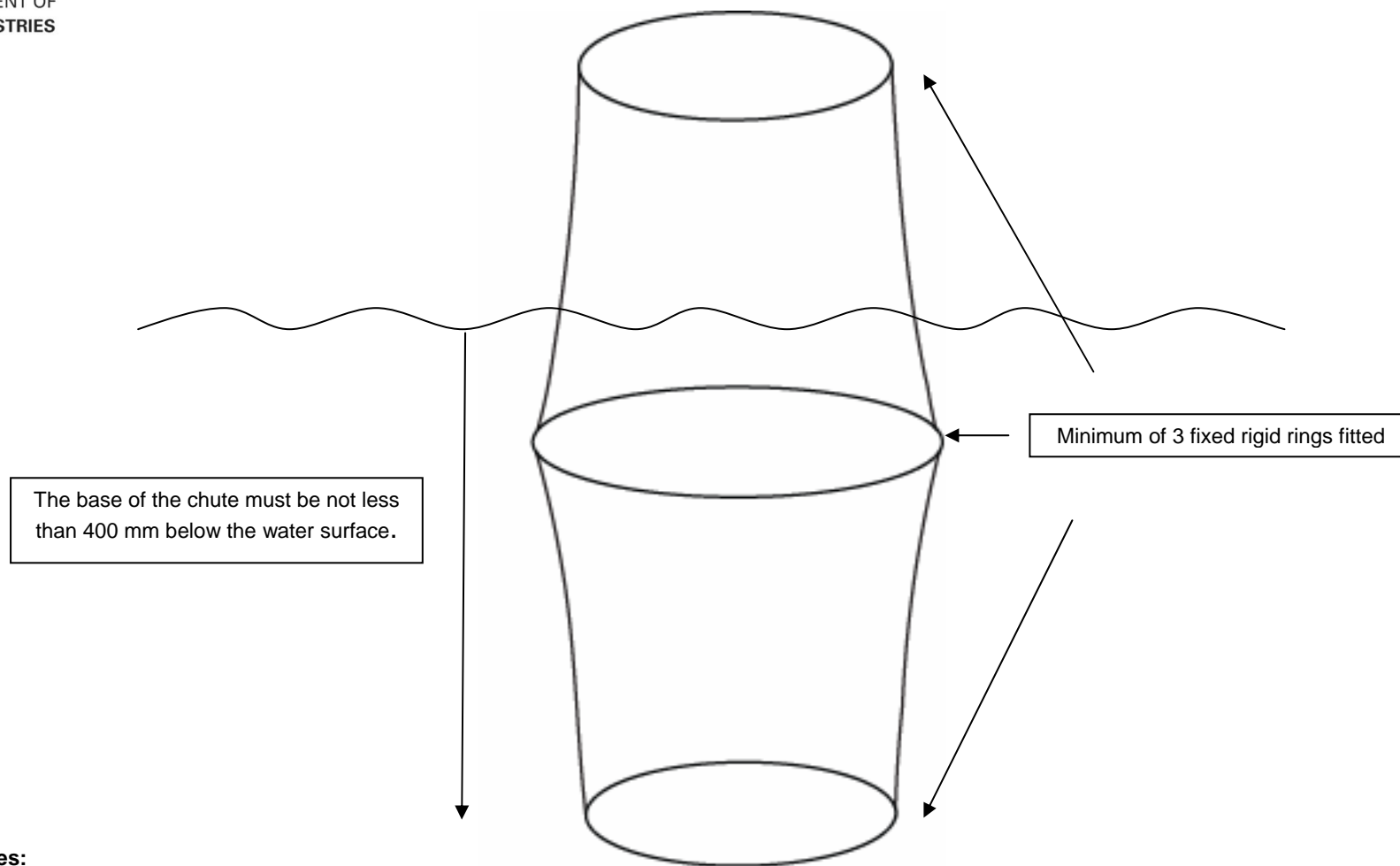




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NSW Estuary General Fishery Collapsible Discard Chute Guidelines (for use in NSW Estuarine Waters)



Guidelines:

1. The chute must be firmly attached to the boat when releasing fish.
2. The chute must be fitted with a minimum of three (3) fixed rigid rings with an internal diameter not less than 300 mm. The rings must be fitted in a manner that provides released fish unrestricted access to the water through the discard chute.
3. If the discard chute is made of mesh, the mesh size must be not more than 40 mm.
4. Not less than 400 mm of the chute must be submerged in the water when releasing fish. If the depth of the water to which fish are being released is less than 400 mm the chute must be submerged deep enough to ensure that fish are released below the water's surface.
5. A species of fish may be released without using a discard chute if the release of that species of fish using the discard chute is likely to harm or otherwise injure the fisher releasing the fish.