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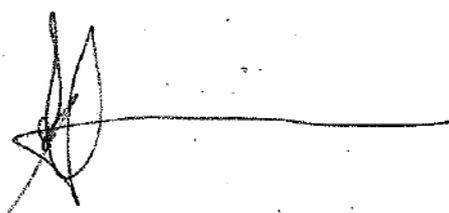
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Western Australia Fisheries Joint Authority
Annual Report for the Period

1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

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1. Introduction

This is the twentieth annual report of the Western Australia Fisheries Joint Authority (WAFJA). This report details the activities undertaken during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 and information on the status of the fisheries in the most recently available reporting period (2012/13).

The WAFJA has responsibility for the management of:

- Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery
- Joint Authority Northern Shark Fishery

2. Enabling legislation

Sections 61-70 of the Commonwealth [*Fisheries Management Act 1991*](#) set out the establishment, functions, administration and reporting requirements for Joint Authorities.

Part 3 of the Western Australia [*Fish Resources Management Act 1994*](#) sets out complementary State legislation and other matters relating to the establishment, functions, administration and reporting requirements of the Joint Authority and the management of Joint Authority fisheries in Western Australia (WA). Attachments A and B provide the relevant arrangements under which the WAFJA is currently operating.

3. Members of the Joint Authority

The members of the WAFJA during the reporting periods spanning 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 are provided in Table 1. The 2013 WAFJA meeting was attended by nominated deputies on behalf of the members (Table 1).

4. Report on the status of fisheries managed by the Joint Authority

Tables 2 and 3 below present a summary of the status of the fisheries managed by the WAFJA. Detailed catch and effort statistics are compiled annually and presented in the WA Fishery Status Reports, available for download at <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/About-Us/Publications/Pages/State-of-the-Fisheries-report.aspx>.

5. Report on activities of the Joint Authority during the reporting period

During the reporting period (2013/14), one WAFJA meeting was held on 31 October 2013 to discuss matters relevant to the WAFJA. A record of this meeting is at [Attachment C](#). No decisions were made in the reporting period.

Table 1 – Members and nominated deputies of the WAFJA for the period 2013 – 2014

Role	Commonwealth	Western Australia
Member	Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, (1 July 2013 – 18 September 2013) Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, (18 September 2013 – 30 June 2014)	The Hon. Troy R Buswell, MLC, Treasurer, Minister for Transport; Fisheries (1 July 2013 – 11 December 2013) The Hon. Ken C Baston, MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries (11 December 2013 – 30 June 2014)
Deputy	Dr Nick Rayns, Executive Manager, Fisheries, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)	Heather Brayford, Deputy Director General, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia.

Table 2. Species status and catch for the Western Australia Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery.

Species	Status	Catch 2012/13 (t)
Gummy shark	Adequate	377
Dusky shark	Recovering	199
Sandbar shark	Recovering	27
Whiskery shark	Adequate	118
Other sharks and rays		172
Finfish		114
Fishing level	Acceptable	

Source: Status Reports of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Western Australia 2013/14 (In Prep): The State of the Fisheries eds. W.J. Fletcher and K. Santoro, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, pp. 263-274.

Table 3. Species status and catch for the Western Australian Joint Authority Northern Shark Fishery.

Species	Status	Catch (2011/12) tonnes
Sandbar shark	Recovering	Total sharks 0
Blacktip sharks	Adequate	
Fishing level	Acceptable	

Source: Status Reports of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Western Australia 2012/13: The State of the Fisheries eds. W.J. Fletcher and K. Santoro, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, pp. 282-294.

Attachment A – Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia in relation to the Joint Authority Demersal Gillnet and Longline Fishery in waters south of latitude 33° south.

AN ARRANGEMENT entered into between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) of the one part and the State of Western Australia (the State) of the other part.

WHEREAS-

- (a) paragraph 4(1)(a) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* of the Commonwealth provides that where an Act is enacted on or after the date of commencement of this section that is not to come into operation immediately upon its enactment, is expressed to confer power, *inter alia*, to make an instrument of a legislative or administrative character, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised, and anything may be done for the purpose of enabling the exercise of the power, before the Act concerned comes into operation as if it had come into operation;
- (b) subsection 2(2) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* of the Commonwealth (the Management Act) provides that Part 5 of the Management Act, which provides for co-operation with the States and Northern Territory in the management of fisheries, commences upon the repeal or the ceasing to have effect (as the case may be) of Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952* of the Commonwealth;
- (c) by subsection 7(3) of the *Fisheries Legislation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991* of the Commonwealth (the Consequential Provisions Act), as amended by section 24 of the *Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Act 1993* Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952*, unless sooner repealed, ceases to have effect at the end of the period of 3 years beginning on 3 February 1992, the day on which section 7 of the Consequential Provisions Act commenced;
- (d) paragraph 7(4)(a) of the Consequential Provisions Act provides that upon the commencement of Part 5 of the Management Act, the Western Australian Joint Authority, established by subsection 12D(1) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* continues in existence as if it had been established under Part 5 of the Management Act;
- (e) an Arrangement was entered into under section 12H(1) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia in relation to the:
 - (i) Demersal Gillnet Fishery in waters south of Latitude 33° South, published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S 109 14 April 1988;
 - (ii) Demersal Longline Fishery in waters south of Latitude 33° South, published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S 109 14 April 1998;

- (f) paragraph 7(4)(b) of the Consequential Provisions Act provides that upon the commencement of Part 5 of the Management Act, any arrangement made with a State or Territory under subsection 12H(1) or (4) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* that was in force immediately before that commencement continues in force as if it had been made under Part 5 of the Management Act;
- (g) the Arrangements referred to in paragraph (e) of this Arrangement were made under Division 3 of Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952*;
- (h) subsection 75(1) of the Management Act provides that an Arrangement under Division 3 of Part 5 of the Management Act may be terminated by instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (i) subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* provides *inter alia* that where an Act confers a power to make any instrument, the power shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including a power exercisable in the like manner and subject to the like conditions (if any) to repeal any such instrument;
- (j) subsection 8H(2) of the *Fisheries Act 1905* of the State (the State Act) will on the coming into operation of the *Fisheries Amendment Act 1994* of the State empower the State to terminate an arrangement as provided for by the Management Act;
- (k) subsection 71(1) of the Management Act provide that the Commonwealth may make an arrangement with a State or States represented on a Joint Authority that the Joint Authority is to have the management of a particular fishery in waters relevant to that or any of those States;
- (l) subsection 74(1) of the Management Act provides that an arrangement under, *inter alia*, subsection 71(1) is to be made by an instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (m) subsection 8H(1) of the State Act will on the coming into force of the *Fisheries Amendment Act 1994* of Western Australia, empower the State to make an arrangement referred to in, *inter alia*, subsection 71(1) of the Management Act for the management of a particular fishery;
- (n) both the Commonwealth and the State are desirous of exercising their powers to make a further Arrangement in relation to the fishery referred to in clause 2 of this Arrangement.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Management Act and the State Act and of all other powers so enabling:

1. The Arrangements entered into between the Commonwealth and the State referred to in paragraph (e) of the recitals to this Arrangement are, pursuant to

subsection 75 (1) of the Management Act, and subsection 8H(2) of the State Act terminated.

2. The Commonwealth and the State hereby arrange that the fishery in waters relevant to the State, being coastal waters and waters of the Australian fishing zone that lie within the area described in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* under the heading “Area that includes the Adjacent Area in respect of Western Australia”, south of Latitude 33° South for:

- (a) all fish of the Class Osteichthyes (bony fish) and Class Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish) when the methods of demersal gillnets and lines of all kinds are used, other than:

- (i) handlines;
- (ii) troll lines;
- (iii) drop lines; and
- (iv) pelagic longlines used in accordance with the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act to permit the use of pelagic longlines for the taking of tuna and tuna-like species;

but excluding fish to which this paragraph otherwise would apply taken in the exercise of a right conferred in relation to another fishery by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act;

- (b) all other fish taken by the methods provided for in paragraph (a) in the exercise of a right conferred by a licence or other authority granted by the State on behalf of the Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority for the fish to which paragraph (a) applies:

is to be managed by the Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority in accordance with the law of Western Australia.

3. The Minister responsible for administering the Management Act and the Minister responsible for administering the State Act may agree in writing to the maximum quantity of other fish, the subject of paragraph 2(b), that may be taken from time to time under a licence or other authority referred to in that paragraph and on matters of mutual interest in relation to the fishery.
4. This Arrangement shall, upon being executed on behalf of the Commonwealth and of the State and upon being approved by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth and the Governor of the State, take effect on 3 February 1995.
5. Without affecting the construction which this Arrangement would have if no provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, it is the intention of this Arrangement that if any provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, the remainder of that provision and of this Arrangement shall be construed as if that provision or part thereof was not included in this Arrangement even if the result is to extend the fishery described by this Arrangement.

Dated the 19th day of December 1994

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by the
Honourable DAVID PETER
BEDDALL, Minister for Resources

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Western Australia by the
Honourable MONTAGUE GRANT
HOUSE, Minister for Fisheries

(DAVID PETER BEDDALL)
in the presence of

(MONTAGUE HOUSE)
in the presence of

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the
advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of subsections 74(1) and 75(1)
of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, hereby approve this instrument.

Dated 24 - 1 - 1995.

By His Excellency's command

(DAVID PETER BEDDALL)
Minister for Resources

(BILL HAYDEN)
Governor-General

I, Michael Jeffery, the governor of the State of Western Australia, acting by and with
the advice of the Executive Council in pursuance of the provisions of the *Fisheries
Act 1905*, hereby approve this instrument.

Given under my hand this 4th day of Jan 1995.

By His Excellency's Command

(MONTAGUE HOUSE)
Minister for Fisheries

(MICHAEL JEFFERY)
Governor

Attachment B – Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia in relation to the Northern Shark Fishery in waters east of Koolan Island

An ARRANGEMENT entered into between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) of the one part and the State of Western Australia (the State) of the other part.

WHEREAS-

- (a) paragraph 4(1)(a) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* of the Commonwealth provides that where an Act is enacted on or after the date of commencement of this section that is not to come into operation immediately upon its enactment, is expressed to confer power, *inter alia*, to make an instrument of a legislative or administrative character, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised, and anything may be done for the purpose of enabling the exercise of the power, before the Act concerned comes into operation as if it had come into operation;
- (b) subsection 2(2) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* of the Commonwealth (the Management Act) provides that Part 5 of the Management Act, which provides for co-operation with the States and Northern Territory in the management of fisheries, commences upon the repeal or the ceasing to have effect (as the case may be) of Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952* of the Commonwealth;
- (c) by subsection 7(3) of the *Fisheries Legislation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991* (the Consequential Provisions Act) of the Commonwealth as amended by section 24 of the *Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Act 1993* Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952*, unless sooner repealed, ceases to have effect at the end of the period of 3 years beginning on 3 February 1992, the day on which section 7 of the Consequential Provisions Act commenced;
- (d) paragraph 7(4)(a) of the Consequential Provisions Act provides that upon the commencement of Part 5 of the Management Act, the Western Australian Joint Authority, established by subsection 12D(1) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* continues in existence as if it had been established under Part 5 of the Management Act;
- (e) Arrangements were entered into under section 12H(4) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* between the Commonwealth and Western Australia in relation to the:
 - (i) North West Pelagic Gillnet Fishery, published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S109 on 14 April 1988;
 - (ii) Line Fishery East of 120° East, published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S109 on 14 April 1988;
- (f) paragraph 7(4)(b) of the Consequential Provisions Act provides that upon the commencement of Part 5 of the Management Act, any arrangement made with a

State or Territory under subsection 12H(1) or (4) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* that was in force immediately before that commencement continues in force as if it had been made under Part 5 of the Management Act;

- (g) the Arrangements referred to in paragraph (e) of this Arrangement were made under Division 3 of Part IVA of the *Fisheries Act 1952*;
- (h) subsection 75(1) of the Management Act provides that an Arrangement under Division 3 of Part 5 of the Management Act may be terminated by instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (i) subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* provides *inter alia* that where an Act confers a power to make any instrument, the power shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including a power exercisable in the like manner and subject to the like conditions (if any) to repeal any such instrument;
- j) subsection 8H(2) of the *Fisheries Act 1905* of the State (the State Act) will on the coming into operation of the *Fisheries Amendment Act 1994* of the State empower the State to terminate an arrangement as provided for by the Management Act;
- (k) subsection 71(1) of the Management Act provide that the Commonwealth may make an arrangement with a State or States represented on a Joint Authority that the Joint Authority is to have the management of a particular fishery in waters relevant to that or any of those States;
- (l) subsection 74(1) of the Management Act provides that an arrangement under, *inter alia*, subsection 71 (1) is to be made by an instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (m) subsection 8H(1) of the State Act will on the coming into force of the *Fisheries Amendment Act 1994* of the State empower the State to make an arrangement referred to in, *inter alia*, subsection 71(1) of the Management Act for the management of a particular fishery;
- (n) both the Commonwealth and the State are desirous of exercising their powers to make a further Arrangement in relation to the fishery referred to in clause 2 of this Arrangement.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Management Act and the State Act and of all other powers so enabling:

1. The Arrangements entered into between the Commonwealth and the State referred to in paragraph (e) of the recitals to this Arrangement are, pursuant to subsection 75 (1) of the Management Act and subsection 8H(2) of the State Act terminated.

2. The Commonwealth and State hereby arrange that the fishery in waters relevant to Western Australia, being coastal waters and waters of the Australian fishing zone that lie within the area described in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* under the heading “Area that includes the Adjacent Area in respect of Western Australia”, east of the meridian of longitude 123° 45' East and north of parallel latitude 17° South for:

(a) all fish of the Class Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fishes) when any methods of pelagic gillnetting, demersal gillnetting and demersal longlining are used;

but excluding fish to which this paragraph otherwise would apply taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act;

(b) all fish of the Class Osteichthyes (bony fishes) taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a licence or other authority granted by the State on behalf of the Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority for the fish to which paragraph (a) applies;

is to be managed by the Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority in accordance with the law of Western Australia.

3. The Minister responsible for administering the Management Act and the Minister responsible for administering the State Act may agree in writing to the maximum quantity of other fish, the subject of paragraph 2(b), that may be taken from time to time under a licence or other authority referred to in that paragraph and on matters of mutual interest in relation to the fishery.

4. This Arrangement shall, upon being executed on behalf of the Commonwealth and of the State and upon being approved by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth the Governor of the State, take effect on 3 February 1995.

5. Without affecting the construction which this Arrangement would have if no provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, it is the intention of this Arrangement that if any provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, the remainder of that provision and of this Arrangement shall be construed as if that provision or part thereof was not included in this Arrangement even if the result is to extend the fishery described by this Arrangement.

Dated the 19th day of December 1994

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by the
Honourable DAVID PETER
BEDDALL, Minister for Resources

(DAVID PETER BEDDALL)
in the presence of

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Western Australia by the
Honourable MONTAGUE GRANT
HOUSE, Minister for Fisheries

(MONTAGUE HOUSE)
in the presence of

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of subsections 74(1) and 75(1) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, hereby approve this instrument.

Dated 24 - 1 - 1995.

By His Excellency's command

(DAVID PETER BEDDALL)
Minister for Resources

(BILL HAYDEN)
Governor-General

I, Michael Jeffery, the governor of the State of Western Australia, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council in pursuance of the provisions of the *Fisheries Act 1905*, hereby approve this instrument.

Given under my hand this 4th day of Jan 1995.

By His Excellency's Command

(MONTAGUE HOUSE)
Minister for Fisheries

(MICHAEL JEFFERY)
Governor

Attachment C: 2013 Meeting Minutes

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority

Minutes of 2013 meeting of the WAFJA

Lincoln Marine Science Centre
Hindmarsh St
PORT LINCOLN
31 October 2013

Attendance

Members Nick Rayns, Executive Manager, Australian Fisheries Management Authority; Deputy for the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries (Chair).

Heather Brayford, Deputy Director General, Department of Fisheries, Western Australia; Deputy for the Western Australian Minister for Fisheries.

Secretary Lindsay Joll – Department of Fisheries, Western Australia.

Observers Ian Curnow (NT), Bryan MacDonald (NT), Andrew Thwaites (Qld), Eddie Jebreen (Qld), Tim Karlov (DAFF) Katie Scutt (AFMA)

AGENDA

The draft agenda for the meeting was adopted.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

a) Identification of members

Nick Rayns identified himself as the Deputy for the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries and therefore the Chair of the meeting.

Heather Brayford identified herself as the Deputy for the Western Australian Minister for Fisheries and therefore the other member of the Joint Authority.

The members appointed Lindsay Joll (Department of Fisheries, Western Australia) as the secretary for the meeting.

b) Confirmation of previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 7 December 2012 were tabled. Members confirmed the Minutes as a true record.

2. JOINT AUTHORITY NORTHERN SHARK FISHERY (JANSF)

Members noted the discussion that had occurred earlier in the day in the Northern Australian Fisheries Committee (NAFC) meeting regarding northern shark fishery matters. In particular they noted that a 'Northern Shark Science Review' is proposed to be undertaken by WA and that AFMA has been provided with a copy of the draft Terms of Reference.

The draft Status Report for the fishery (from the current draft 2012/13 Status Reports of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Western Australia) was tabled for member's information.

3. JOINT AUTHORITY SOUTHERN DEMERSAL GILLNET AND DEMERSAL LONGLINE MANAGED FISHERY (JASDGDLF)

With regard to JASDGL fishery, the WA member advised the meeting that:

Transition of the Fishery to State Management

- This has not progressed any further at this stage.

Status of the Stocks

- Significant management action has been taken in recent years to address concerns relating to the sustainability of target shark stocks. The status of the whiskery shark stock has changed from “recovering” to “acceptable”, and the status of the dusky shark stock has changed from “over-exploited” to “recovering”. The status of gummy sharks remains at an acceptable level.
- The catch of demersal scalefish in the area of the JASDGDLF that operates on the west coast (33°S latitude around the Capes to 115°30'E longitude) is being closely monitored against the objective of reducing catches of demersal scalefish by 50% of 2005/06 levels across both the commercial and recreational sectors. Earlier this year the Department commenced a stock assessment of South Coast demersal scalefish (using key indicator species blue morwong, bight redfish, western blue groper and snapper). The stock assessment is expected to be completed in 2015 and the findings will inform the ongoing management of demersal scalefish on the South Coast – including the demersal scalefish taken by the JASDGDLF.
- The draft Status Report for the fishery (from the current draft 2012/13 Status Reports of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Western Australia) was tabled for members information.

Open-access Near-shore Joint Authority Fishery

- The sub-114 mm mesh demersal gillnet fishery on the south coast remains an “open-access”, unregulated Joint Authority “fishery”.
- The Department intends to commence a review of wetlining activities generally on the south coast, including the JA sub-114 mm mesh demersal gillnet fishery, the State open access net fishery, the open access squid fishery, the fish trap fishery and the herring G-trap fishery. It is planned to use an independent panel to provide recommendations on access to, and (where appropriate) allocation mechanisms for, these fisheries. The Department has provided advice to the Minister for Fisheries and is currently awaiting approval to commence the review.
- Any recommendations arising from the review which relate to the sub-114m demersal gillnet fishery will need to be referred to the WAFJA for consideration.

Wildlife Trade Operation (WTO) Export Approval

- The Temperate Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fisheries (TDGDLF) WTO export approval was re-approved in 2012. The current WTO expires in August 2015.
- The Minister for Environment (C'wealth) has placed conditions relating to the interaction between the TDGDLF and Australian sea lions (ASLs) on the Part 13 approval.
- The Department has created the ASL Working Group to provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies to address the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) Part 13 accreditation conditions.
- The Department will need to ensure that any action taken in relation to ASLs is supported by the Department of the Environment (formerly DSEWPaC), since continued accreditation of the TDGDLF is largely contingent on ensuring the interaction between the fishery and ASLs is addressed.

4. ANNUAL REPORTS

The meeting was advised by the Secretary that a draft consolidated Joint Authority report prepared by AFMA had been received by WA. WA was reviewing the document and would provide comment (at officer level) back to AFMA in the near future.

It was noted that, once the consolidated report was settled, there would need to be a process developed for signoff and tabling. Members agreed the process of consolidating JA reports and centralising their production had been useful.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. NEXT MEETING

At a date to be determined and, if possible, in conjunction with NAFC (or similar) to reduce costs.

Meeting closed 12.28 pm.