

## Quota Tag Determination and Allocation Method (Fishing Tour Operator's Licence holders in the West Coast Region) 2024-25

Made by the CEO under regulation 128U of the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*

### 1. Instrument

This notice is the Quota Tag Determination and Allocation Method (Fishing Tour Operator's Licence holders in the West Coast Region) 2024-25.

### 2. Interpretation

In this notice:

***annual retained catch*** means the total number of top 15 demersal finfish species taken in the West Coast region for the relevant quota period, as determined by the department on the basis of the relevant fishing returns;

***average annual retained catch*** means the average of the annual retained catch for the three quota periods in the benchmark period in which the highest number of top 15 demersal scalefish species were recorded as having been taken in the West Coast Region;

***benchmark period*** means each quota period during the period starting on 1 July 2017 and ending on 30 June 2022;

***charter boat*** has the same meaning as in the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*;

***fishing return*** means a return submitted under regulation 64 of the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995* by the holder of a fishing tour operator's licence;

***top 15 demersal finfish species*** means West Australian dhufish, pink snapper, baldchin groper, breaksea cod, blue morwong, blue-eye trevalla, eightbar grouper, hapuku, bass groper, emperor species, bight redfish, foxfish, sergeant baker, sea sweep, ruby snapper;

***quota period*** means a period commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June of the following year;

***quota tag*** has the same meaning as regulation 128U(1) of the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*;

***relevant demersal finfish*** has the same meaning as regulation 128T(3) of the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995*.

### **3. Applicable quota period**

The method in this notice is to be used to determine and allocate quota tags in the West Coast Region for the quota period commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.

### **4. Method for determining the number of quota tags to be allocated**

The number of quota tags to be allocated for a quota period is determined using the following formula:

$$\text{Number of quota tags} = A \times B / C$$

Where:

A = the estimated total fishing mortality of relevant demersal finfish being landed as a percentage of the estimated total fishing mortality of the top 15 demersal finfish species taken by charter boats in the West Coast Region

B = the annual total allowable level of fishing mortality of the top 15 demersal finfish species taken by charter boats in the West Coast Region

C = the estimated average weight of relevant demersal finfish

### **5. Method for allocating quota tags**

The method for allocation is:

- (a) the CEO is to determine the total number of quota tags available to be allocated under clause 4;
- (b) the CEO is to identify each person who meets the criteria specified in clause 6;  
and
- (c) the CEO is to allocate quota tags to each person who meets the criteria specified in clause 6, in proportion to the combined average annual retained catch of all persons who meet the criteria specified in clause 6.

**6. Criteria**

The criteria to be satisfied for the purposes of clause 5 are that:

- (a) on 1 July 2024 the person will be the holder of a fishing tour operator's licence authorising the conduct of a fishing tour for a commercial purpose in the West Coast Region; and
- (b) the average annual retained catch taken by the person is not less than 140.

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Harrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nathan Harrison  
**Executive Director, Fisheries and Agriculture Resource Management**