

Office use only
LATMS Number_17-18 <u>NA</u>
EXEMPTION NUMBER <u>3049</u>

Fish Resources Management Act 1994

Section 7(2)(a)

INSTRUMENT OF EXEMPTION

I, Nathan Harrison, Director, Aquatic Resource Management, as delegate for the Minister for Fisheries, HEREBY EXEMPT the class of persons in **Schedule 1** from all those provisions of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and clause 65(a) of the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Plan 2012* and subsidiary legislation thereunder which would otherwise prevent those persons from lawfully pursuing the activity described in **Schedule 2**, for the period and purpose set out in **Schedule 3**, subject to the conditions listed in **Schedule 4**.

**Schedule 1
Persons**

Persons fishing under the authority of a West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Licence and authorized to operate in Zone B of the West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery.

**Schedule 2
Activity**

To operate in the 'Big Bank' area as described under Schedule 4 (Big Bank) of the West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan, **excluding** the waters within the area bounded by the coordinates shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Big Bank Closed Area

Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude
A	27° 14.000'S	113° 06.046'E
B	27° 14.000'S	113° 17.313'E
C	27° 30.000'S	113° 21.986'E
D	27° 30.000'S	113° 10.681'E

**Schedule 3
Period and Purpose**

1. From the date of signing until 14th January 2023.
2. For the purposes of permitting rock lobster fishing in the Big Bank area of the West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery

**Schedule 4
Conditions**

1. The Master is required to notify Mark Rossbach, of the Science and Resource Assessment Division, 24 hours **prior to** entering the Big Bank area by phone (0471 962 134) or email Mark.Rossbach@dpird.wa.gov.au
2. The Master is **required to fish one meshed pot and record all catch from that pot and the adjacent unmodified pot on the datasheet enclosed** with this Exemption at **Appendix 1**. Additional datasheets can be provided by Mark Rossbach, of the Science and Resource Assessment Division.
3. The Master **must record other research information on the relevant datasheet enclosed** with this Exemption at **Appendix 2**. Additional datasheets can be provided by Mark Rossbach, of the Science and Resource Assessment Division.
4. The Master **must permit** Science and Resource Assessment Division staff to remain on board the fishing boat while undertaking fishing at Big Bank.
5. The Master **must permit** the use of automated cameras (known as POTBots) to be fitted to fishing gear.
6. The Master is **not permitted** to fish in the area identified in Schedule 2 (Table 1) above which is to remain closed to fishing for the purpose of monitoring the breeding stock in the Big Bank area.
7. The Master is required to carry a copy of this Instrument at all times when fishing under the authority of this Exemption.



Nathan Harrison
DIRECTOR
AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Dated this 25 day of *January* 2018

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Meshed pot datasheet

Rock Lobster Length Frequency

Vessel name: _____ Reg. No: _____ Date: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ Depth: _____ No. Days Soak: _____

Was there evidence of Octopus? YES / NO Pot Type OPEN / CLOSED

CL	Males		Females					CL	Males		Females				
	Red	White	Red	White	Spawn	Tar spot	Setose		Red	White	Red	White	Spawn	Tar spot	Setose
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