I, JAMES FINDLAY, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, as delegate under delegation No. 1 of 2011 made on 28th January 2011 from the Commission, make the following Direction under subsection 41A(2) of the Fisheries Management Act 1991.

Dated: 17 June 2013

James Findlay  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Citation
1. This Direction may be cited as the Northern Prawn Fishery (Closures) Direction No. 164.

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

Cessation
3. This Direction ceases as it if was revoked at 2200 hours UTC on 31 December 2013 unless earlier revoked.

Interpretation
4.1 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).

4.2 Terms used in this Direction that are defined for the purposes of the *Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995* have the same meanings in this Direction as they have in that Plan.

Notes: 1. Terms defined in the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* have the same meanings in this Direction.

4.3 This Direction is to be read consistently with other Directions made under the Fisheries Management Act 1991.

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

**To whom this Direction applies**

5. This Direction applies to a holder of a fishing concession in the Northern Prawn Fishery and to a person acting on behalf of the holder.

**Direction not to engage in fishing**

6.1 Fishing is not to be engaged in in the area defined in Schedule 1 of this Direction between the date of commencement of this Direction and 0830 hours UTC 31 December 2013.

6.2 Fishing is not to be engaged in in the area defined in Schedule 2 of this Direction between the date of commencement of this Direction and 0830 hours UTC 31 December 2013.

**Revocation of previous Direction**

7. This Direction revokes the *Northern Prawn Fishery (Closures) Direction No. 163* with effect from the date of commencement of this Direction.
SCHEDULE 1

Mid Season Closure

The area bounded by the line:
(a) commencing at the intersection of the meridian of longitude 138° East and the mainland of Australia at the low water mark; and
(b) then running north along that meridian to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 11° 47' South; and
(c) then east along the geodesic to the intersection of the parallel of Latitude 11°47' South with the northern shore of the mainland at low water mark, in the vicinity of the Skardon River, on the eastern side of the Gulf of Carpentaria; and
(d) then generally southerly and then generally westerly along that shore at low-water to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

Mid Season Closure

The area bounded by the line:
(a) commencing at the intersection of the north-western shore of the mainland of Australia at low-water with the meridian of Longitude 123°45' East;
(b) then running north along that meridian to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 15°28' South;
(c) then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 14°53' South, Longitude 124°08' East;
(d) then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 14°12' South, Longitude 124°50' East;
(e) then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 13°28' South, Longitude 125°43' East;
(f) then east along the parallel of Latitude 13°28' South to the meridian of Longitude 127°00' East;
(g) then north easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 13°21.4' South, Longitude 129°30.9' East;
(h) then south westerly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 13°45' South, Longitude 129°12' East;
(i) then east along the parallel to the intersection with the mainland at low water mark;
(j) then generally north easterly along the shore at low water mark to the parallel of latitude 13°10' South;
(k) then westerly along the parallel to the point of Latitude 13°10' South, Longitude 129°40' East;
(l) then north along the meridian of Longitude 129°40' East to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 10°30' South;
(m) then east along that parallel to its intersection with the meridian of Longitude 133°16' East;
(n) then south along that meridian to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 11°00' South;
(o) then south-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 11°25' South, Longitude 134°15' East;
(p) then east along the parallel of Latitude 11°25' South to its intersection with the meridian of Longitude 135°35' East;
(q) then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 11°05' South, Longitude 136°10' East;
(r) then north-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 10°30' South, Longitude 136°40' East;
(s) then south-easterly along the geodesic to the point of Latitude 11°00' South, Longitude 137°05' East;
(t) then south along the meridian of Longitude 137°05' East to its intersection with the parallel of Latitude 11°47' South;
(u) then north easterly along the geodesic to the point of intersection of the parallel of Latitude 11° 29.16' South with the meridian of Longitude 138° East;
(v) then south along that meridian to its intersection with the mainland at low water mark;
(w) then generally westerly along the shore at low water mark to the point of commencement.