I, James Findlay, A/g Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, as delegate of powers conferred upon AFMA under the Plan of Management in accordance with s17(5A), make the following Direction under sub-section 25(1) of the Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995.

Date  18 May 2010

JAMES FINDLAY

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A/g Chief Executive Officer
Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Citation

1. This Direction may be cited as NPF Direction No. 142.

Commencement

2. This Direction commences the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

Application

3. This Direction applies to a holder of statutory fishing rights in the Northern Prawn Fishery and to a person acting on behalf of the holder, when fishing in the area of the Northern Prawn Fishery.

Period of Application

4. This Direction applies for a period beginning on the date this Direction commences and ending on 31 December 2010.

Interpretation

5.1 In this Direction:
"boat" means a boat that is nominated on statutory fishing rights for the Northern Prawn Fishery;

"UTC" means Coordinated Universal Time, the time scale based on the second (SI), maintained by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures. For the purposes of this Direction UTC is equivalent to mean solar time at the prime meridian (0 degrees longitude), formerly expressed in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

5.2 A term used in this Direction that is defined for the purposes of the Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995 has the same meaning in this Direction as it has in that plan.
Notes: 1. Terms defined in the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* have the same meanings in this determination. 2. Terms defined in the Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995 include “Northern Prawn Fishery” and “Northern Prawn Fishery” area.

5.3 The origin of geographical coordinates used in this Direction is the Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 (AGD66).

Prohibition on fishing in the Gulf of Carpentaria and around the Goulburn Islands

6 No fishing is to be engaged in the areas described in Schedule 1 during the period commencing at 2200 hours UTC on 31 March 2010 and ending at 2200 hours UTC on 31 December 2010.

To whom do the prohibitions in clause 6 not apply?

7 The prohibitions in clause 6 do not apply to a person if the person is fishing in accordance with another plan of management in force under the Management Act, or a law of a State or Territory that is in force in relation to the Northern Prawn Fishery area.

Revocation of NPF Direction No. 137

8 This Direction revokes NPF Direction No. 137 with effect from the commencement date of this Direction.
SCHEDULE 1

Area A - Gulf of Carpentaria

The area bounded by the line:

(a) commencing at the intersection of mainland Australia at low-water mark and Latitude 14° 20’ South;
(b) then running east along the parallel to its intersection with the meridian of the Longitude 136°;
(c) then running south easterly to the point of Latitude 15°30’ South, Longitude 137°30’ East;
(d) then running south easterly to the point of Latitude 16° South, Longitude 138° East;
(e) then north along the meridian of Longitude 138° East to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 12°15’ South;
(f) then west along that parallel to its intersection of mainland Australia at low-water mark in the vicinity of Nhulunbuy;
(g) then generally southerly along that shore at low-water to the point of commencement.

Area B - Goulburn Islands

The area bounded by the line:

(a) commencing at the intersection of the mainland at low-water mark and Longitude 133°30’ East;
(b) then north along the meridian to the intersection with Latitude 11°20’ South;
(c) then west along the geodesic to the point Latitude 11° 20’ South and Longitude 132°55’ East in the vicinity of De Courcy Head;
(d) then generally southerly and easterly along that shore at low-water to the point of commencement.