

TO THE TREPANG LICENSEE

Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* (the Act), it is a requirement that the holder of a commercial fishing licence submits accurate catch and market returns within twenty-eight (28) days from the end of the month in which the fishing took place. The manner and form for the required return(s) is outlined, with examples, on the following pages to assist you with meeting your legal requirements.

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, 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 the Environment within 7 days on telephone 1800 641 806 or email protected.species@environment.gov.au

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

Director of Fisheries

NOTICE TO THE TREPANG LICENSEE

Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* (the Act), it is a requirement that the holder of a Trepang licence submit returns within twenty-eight (28) days after the end of each month.

This person, pursuant to the Act, is known as the “licence holder” but may be a nominated person, temporary transferee or short term operator.

The original (white) sheets should be forwarded to the Returns Officer; you should retain the pink sheets in the logbook for your personal records.

Please be advised that:

- a) Returns must be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Fisheries and lodged with Fisheries no later than the 28th day of each succeeding month.
- b) A sample return is provided on the following page to assist you in completing your returns. Record the latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes **to the nearest minute**, as shown on GPS e.g., 129°30’.
- c) **Please only report the number of active collectors for a given date and time period.** For example, if four divers are based on a mother-ship and they are diving consecutively (rather than simultaneously) then the number of active collectors is just one. Please contact Fisheries Research on (08) 8999 2144 if you require further clarification on this matter.
- d) If no catch or sales take place in a given month a ‘NIL’ return must still be lodged.
- e) If you believe that your returns may be late in reaching Fisheries it is your responsibility to notify the Returns Officer with details of when the returns can be expected to arrive.
- f) All correspondence related to your licence and returns will be directed to the address on your licence application. If this address is no longer correct please notify Fisheries of any changes.
- g) If licence return conditions are not met prosecution may result.

Submit your returns by post, in person, by email or fax using the following details:	Director of Fisheries Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801	OR	Return Box located at Fisheries, Goff Letts Building, Berrimah Farm, Makagon Rd, Berrimah
		OR	logbookreturns@nt.gov.au
		OR	Fax (08) 8999 2057

For further information please call the Returns Officer on (08) 8999 2189, or send an email to: logbookreturns@nt.gov.au.