

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (ESTUARY PRAWN TRAWL SHARE MANAGEMENT PLAN) REGULATION 2006


Clause 17A Approval of Bycatch Reduction Devices and Specifications

I, RICHARD FREDERICK SHELDRAKE, Director-General of NSW Department of Primary Industries, pursuant to clause 17A (1) (e) of the Fisheries Management (Estuary Prawn Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006 approve:

1. each bycatch reduction device set out in Schedule 1 for use in the waters specified in Schedule 1 in relation to that bycatch reduction device; and
2. the specifications set out in Schedule 1 in relation to each bycatch reduction device,

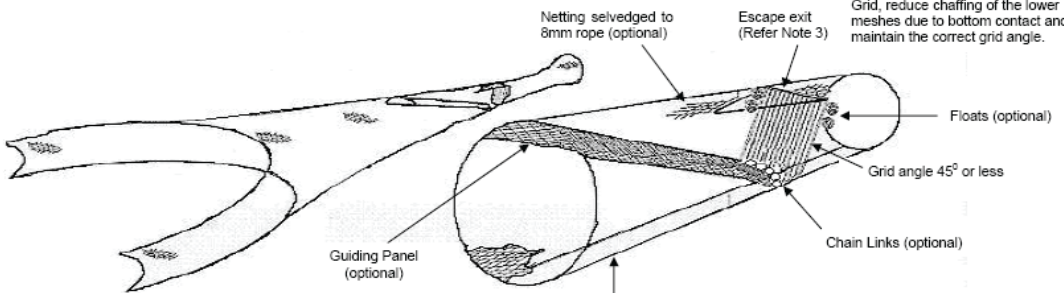
for the purposes of that clause.

SCHEDULE 1

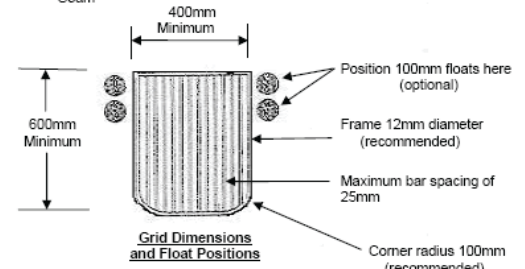


NSW Estuary Prawn Trawl Fishery
Nordmore Grid Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Specification
(for use in Clarence River, Hunter River & Hawkesbury River)

The four floats help to stabilize the Grid, reduce chaffing of the lower meshes due to bottom contact and maintain the correct grid angle.



Grid Dimensions and Float Positions



- Position 100mm floats here (optional)
- Frame 12mm diameter (recommended)
- Maximum bar spacing of 25mm
- Corner radius 100mm (recommended)

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 25mm between bars.
4. Grid positioned at an angle of 45° 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.

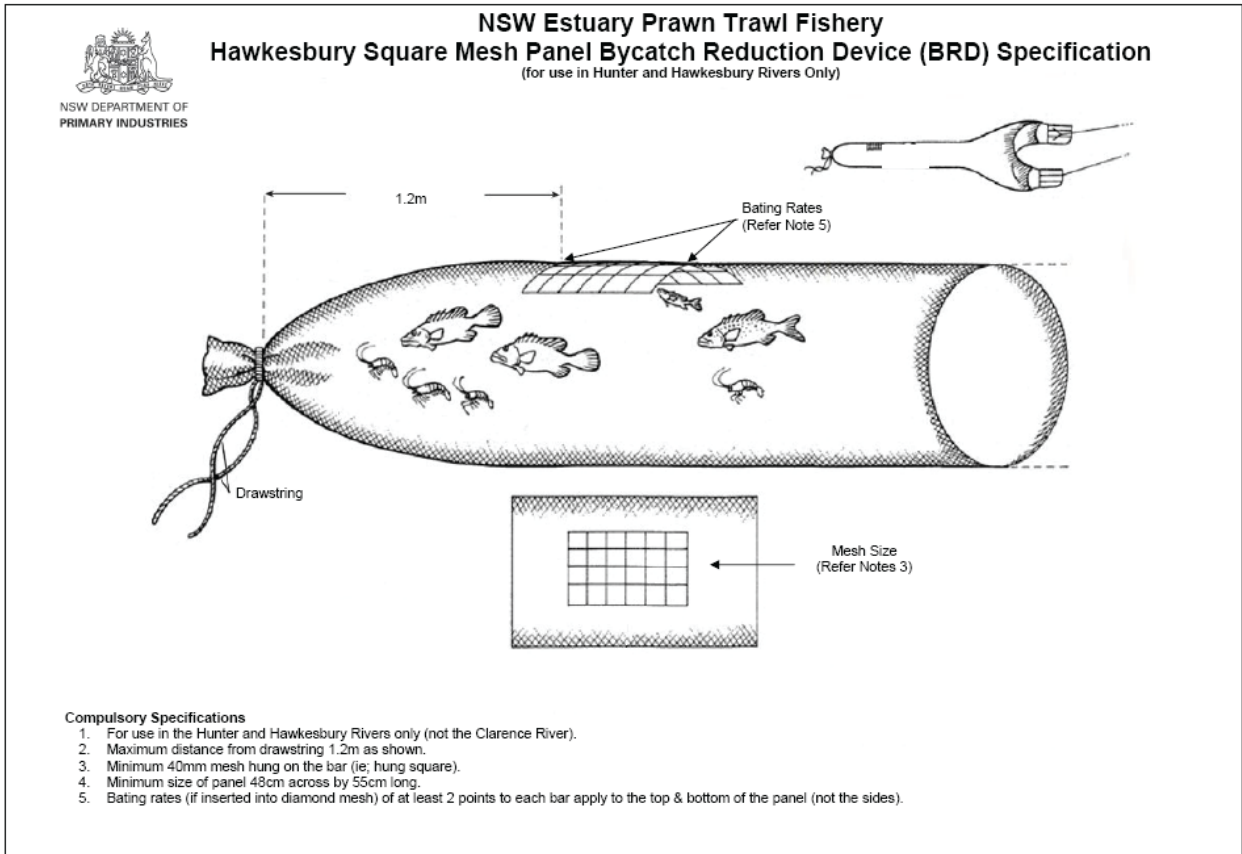
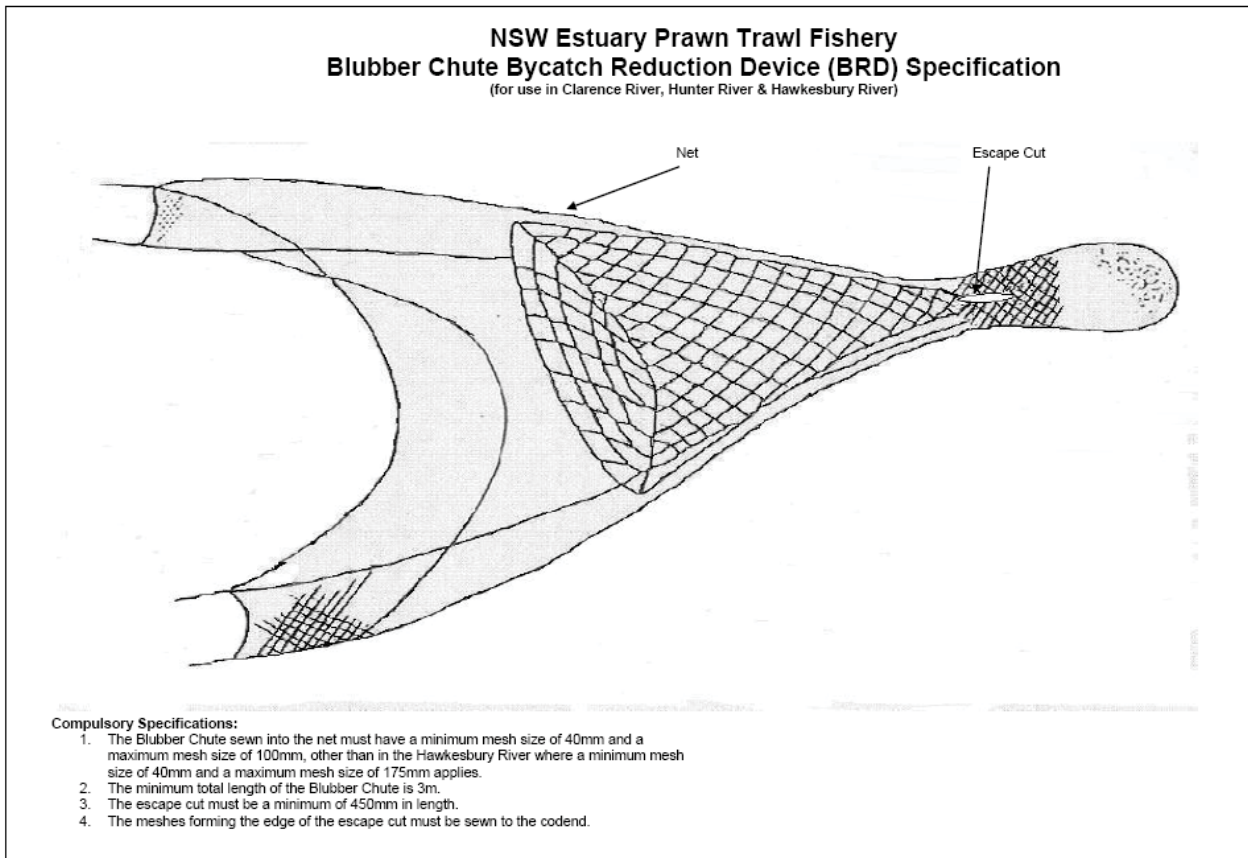


Diagram provided by QLD Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries



Dated this 13th day of January 2009

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