

FISHERIES ACT 1952

Fisheries Notice No. AF21

AUSTRALIAN FISHING ZONE
PROHIBITION ON PELAGIC GILLNET AND DRIFT NET FISHING

T. JOHN CHARLES KERRIN, the Minister of State for Primary Industries and Energy, hereby:

- (a) provide that this Notice may be cited as Fisheries Notice No. AF21 and that in this Notice words have the same meaning as in the Fisheries Act 1952 (the Act);
- (b) pursuant to section 8 of the Act revoke Fisheries Notice No.192 published in Gazette No.S 636 on 11 December 1986;
- (c) pursuant to paragraph 8 (1)(c) of the Act, prohibit the taking of fish in proclaimed waters with the use of a pelagic gillnet or drift net of a kind specified in the Schedule; and
- (d) pursuant to paragraph 8 (1)(e) of the Act, prohibit persons from having in their possession or charge, in a boat in proclaimed waters, equipment of a kind specified in the Schedule unless that equipment is stowed and secured below deck.

SCHEDULE

Equipment referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Notice

A pelagic gillnet or drift net-

- (a) the total length of which is more than 2.5 kilometres when measured along the head rope between the outermost points at which the mesh of the net is attached to that rope;

- (b) that does not have at each end of the head rope, other than the head rope of a net that is attached to a boat when the net is in use for fishing, a yellow or orange buoy-
- (i) having a diameter of at least 30 centimetres;
 - (ii) bearing in black on white or white on black, letters and figures measuring at least 10 centimetres in height and formed of strokes of at least 2.5 centimetres in width, the distinguishing symbol assigned under Fisheries Regulation 11 or 12 to the boat used to set the net; and
 - (iii) to which is affixed an upright pole extending at least 1.5 metres above the upper surface of the buoy;
- (c) that does not have attached to the pole described in subparagraph (b) (iii)-
- (i) a square or rectangular flag coloured yellow or orange and measuring at least 40 centimetres along any side;
 - (ii) a metallic reflector that will echo a radar signal transmitted from any direction; and
 - (iii) in a case of a net that is in the water during any period between sunset and sunrise, a white flashing light visible from any direction at a distance of at least 500 metres; and
- (d) that does not have attached to the head rope at intervals of not more than 100 metres along its length, floats that are at least 15 centimetres in diameter and coloured yellow or orange.

Dated this

Twentieth

day of

July

1989.



JOHN KERIN