

Department of Industry and Investment

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Section 8 Notification – Fishing Closure

Gemfish (*Rexea solandri*)

I, PAUL O'CONNOR, Principal Director, Fisheries & Compliance, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director-General of the Department of Industry and Investment pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 ("the Act"), and pursuant to s8 of the Act do by this notification, prohibit the taking of gemfish (*Rexea solandri*):

1. by all methods in the waters described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 unless taken in accordance with the trip limits specified in Column 2 of Schedules 1.
2. by all methods in the waters described in Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 1

| Column 1 Waters | Column 2 Trip limits |
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| All NSW ocean waters other than those described in Schedule 2 below. | No more than 50 kg whole weight, or where the vessel is not a commercial fishing vessel, 10 whole fish, in possession on board the fishing vessel each day or from the time of departure to the time of return to port (when longer than a day). |

SCHEDULE 2

Waters

All NSW ocean waters south of Barrenjoey Headland, and west of a line drawn 3 nautical miles from the coastal baseline

This fishing closure is effective on the date of publication and remains in force for a period of five (5) years, unless sooner varied or revoked by further notification.

Dated this 21st day of July 2010.

PAUL O'CONNOR,
Principal Director, Fisheries & Compliance
Department of Industry and Investment

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (OCEAN TRAWL SHARE MANAGEMENT PLAN) REGULATION 2006

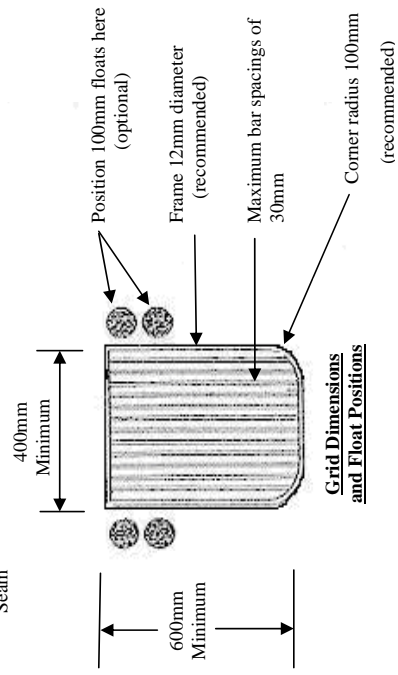
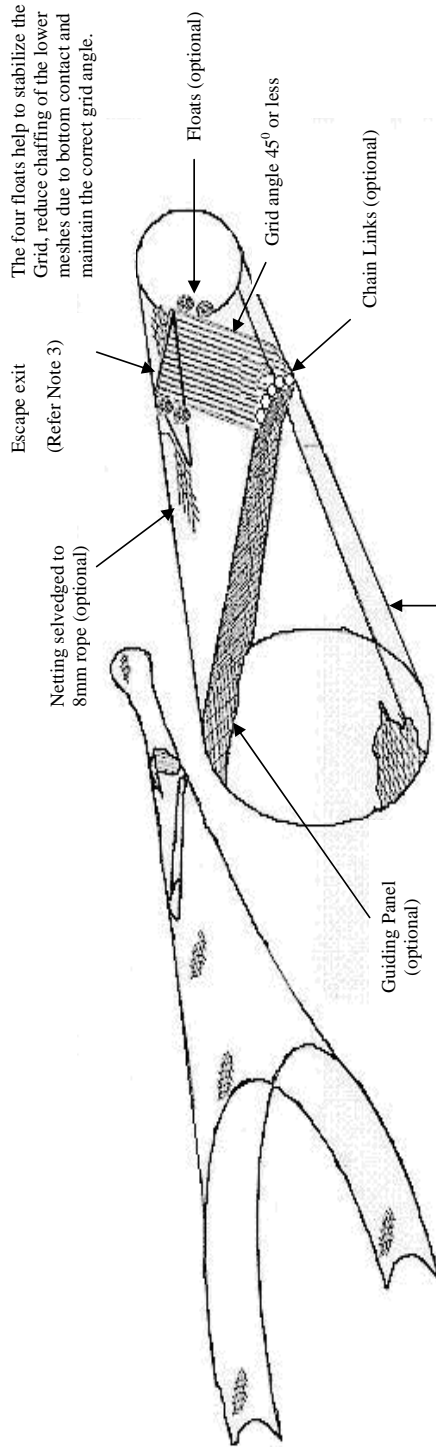
Clause 7A

Instrument of Approval of Bycatch Reduction Devices and Specifications

I, PETER TURNELL, Director, Fisheries Resource Management, with the delegated power of the Director-General of the Department of Industry and Investment pursuant to section 228(1) of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 hereby:

1. revoke the Instrument of Approval dated 23 October 2009 titled "Instrument of Approval of Bycatch Reduction Devices and Specifications" and published in New South Wales Government Gazette No. 156 dated 30 October 2009 at pages 5537 to 5540 inclusive and any Instrument of Approval revived as a result of this revocation;
2. pursuant to Clause 7A (1) (c) of the Appendix to the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006 approve:
 - (a) each bycatch reduction device set out below for use in the Ocean Trawl Fishery; and,
 - (b) the specifications set out below in relation to each such bycatch reduction device.

NSW Ocean Trawl Fishery Nordmore Grid Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Specification (for use in NSW Ocean Waters)

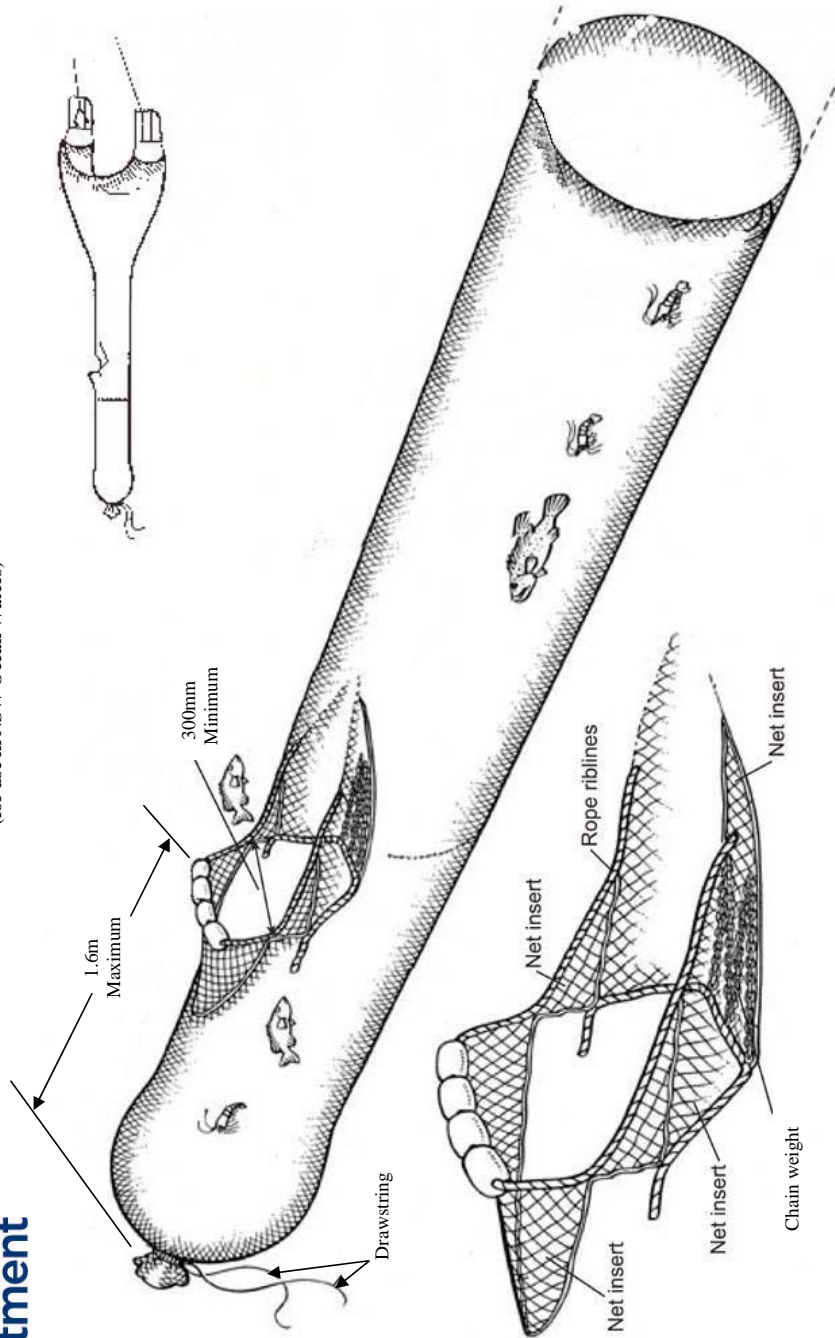


Assembled Nordmore Grid

Compulsory Specifications:

1. The perimeter of the grid must be fully sewn onto the inside of the net.
2. Grid dimension of minimum 600mm long and minimum of 400mm wide.
3. Maximum spacing of 30mm between bars.
4. Grid positioned at an angle of 45° from horizontal plane or less.
5. The escape exit must be immediately forward of the uppermost edge of the grid and may consist of:
 - a) A triangle of not less than 20 bars per side (base 25 meshes across), or
 - b) A single cut not less than 25 meshes across the top of the net.

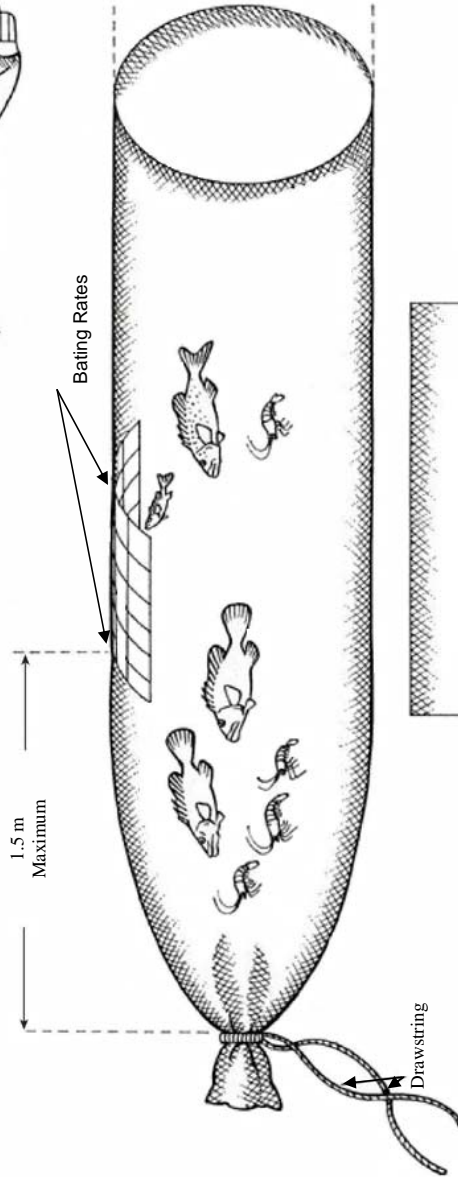
**NSW Ocean Trawl Fishery
Big-Eye Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Specification**
(for use in NSW Ocean Waters)



Compulsory Specifications;

1. Maximum distance from drawstrings to opening (floats) 1.6m (stretched measurement when not in use).
2. Minimum width of opening 300mm (stretched measurement when not in use).
3. Chain or weight on front panel (preferably weight to avoid spooking fish) – diagram indicative only.
4. Floats on rear panel – diagram indicative only.

NSW Ocean Trawl Fishery
Ocean Square-Mesh Panel Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD)
Specification
 (for use in NSW Ocean Waters)



Compulsory Specifications:

1. Maximum distance from drawstring 1.5m (stretched measurement when not in use).
2. **Panel A (surrounding panel):**
 - a) Minimum 45mm mesh hung on the bar (ie: hung square).
 - b) Minimum 55cm wide and 70cm long.
 - c) Maximum diameter twine of 5mm.
3. **Panel B (centre panel):**
 - a) Minimum 55mm mesh hung on the bar (ie: hung square).
 - b) Minimum 25cm wide and 30cm long.
 - c) Maximum diameter twine of 5mm.
 - d) Maximum 1.6m forward of codend drawstring and inserted into Panel A.
4. **Bating Rates** (where joined to diamond mesh only)
 - a) If square-mesh panel 45-60mm mesh - at least 2 points to each bar on the panel.
 - b) If 60-75mm mesh - at least 3 points to each bar on the panel.
 - c) If >75mm - at least 4 points to each bar on the panel.

Additional Specifications (non-compulsory):

1. To maximise bycatch reduction consider increasing mesh size of panels or move BRD closer to the codend drawstring.
2. May comprise rigid frames within which panels of rigid mesh (plastic, stainless steel, etc), soft mesh or combinations thereof may be used.

Diagram provided by QLD Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries

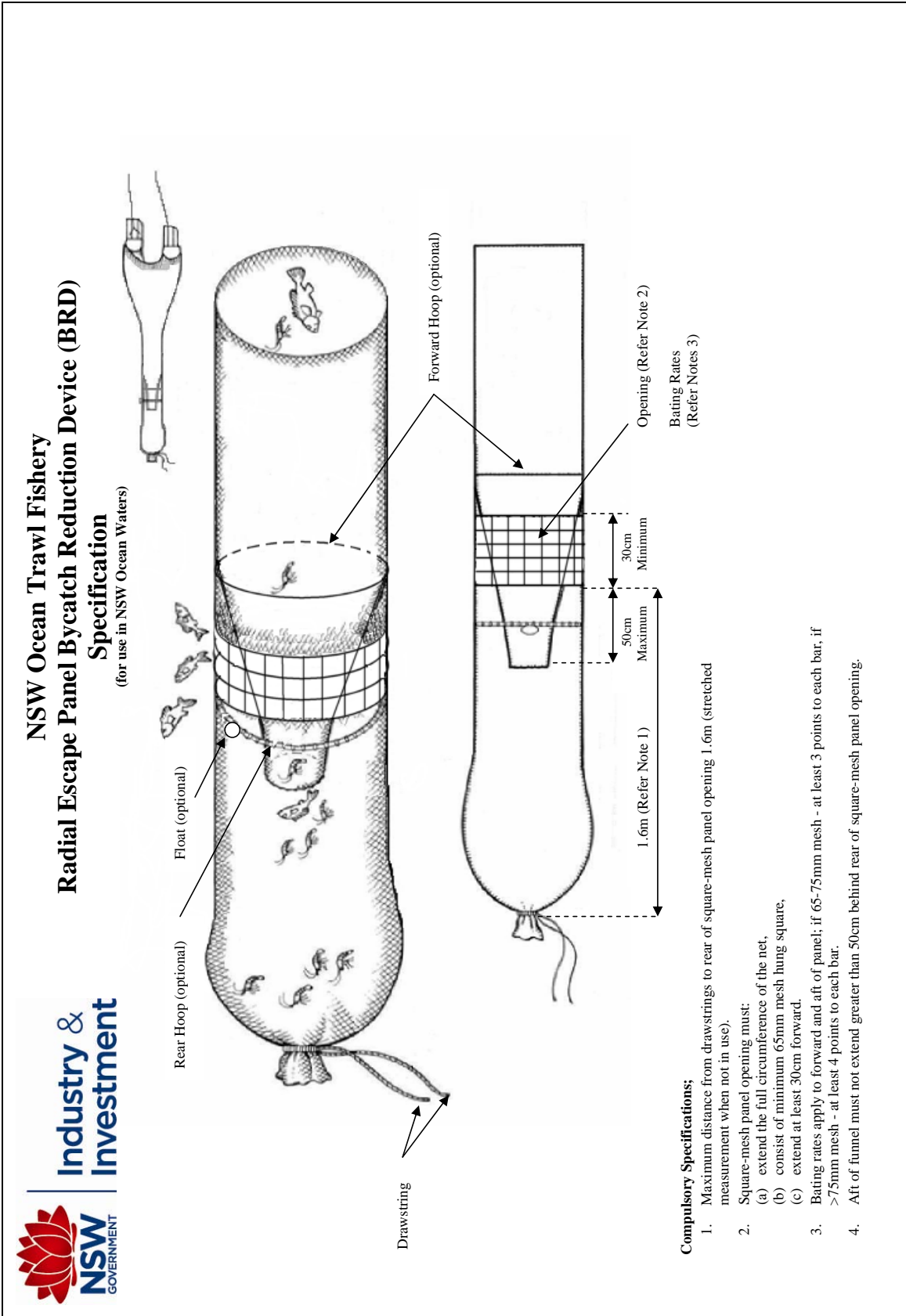



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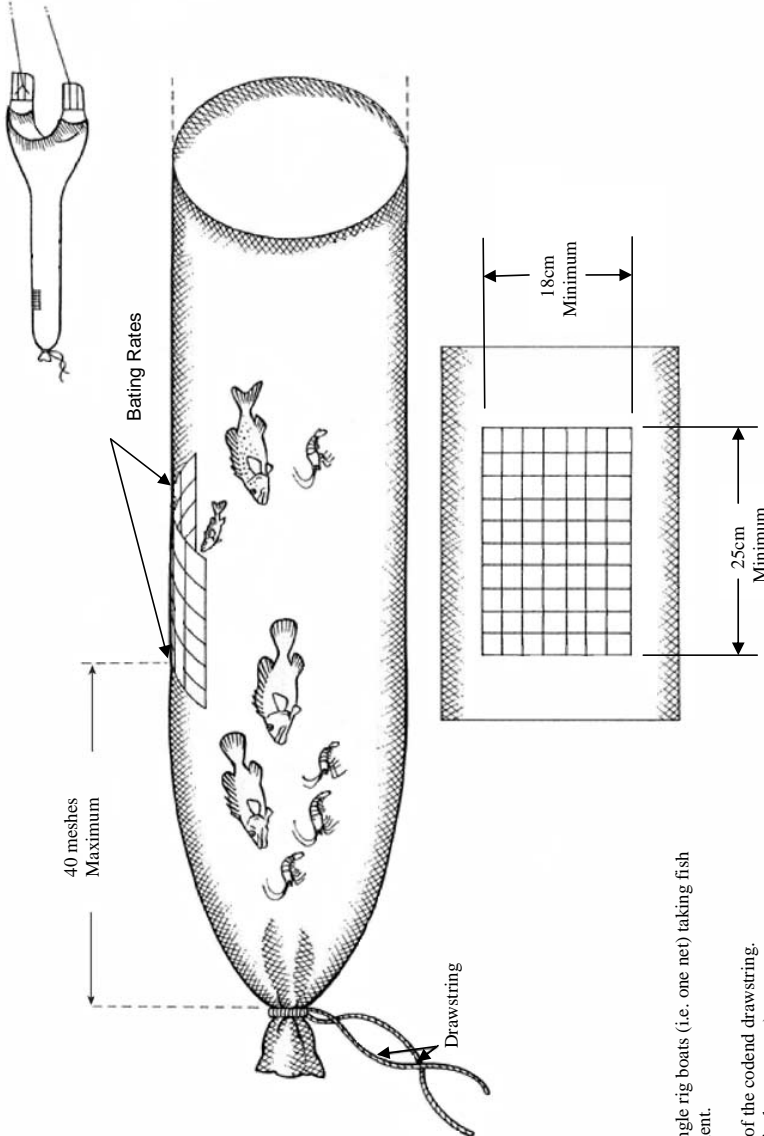


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NSW Ocean Trawl Fishery

Deepwater Square-Mesh Panel Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD)

(for use in NSW Ocean Waters on single rig boats (i.e. one net) taking fish pursuant to a deepwater prawn endorsement)



Compulsory Specifications:

1. For use in NSW ocean waters only on single rig boats (i.e. one net) taking fish pursuant to a deepwater prawn endorsement.
2. Single panel as per 3-7 below.
3. Base of panel must be within 40 meshes of the codend drawstring.
4. Minimum 55mm mesh hung on the bar (ie; hung square).
5. Minimum 18cm wide and 2.5cm long.
6. Maximum diameter twine of 5mm.
7. Bating Rates (if joined to diamond mesh)
 - a) If square-mesh panel 55-60mm mesh - at least 2 points to each bar on the panel.
 - b) If 60-75mm mesh - at least 3 points to each bar on the panel.
 - c) If >75mm - at least 4 points to each bar on the panel.

Additional Specifications (non-compulsory);
 May comprise rigid frames within which panels of rigid mesh (plastic, stainless steel, etc), soft mesh or combinations thereof may be used.

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This Instrument of Approval commences on the date this Instrument of Approval is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Dated this 21st day of July 2010.

PETER TURNELL,
 Director, Fisheries Resource Management
 Department of Industry and Investment NSW