

To The Development Licensee – Squid and Bait Fish

Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* (the Act), **it is a requirement that you submit catch and market returns to the Director of Fisheries** for each commercial fishing licence you hold. The manner and form for the required return(s) is outlined on the following pages. These must be read in conjunction with this notice.

The information on the return form is used by Fisheries to monitor stocks and assist in the sustainable management of the fishery. The accuracy of data is, therefore, very important.

The return forms request the minimum information necessary. Any additional information, such as fish numbers, size or condition that you may wish to add will be very useful.

The information you provide is **CONFIDENTIAL** to Fisheries, subject to Section 36 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* and the *Information Act 2002*. Information Privacy Principles apply to the information collected through catch and market returns.

Any interaction with Threatened, Endangered and Protected Species (TEPS) (and other species as may be listed on the return form) **must** be recorded in the area provided on the return form or in the comments section. In addition, any interaction with TEPS that occurs within **Territory waters** should be reported to the NT Wildlife Incident Reporting number on 1800 453 941. Please note that as long as operators are fishing in accordance with fisheries legislation, it is not an offence to interact with protected species, it is however an offence **NOT** to report these interactions.

The Australian Government *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* requires the reporting of any interaction with listed TEPS within **Commonwealth waters**. Any interaction that occurs within Commonwealth waters must be reported to the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts within 7 days on 1800 641 806 or email protected.species@environment.gov.au.

Your co-operation and contribution to the monitoring of our fisheries is greatly appreciated.

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Director of Fisheries

Department of **Primary Industries and Fisheries**
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Pursuant to Section 34 of the Act, it is a requirement that the holder of a Development Licence for Squid and Bait Fish submit accurate, complete returns within twenty-eight (28) days after the end of each month.

Returns must be filled out to the satisfaction of the Director of Fisheries and lodged with Fisheries. If returns are incomplete, inaccurate or late then proceedings for a prosecution may be commenced.

If no fishing activity takes place within any month, a 'NIL' return must still be lodged.

If you believe that your returns may be late in reaching Fisheries it is your responsibility to notify the Returns Officer.

Returns are to be lodged with the:

Director of Fisheries
Department of Resources
GPO Box 3000
DARWIN NT 0801

ATTENTION: Returns Officer

or deposited in the 'returns' box located at the reception desk of Fisheries, Goff Letts Building, Berrimah Farm, Makagon Road, Berrimah or fax on (08) 8999 2057.

Business reply postage paid envelopes have been provided for your convenience and no postage stamps are required for the envelopes, if posted within Australia.

All correspondence relating to your licence and returns will be directed to the address stated on your licence application. If this address is no longer correct please notify Fisheries of any changes.

Any further information on the completion of returns can be obtained from the RETURNS OFFICER, phone (08) 8999 2148 or (08) 8999 2189 or by email logbookreturns@nt.gov.au.

DEVELOPMENT LICENCE - SQUID AND BAIT FISH LOGBOOK PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS

The licence holder must sign the daily and the market summary log forms. Fill in the, licence number, licence holder name, month, year, vessel registration, port of landing and total days fished.

Nil Return:- If no fishing is undertaken for a particular month, a ‘Nil’ return must still be lodged. To indicate a ‘Nil’ return, simply place a tick in the box provided and specify the reason(s) for the ‘Nil’ return in the comments.

FISHING

Shot number: - Record the first shot as shot number 1, the second shot as shot number two and so on. It is up to the skipper to choose to restart the shot number at the start of each fishing day or keep a running tally for the trip.

Start Fishing:- When you commence fishing record the date and the start time using a 24-hour clock. For example if you started fishing 8.00 o’clock in the evening it would be entered as 2000.

End Fishing:- Record the date and the time that you finish fishing using a 24-hour clock. For example if you finish fishing at 11.30 o’clock in the evening then enter 2330 in the finish time.

Co-ordinates GPS:- Record the GPS co-ordinates in Degrees, Minutes and Seconds at the position you commence the fishing session.

Net Type:- Circle the type of net being used (drop net, lift net or purse seine).

Species collected:- Record the species collected.

Weight collected:- Record the weight of squid or bait fish collected in kilograms (kg).

Discarded Species – specify type & quantity:- Record any released catch taken whilst using approved squid/bait fish fishing gear for every shot. Please specify type and estimated weight in kilograms (kg).

Species Interactions:- Record the number of animals and condition of release. Indicate if the animal was dead or alive by marking a ‘D’ for dead or an ‘A’ for alive.

Market Details:- Record the product sold, cut, storage, weight sold in kilograms (kg) and the destination that the product was sold.