (d) any ferrule, swage, barrel lock or sleeve that exceeds 25 millimetres in length;
   (e) any trace or snood that exceeds 1.8 millimetres in width at any point;
   (f) any trace or snood that exceeds 150 centimetres in length when measured from the mainline to the eye of the hook and includes the full length of the swivel, snap fastener or any other device that attaches the trace or snood to the mainline;
   (g) more than one hook on each trace or snood;
   (h) more than one line on each trace or snood;
   (i) any swivel, snap fastener or other device that attaches the trace or snood to the main line that is longer than 150 millimetres.

Schedule 6
Closed waters (demersal gillnet)

[clause 26]

Area D

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 42.774′ south latitude and 118° 30.639′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 46.72′ south latitude and 118° 32.356′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 49.458′ south latitude and 118° 37.169′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 49.329′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 45.733′ south latitude and 118° 47.798′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 40.665′ south latitude and 118° 48.699′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 36.72′ south latitude and 118° 45.978′ east longitude (on the
mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.

Area E

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 22.23′ south latitude and 119° 24.167′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 27.521′ south latitude and 119° 25.648′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 31.405′ south latitude and 119° 30.284′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 32.74′ south latitude and 119° 36.812′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 31.041′ south latitude and 119° 43.22′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 20.362′ south latitude and 119° 48.583′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 14.901′ south latitude and 119° 44.822′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 13.032′ south latitude and 119° 31.643′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.

Area F

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 07.134′ south latitude and 119° 36.997′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 11.209′ south latitude and 119° 42.575′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 11.645′ south latitude and 119° 50.051′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 08.27′ south latitude and 119° 56.28′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 02.988′ south latitude and 119° 58.76′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 57.759′ south latitude and 119° 57.297′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.

Area G

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 01.35′ south latitude and 120° 26.491′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 01.066′ south latitude and 120° 31.06′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 03.591′ south latitude and 120° 33.878′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 07.162′ south latitude and 120° 29.945′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 09.001′ south latitude and 120° 25.64′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 07.974′ south latitude and 120° 26.491′ east longitude; thence extending generally south-westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.
intersection of 34° 04.491′ south latitude and 120° 24.094′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

Area H

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 00.281′ south latitude and 120° 49.549′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 00.254′ south latitude and 120° 54.448′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 02.271′ south latitude and 120° 57.274′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 06.305′ south latitude and 120° 57.892′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 09.296′ south latitude and 120° 55.422′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 09.982′ south latitude and 120° 50.414′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 07.512′ south latitude and 120° 46.147′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

Area I

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 33° 50.558′ south latitude and 121° 11.334′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 55.394′ south latitude and 121° 11.897′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 59.151′ south latitude and 121° 15.669′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 00.45′ south latitude and 121° 21.758′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 58.493′ south latitude and 121° 27.408′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 49.791′ south latitude and 121° 30.303′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.

Area J

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 06.505′ south latitude and 122° 08.43′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 09.26′ south latitude and 122° 12.698′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 13.572′ south latitude and 122° 13.269′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 16.912′ south latitude and 122° 10.128′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 17.683′ south latitude and 122° 05.845′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 21.909′ south latitude and 122° 11.185′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 28.191′ south latitude and 122° 12.912′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34°
34.273° south latitude and 122° 10.128' east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 37.985' south latitude and 122° 03.904' east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 38.299' south latitude and 121° 56.18' east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 29.376' south latitude and 121° 46.957' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 18.04' south latitude and 121° 52.026' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 16.213' south latitude and 121° 59.349' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 13.043' south latitude and 121° 59.949' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

Area K

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 33° 57.705' south latitude and 122° 15.678' east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 03.313' south latitude and 122° 18.282' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 06.032' south latitude and 122° 22.051' east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 11.137' south latitude and 122° 19.401' east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 16.562' south latitude and 122° 21.126' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 19.954' south latitude and 122° 26.562' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 19.874' south latitude and 122° 33.233' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 16.322' south latitude and 122° 38.566' east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 11.171' south latitude and 122° 40.097' east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 14.872' south latitude and 122° 45.887' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 15.112' south latitude and 122° 53.186' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 11.891' south latitude and 122° 59.376' east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 08.659' south latitude and 123° 08.675' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 10.725' south latitude and 123° 14.85' east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 09.225' south latitude and 123° 20.131' east longitude; thence extending north-
easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 05.638′ south latitude and 123° 25.404′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 02.481′ south latitude and 123° 26.888′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 57.216′ south latitude and 123° 25.755′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 53.971′ south latitude and 123° 21.088′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally westerly along the high water mark to the intersection of 33° 56.965′ south latitude and 123° 09.729′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 00.32′ south latitude and 123° 06.036′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 02.493′ south latitude and 123° 06.036′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 57.974′ south latitude and 123° 04.882′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 51.101′ south latitude and 123° 02.116′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally westerly along the high water mark to the intersection of 33° 53.285′ south latitude and 122° 41.528′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 58.022′ south latitude and 122° 41.861′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 59.004′ south latitude and 122° 40.401′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 53.155′ south latitude and 122° 39.692′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point; but excluding all waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 08.227′ south latitude and 123° 25.413′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 04.116′ south latitude and 123° 30.995′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 03.245′ south latitude and 123° 38.246′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 05.829′ south latitude and 123° 45.001′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 01.574′ south latitude and 123° 47.242′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 59.433′ south latitude and 123° 52.639′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 00.946′ south latitude and 123° 58.464′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 05.272′ south latitude and 124° 01.476′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the

Area L

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 34° 08.227′ south latitude and 123° 25.413′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 04.116′ south latitude and 123° 30.995′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 03.245′ south latitude and 123° 38.248′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 05.829′ south latitude and 123° 45.001′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 01.574′ south latitude and 123° 47.242′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 59.433′ south latitude and 123° 52.639′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 00.946′ south latitude and 123° 58.464′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 05.272′ south latitude and 124° 01.476′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the
geodesic to the intersection of 34° 10.24′ south latitude and 124° 00.077′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 13.024′ south latitude and 123° 55.066′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 12.253′ south latitude and 123° 49.198′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 17.664′ south latitude and 123° 48.513′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 24.56′ south latitude and 123° 36.677′ east longitude; thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 25.761′ south latitude and 123° 33.34′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 24.619′ south latitude and 123° 29.616′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 34° 22.09′ south latitude and 123° 25.105′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the commencement point.

Area M

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 33° 34.907′ south latitude and 123° 54.576′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending south-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 38.308′ south latitude and 123° 52.631′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 41.212′ south latitude and 123° 53.843′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 42.542′ south latitude and 123° 55.779′ east longitude; thence extending southerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 47.951′ south latitude and 123° 56.747′ east longitude; thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 51.931′ south latitude and 124° 01.776′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 52.411′ south latitude and 124° 08.506′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 48.991′ south latitude and 124° 14.847′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 43.057′ south latitude and 124° 16.34′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 37.847′ south latitude and 124° 13.337′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 35.363′ south latitude and 124° 07.294′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 36.237′ south latitude and 124° 02.364′ east longitude; thence extending north-westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 34.283′ south latitude and 124° 00.428′ east longitude; thence extending westerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 33° 33.858′ south latitude and 123° 57.859′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally south-westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.
Area N

All Western Australian waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 32° 20.729′ south latitude and 125° 49.897′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence extending south-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 24.905′ south latitude and 125° 53.662′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 26.85′ south latitude and 126° 00.265′ east longitude; thence extending easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 25.44′ south latitude and 126° 06.797′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 22.513′ south latitude and 126° 10.419′ east longitude; thence extending north-easterly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 18.23′ south latitude and 126° 12.436′ east longitude; thence extending northerly along the geodesic to the intersection of 32° 13.644′ south latitude and 126° 11.919′ east longitude (on the mainland); thence generally westerly along the high water mark to the commencement point.
4.0 APPENDICIES

Appendix 1 - Government Gazette Notice

FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994
INTENTION TO DETERMINE A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DEMERSAL GILLNET AND DEMERSAL LONGLINE MANAGED FISHERY

FD 2341/17 [1328]

I, Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Fisheries, hereby give notice in accordance with section 64(2) of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 that I intend to determine a management plan for the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery.

A copy of the draft management plan may be obtained from the website of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (https://dpird.wa.gov.au).

Interested persons who wish to comment on the draft management plan are invited to make representations in writing to the Minister for Fisheries by 4 pm, 30 September 2018.

Representations may be forwarded to—

Minister for Fisheries
Draft Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery Management Plan 2018
deputy Director General
Sustainability and Biosecurity
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
140 William Street
Perth WA 6000

Alternatively, written submissions may be forwarded electronically to: Nick.Blay@dpird.wa.gov.au

Dated 31st of August 2018.

D. KELLY, Minister for Fisheries.
Appendix 2 – Map of the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery