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Order No. 21 of 2005, GG # 146 29/07/05.

FISHERIES ACT 1905
NORTH COAST SHARK FISHING (PROFESSIONAL) NOTICE 1993
Notice No. 602

Made by the Minister under sections 9 and 10.

Citation

1. This notice may be cited as the *North Coast Shark Fishing (Professional) Notice 1993*.

Interpretation

2. In this notice unless the contrary intention appears-
“attended” means within 100 metres of the nearest part of the line;
“demersal gillnet” means any net intended or used for the taking of fish that when set is wholly or partially in continuous or intermittent contact with the sea bed;
“pelagic gillnet” means any net intended or used for the taking of fish that has a mesh size greater than 114 millimetres and is not a demersal gillnet;
“power hauled “ means any method or means of hauling a net on board a boat other than solely by hand;
“shark longline” means any longline that uses any metal material in the snood;
“shark dropline” means any dropline which uses any metal material in the snood; and
“snood” means the short line attaching a hook to the main line of any fishing line.

Prohibition on using shark fishing gear

3. A person must not fish in the waters described in Schedule 2 by means of using any fishing gear specified in Schedule 3.

Exemption

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 3-
 - (a) a person who is not operating from a licensed fishing boat may use hand lines, rod reel and lines or one attended set line with metal material in the snood or snoods provided that the line does not have more than 3 hooks or gangs of hooks attached; or
 - (b) a licensed professional fisherman may use gillnets in the Kimberley Gillnet and Barramundi Limited Entry Fishery* if those nets are being used from a fishing unit authorised to be operated in the Fishery and in accordance with the provisions of the notice declaring the Fishery.

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Schedule 2

All Western Australian waters off the north coast east of 114°06' east longitude.

Schedule 3

Item 1 (a) A Shark longline;
(b) shark dropline; or
(c) pelagic gillnet.

Item 2 (a) A power hauled demersal gillnet;
(b) fishing net drum;
(c) pneumatic power block; or
(d) any other similar device for hauling a fishing net.

[*Declared by Notice No. 415 published in the Gazette of 27 October 1989.]

Dated this 12th day of May 1993.

MONTY HOUSE, Minister for Fisheries.