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Making of Fisheries Management Instruments 1–5 for the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

The Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) wishes to advise that Fisheries Management Notice (FMN) Nos 19, 29, 40, 49, 61, 68 and 72A have been revoked and replaced with Fisheries Management Instruments (FMI) Nos. 1-5. **Fisheries Management Instruments No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are now in effect.**

The arrangements contained in Fisheries Management Instrument (FMI) Numbers 19 and 61 have been included in the *Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009* (the Plan) which is now in place for the fishery and a number of the earlier Fisheries Management Notices (FMN) have been redrafted. As a result, the aforementioned FMNs have been revoked and repackaged under FMI Nos. 1–5, detailed below.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT NO. 1 – TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

PROHIBITIONS ON TAKING PRAWNS (TIME ALLOCATION, TRANSIT ZONE, AND DESIGNATED ANCHORAGES)

FMI No. 1 revokes FMN 72A and includes all existing arrangements specified in that Notice, including a description of the area of the transit and anchorage zones, prohibitions on the taking, carrying and processing of prawns during specified periods and exemptions from those prohibitions. The period of the seasonal area closure contained in FMN 49 and 68 has also been included under the new FMI 1.

FMI No. 1 also includes new exemptions from reporting via an Integrated Computer Vessel Monitoring System during specified periods.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT NO. 2 – TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

PROHIBITION ON TAKING PRAWNS AND CARRYING EQUIPMENT (EXCLUSION ZONES)

FMI No. 2 revokes FMN 40, 49 and 68 and includes some of the existing management arrangements from those notices, in particular a prohibition on the taking and carrying of prawns in the exclusion zones west of Warrior Reef and around Darnley Island. FMI 2 also includes prohibitions within the new exclusion zones provided for under the Plan (agreed to by the PZJA at its 22nd meeting) around Deliverance Island and Kerr Islet and Turu Cay.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT NO. 3 – TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

PROHIBITION ON TAKING PRAWNS AND CARRYING EQUIPMENT (SEASONAL AREA CLOSURES)

FMI No. 3 prohibits the taking of prawns in the area East of Warrior Reef during the seasonal closure period.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT NO. 4 – TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

PROHIBITION ON TAKING OF PRAWNS BY PNG BOATS

FMI No. 4 revokes FMN No. 29 dated April 1989 and is a modified version of that Notice.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT NO. 5 – TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY

REVOCATION OF FMN 19 AND 61

FMI No. 5 revokes FMN 19 and 61 as the information contained in those earlier notices; prohibiting the taking, processing or carrying of tropical rock lobster by licensed Torres Strait Prawn Fishery operators and imposing a bycatch limit for shark; have been included in the *Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009*.

FMI No. 1–5 can be obtained from the COMLAW website at (<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Browse/Results/ByTitle/LegislativeInstruments/Current/To/0>).

For further information about the new FMIs, please contact Lisa Cocking, Senior Management Officer, Torres Strait Fisheries, AFMA, on 02 6225 5451 or at lisa.cocking@afma.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely,

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