

Fish Resources Management Act 1994

PROHIBITION ON FISHING FOR ROCK LOBSTER ORDER 2018

Order No. 2 of 2018

FD 2727/17 [1375]

Made by the Minister under section 43.

1. Citation

This order is the *Prohibition on Fishing for Rock Lobster Order 2018*.

2. Order revoked

The *Prohibition on Fishing for Rock Lobster Order 2013* is revoked.

3. Interpretation

In this order -

bridle means the rope which attaches a pot line to a pot;

float rig means the rope on the surface of the water that is connected to the first surface float and the last surface float, including any rope beyond the last surface float;

pot line means the length of rope between the first surface float and the bridle;

pull means, in relation to a pot, to bring a pot from the seabed to the surface;

rock lobster means the fish of that common name described by the scientific classification opposite that name in Division 3 of Schedule 7 to the regulations;

set means, in relation to a pot, to set, position or release a pot in the water, with or without bait.

3. Application of order

This order does not apply to a person fishing for rock lobster in accordance with a managed fishery licence granted with respect to -

- (a) the *South Coast Crustacean Managed Fishery Management Plan 2015*; or
- (b) the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan 2012*.

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4. Prohibition on fishing for rock lobster

- (1) A person must not set or pull a pot in the waters described in the Schedule unless -
 - (a) that pot has no more than 2 surface floats attached to the float rig; and
 - (b) where the combined pot line and float rig length is greater than 20 metres, the top half of the length of the pot line is held vertically in the water column at any time that pots are in use during the period 1 April to 31 October in the same year.

- (2) A person must not pull a pot or fish for rock lobster by diving -
 - (a) at any time before 4.30 a.m. or after 7.30 p.m. on any day during the period 15 October of any year to 31 March of the following year; or
 - (b) at any time before 6.00 a.m. or after 6.00 p.m. on any day during the period 1 April in any year to 14 October of the same year,in the waters described in the Schedule.

Schedule

All Western Australian waters off the western and southern coast, south of 21° 44' south latitude and west of 129° 00' east longitude.

Dated this 17 day of June 2018

Minister for Fisheries

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