**SESSF - Trap Fishing Permit Linked 2021**

**Conditions applying to this Fishing Permit**

In addition to the conditions specified by subsection 32(5) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (the Act), and the condition in section 40C to comply with any electronic monitoring direction, and the condition in subsection 42(2) to comply with any log book determination, and the condition to comply with any Direction under s41A in accordance with subsection 32(7A),the following conditions are specified for the purposes of subsection 32(6) subparagraph (a)(i):

*Note: Under subsection 32(8) these conditions may be varied, revoked or a further condition specified by written notice from AFMA.*

Specifically, section 32(5)(a) of the Act provides that a Fishing Permit is granted subject to conditions that the holder must comply with any obligations imposed by the *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003* (the Plan)in particular:

Section 45: Purpose of Part 7

Section 46: General obligations

Section 48: Obligations relating to carrying of fish

Section 49: Obligation relating to unloading of fish of a quota species taken under State or Territory permit

Section 50: Obligation relating to unloading of fish of a quota species before fishing under State or Territory permit

Section 51: Obligations relating to areas in which holder can fish

Section 52: Obligation relating to inspection of nominated boat

Section 53: Obligations relating to disposal of fish landed from the fishery.

By section 42B(1) of the Act, Regulations may prescribe conditions that apply to fishing concessions. Regulations have been prescribed in the *Fisheries Management Regulations 2019* (the Regulations)providing conditions that apply to this fishing concession in particular:

Regulation 33: Nominated boat must be used on trip.

Regulation 37: Concession holder to ensure that vessel monitoring system is fitted and operating.

Regulation 39: Requirement to carry observer.

Regulation 40: Concession holder to ensure provision for observer and equipment.

Regulation 41: Concession holder to ensure observer is able to perform functions.

Regulation 43: Fish to be disposed of to fish receiver permit holder\*

Regulation 44-65: Catch limits.\*

Regulation 66-68: Fish processing during a trip.

Regulation 70: No interaction with protected organism.

Regulation 71: Reporting interaction with protected organism.

Regulation 72: Requirements if protected organism is injured by interaction.

Regulation 73: Requirements if protected organism killed by interaction.

*\* not applicable to some concessions*

**Definitions**

Where mentioned in these conditions:

**‘Landed’** means the act of having brought fish to land or shore.

**Species limitations**

**Pink ling**

1.

(a) The holder of this concession must not take more than 200 kilograms of pink ling (*Genypterus blacodes)* east of longitude 147° East per trip.

(b) The condition in section 1(a) does not apply to the holder if AFMA has been notified by the South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association (SETFIA) that the concession holder has entered into an agreement with SETFIA to take a specified amount of pink ling east of Longitude 147° East during a fishing year.

***Note 1:*** *Nothing in this condition permits a holder of a concession to take pink ling in excess of what they are entitled to under their pink ling quota SFR holdings.*

2. If the holder conducts fishing east and west of the Longitude 147° East on the same trip all catches of pink ling will be deemed to have been taken from east of Longitude 147° East unless:

(a) an AFMA observer is carried on the boat nominated to this concession; or

(b) electronic monitoring equipment is installed and operating on the boat nominated to this concession.

3. If the holder requires an observer for the purpose of 2(a), before the boat nominated to this concession leaves port the holder must give the AFMA Observer Section at least 72 hours notice of an intention to depart on a fishing trip, by telephone (02 6225 5428 or 0427 496 446) or by email: observers@afma.gov.au.

4. Any take of the following Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery quota species is to be taken in accordance with the *Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2010*:

(a) albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*)

(b) bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*)

(c) broadbill swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)

(d) striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*)

(e) yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*).

5. The holder must not take flathead less than 280 millimetres in length when measured from the point of the snout to the tip of the tail.

6. The holder must not take any species of rock lobster (family *Palinuridae*) or abalone (family *Haliotidae*) unless taken under the authority of a State concession.

**Shark obligations**

7. The holder must not retain Harrisson’s dogfish (*Centrophorus harrissoni*), endeavour dogfish (*C. moluccensis*), southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) and greeneye spurdog (*Squalus chloroculus*). If any of these species are taken alive, they must be returned to the water carefully and quickly.

8. Retained and/or landed school shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*) and gummy shark (*Mustelus antarcticus*) must exceed 450 millimetres when measured in a straight line from the middle of the posterior edge of the aftermost gill-slit to the ventral insertion of the caudal fin.

9. The holder must not carry or possess any shark (Class Chondrichthyes) dorsal, pectoral, caudal, pelvic or anal fins on board the boat nominated to this concession that are not attached to the shark’s carcass.

10. If any school shark (*G. galeus*) are taken alive, they must be returned to the water alive.

**Handling and treatment of bycatch**

11. The concession holder (or a person acting on the holder’s behalf) must not mistreat bycatch.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Mistreat** means taking, or failing to take, any reasonable action or actions, which results, or is likely to result, in the;

i. death of, or

ii. injury to, or

iii. causing of physiological stress to *any bycatch.*

For the purpose of these conditions, **Bycatch** means any species that physically interact with fishing boats and/or fishing gear (including auxiliary equipment) and which are not usually kept by commercial fishers. **Bycatch** species may include fish, crustaceans, sharks, molluscs, marine mammals, reptiles and birds. **Bycatch** includes listed protected species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

**Notes:** For the purposes of this condition ‘mistreat’ does not include the taking, or failing to take, action where it is reasonably necessary to take, or not take, the action:

(a) to ensure the safety of the boat and or its crew, or

(b) to comply with the requirements of any AFMA approved bycatch management plan(s) (these may include Seabird Management Plans, Vessel Management Plans etc.).

**Concurrent conditions**

12. This concession must only be used in conjunction with another concession held by the same holder namely a Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF) Boat Statutory Fishing Right and Quota Statutory Fishing Right that allows the take of quota species (“that other concession”) such that:

(a) The conditions of that other concession apply (to the extent those conditions are not inconsistent and are capable of doing so) as conditions of this concession.

(b) A breach, suspension or cancellation of that other concession is a breach, suspension or cancellation of this concession.

(c) The conditions of this concession apply (to the extent these conditions are not inconsistent and are capable of doing so) as conditions of that other concession while it is being used in conjunction with this concession.

(d) A breach, suspension or cancellation of this concession is a breach, suspension or cancellation of that other concession.

**Quota balancing obligations**

13.

(a) The holder must not be over quota for any quota species.

(b) The holder is not considered to be over quota for a species if, within 28 days of landing an amount (by weight) in excess of their uncaught quota recorded in the Register, the holder acquires a further amount of quota for that species which is equal to or greater than the excess.

(c) If the holder is over quota for any quota species AFMA may suspend this concession in accordance with this condition, pursuant to section 38(1)(c) of the Act. In deciding whether to suspend or lift the suspension of this concession AFMA must take account of any written explanation from the holder detailing any exceptional circumstances as to why the holder was over quota.

(d) Any dealing in a quota Statutory Fishing Right by the holder of a boat Statutory Fishing Right or Fishing Permit for the purpose of complying with this condition must be lodged with AFMA duly executed and in the form approved by AFMA, on or before the 28th day from which the excess quota species was landed. For the purpose of determining if the holder is over quota under this condition, any acquisition of quota for a species may only be deemed to have been acquired up to 28 days prior to the date of registration of that acquisition of that quota species.

(e) If this concession is suspended, unless the holder has acquired and AFMA has then recorded in the Register (but may not deem) an amount of uncaught quota for which the holder is over quota, this concession may, under this condition, again be suspended upon expiration of the earlier suspension.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Acquire** means receiving statutory fishing rights by registering a dealing by which an amount of statutory fishing rights are permanently or seasonally transferred to the holder; and **acquisition** has a comparable meaning.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Quota species** has the same meaning as quota species in the applicable management plan for which this concession has been granted and established under the Act.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Over quota** means when the holder lands an amount of quota species in excess of the available uncaught amount recorded for that species in the holder’s name on the Register.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Register** means the Register of Statutory Fishing Rights kept by AFMA pursuant to section 44 of the Act.

**Observer/monitoring obligations**

14. When directed by AFMA the holder must give the AFMA Observer Section at least 72 hours notice of an intention to depart on a fishing trip by telephone (02 6225 5428 or 0427 496 446) or by email: observers@afma.gov.au.

**Agent obligations**

15. The holder accepts concurrent liability for all conduct by its servants or agents infringing the Act (or the Regulations, Management Plans or concession conditions made by virtue of that Act) who may be engaged by the holder to conduct on the holder’s behalf activity under this concession.

16. Liability for the conduct of the holder’s servants or agents arises, even if the conduct may be, or actually is, beyond the scope of the servant or agent’s actual or apparent authority where it is a breach that occurs during the conduct of activity authorised by this concession.

17. The holder may avoid concurrent liability for conduct whilst conducting activity under this concession if, but only if, the holder can establish that the infringing conduct could not possibly have been prevented by any action or precaution that the holder might have reasonably taken.

18. The giving of an indemnity by the servant or agent to the holder for any penalties incurred by the holder, for infringing conduct by the servant or agent is not, of itself, a reasonable precaution to prevent infringing conduct.

19. The holder must ensure the master of the boat fishing under the authority of this concession is nominated as an authorised agent for the holder **before** any fishing operation may take place.

(a) The holder must ensure the authorised agent signing the determined \*Daily Fishing logbook page was the master of the boat (skipper) at the time the recorded fishing operation took place.

(b) The holder may sign the determined \*Daily Fishing logbook page if they were the master of the boat (skipper) when the recorded fishing operation took place.

(c) If more than one master of the boat is on board the boat during the fishing trip, each master must complete and sign a separate determined \*Daily Fishing logbook page for each of the fishing operations for which they had control over.

*\*These instructions are for all determined Daily Fishing Logs including e-Logs.*

**Direction obligations**

20. The holder must comply with any Direction that fishing is not to be engaged in in the fishery, or a particular part of the fishery or during a particular period or periods made under subsection 41A of the Act.

**Temporary orders obligations**

21. The holder must comply with any Temporary Order made under subsection 43(2) of the Actand to the extent that any provision herein is inconsistent with such Temporary Order subsection 43(9) provides that the provision herein is overridden by the Temporary Order until the Temporary Order ceases to have effect.

**Navigating in closed zones**

22. AFMA may suspend this concession in accordance with this condition, pursuant to section 38(1)(c) of the Act, if it reasonably appears by VMS transmission from the nominated boat, that there is a failure by that boat while in a closed zone for the purposes of regulation 85 of the Regulations, to meet the exempting provisions of regulations 86(2), or 86(3).Such suspension will then continue until the concession holder provides a full written explanation, to the satisfaction of the delegate responsible for issuing that suspension, of the lawful reason for the boat being in that closed zone at that time, or until the expiration of the suspension under section 38(2) and 38(3) of the Act; whichever is the earlier.

**Area limitation**

23. The holder must not fish under this concession outside the area of waters described in this document.

**Gear limitations**

24. This concession authorises the use of the following gear only:

(a) A total of 100 fish traps, which:

i. are each no greater than 0.9 metres high by 1.2 metres wide by 1.8 metres long;

ii. have an escape hole located on the lower portion of one side measuring at least 60 millimetres high by 250 millimetres wide; and

iii. have only one rectangular shape entrance located on the front measuring no greater than 250 millimetres wide by 460 millimetres high.

**Other obligations**

25. The holder must provide AFMA with a current emergency contact facility at all times when a nominated boat is being used under this concession.

26. An emergency contact facility must enable AFMA to contact the boat immediately and directly at any time when the boat is at sea, including in the event of an emergency.

27. AFMA must be notified immediately of any change in contact details, by fax sent to (02) 6225 5440 or by email to licensing@afma.gov.au; and the boat must not depart on a fishing trip unless AFMA has been so notified of the change in contact details.

**Mandatory AFMA supplied VMS**

Direction to fit

28. When directed by AFMA in writing, the concession holder (or a person acting on the holder’s behalf) must:

(a) make available, within 14 days of the date of the written direction, the boat nominated to this concession for the purposes of installation of an AFMA Vessel Monitoring System unit (AFMA VMS unit) by an AFMA approved technician, and

(b) provide all reasonable assistance to the AFMA approved technician including (but not limited to):

i. the provision of an un-interrupted connection to the boat’s main power source, and

ii. an appropriate position for the mounting of the AFMA VMS unit.

29. When directed by AFMA in writing, the concession holder (or a person acting on the holder’s behalf) must:

(a) make available, within 14 days of the date of the direction, the boat nominated to this concession for the purposes of removal of the AFMA VMS unit by an AFMA approved technician, and

(b) provide all reasonable assistance to the AFMA approved technician.

Concession holder must not interfere with AFMA VMS Unit

30. The concession holder (or a person acting on the holder’s behalf) must not interfere, or attempt to interfere, with the operation of the AFMA VMS Unit.

For the purpose of these conditions, **AFMA VMS Unit** means a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) unit wholly owned by AFMA, marked with AFMA identifications and supplied by AFMA and fitted by an AFMA approved technician.

For the purpose of these conditions, **Interfere,** includes, but is not limited to;

(a) physical obstruction or removal of the AFMA VMS unit, or

(b) deliberately disconnecting or otherwise interfering with the power supply to the AFMA VMS unit, or

(c) deliberate physical interference with the casing or any external or internal components of the AFMA VMS unit.

**Notes**

***Must Make boat available*** *Where the boat is not made available in accordance condition 28 (a) or 29(a), AFMA may suspend this concession pursuant to section 38(1)(c) of the Act.*

***Must maintain VMS Unit*** *Regardless of AFMA’s decision to fit an AFMA VMS unit, the holder must continue to maintain a VMS unit in accordance with regulation 37 of the Regulations.*

***Remains the property of AFMA*** *At all times the AFMA VMS unit remains the sole property of AFMA. The holder is liable for any costs incurred as a result of loss or damage to the unit.*

# **Presumed weight of take for processed fish**

31. The holder must ensure that fish landed from the fishery is only disposed of (whether by sale or otherwise) if it has not been processed or the disposal is permitted by Division 12 of Part 7 of the Regulations. Processing does not include gilling, gutting or heading.

32. However, the holder may dispose of fish other than in accordance with condition 31 if, before the trip:

(a) the holder ensures that AFMA is given notice, of the holder’s intention to dispose of fish other than in accordance with condition 31; and

(b) AFMA gives the holder written notice:

i. stating that the holder may dispose of fish other than in accordance with condition 31; and

ii. either:

A. specifying any additional obligation to which the concession is subject for the purposes of disposing of fish other than in accordance with condition 31; or

B. stating that there are no additional obligations to which the concession is subject for those purposes.

33. If AFMA has provided the holder with written notice under condition 32(b), allowing processed fish to be delivered to a fish receiver, the following conversion figures for the species as described below will be applied to determine the whole weight of the landed fish:

 (a) alfonsino:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.95;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.30;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.40;

(b) bight redfish:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(c) blue eye trevalla:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.70;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.30;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered headed, the conversion figure is 1.10;

vi. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.40;

(d) blue grenadier:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.68;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered headed, the conversion figure is 1.10;

vi. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

vii. if the fish is delivered gutted with the tail and head removed, the conversion figure is 1.60;

(e) blue warehou:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(f) deepwater flathead:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(g) deepwater shark (eastern and western):

i. if the fish is delivered finned, the conversion factor is 1.130;

ii. if the fish is delivered trunked, the conversion figure is 1.00;

(h) elephantfish:

i. if the fish is delivered gutted, with head, fins and belly flaps removed, the conversion figure is 1.00;

ii. if the fish is delivered trunked with the fins removed, the conversion figure is 1.13;

(i) flathead:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(j) gemfish (eastern and western):

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.55;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.00;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered headed, the conversion figure is 1.15;

vi. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.25;

vii. if the fish is delivered gutted with the tail and head removed, the conversion figure is 1.60;

(k) gummy shark:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 1.32;

ii. if the fish is delivered trunked with the fins removed, the conversion figure is 1.08;

iii. if the fish is delivered trunked, the conversion figure is 1.00;

(l) jackass morwong:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.55;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered headed, the conversion figure is 1.15;

vi. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(m) John dory:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.60;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

 (n) mirror dory:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.80;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(o) ocean perch:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 2.35;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(p) orange roughy:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 2.00;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 4.00;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 2.00;

(q) oreodory:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 2.25;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 2.20;

(r) pink ling:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.80;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered headed, the conversion figure is 1.10;

vi. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(s) redfish:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(t) ribaldo:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

vi. if the fish is delivered with the tail removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(u) saw shark:

i. if the fish is delivered trunked with the fins removed, the conversion figure is 1.13;

ii. if the fish is delivered trunked, the conversion figure is 1.00;

(v) school shark:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 1.30;

ii. if the fish is delivered trunked with the fins removed, the conversion figure is 1.08;

iii. if the fish is delivered trunked, the conversion figure is 1.00;

(w) school whiting:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(x) silver trevally:

i. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iii. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(y) silver warehou:

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 1.70;

ii. if the fish is delivered filleted, the conversion figure is 2.50;

iii. if the fish is delivered gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

iv. if the fish is delivered gilled and gutted, the conversion figure is 1.10;

v. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 1.50;

(z) smooth oreodory (Cascade):

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 2.25;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 2.20;

(aa) smooth oreodory (other):

i. if the fish is delivered dressed, the conversion factor is 2.25;

ii. if the fish is delivered gutted with the head removed, the conversion figure is 2.20

***Note 1:*** *It may be the case that not all species listed above are required to be covered by quota in the sector to which this concession applies, however where a species is under quota, the above conversion figures will apply.*