



TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

The Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) wishes to advise that as a result of a decision made by the PZJA at its 21st meeting on 28-29 August 2007, fisheries management notice (FMN) No. 70 has been revoked and replaced by FMN 82. This will allow for an additional bycatch reduction device, the 'popeye fish excluder', to be used in the fishery. FMN No. 82 IS NOW IN EFFECT.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT NOTICE NO. 82 – Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF BYCATCH REDUCTION DEVICES

The content of Fisheries Management Notice No. 82 includes all existing arrangements (specified in Fisheries Management Notice No. 70). In addition, the 'Popeye Fish Excluder' bycatch reduction device has been added to the list of approved BRDs under schedule 1 of the notice.

Addition of the 'Popeye Fish Excluder' will provide greater options of BRDs for operators and provide consistency among the Northern Prawn Fishery (NPF), QLD East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery and the TSPF, which have a significant overlap of operators.

Copies of FMN No. 82 are available on the PZJA website at www.pzja.gov.au or by contacting Lisa Cocking (Senior Fisheries Management Officer, Torres Strait Fisheries) on 02 6225 5451.