



Fisheries Management (Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery and Small Pelagic Fishery Closures) Amendment Direction No. 1 2025

I, Wez Norris, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, make the following direction.

Dated 23 June 2025

Wez Norris
Chief Executive Officer

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Fisheries Management (Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery and Small Pelagic Fishery Closures) Amendment Direction No.1 2025*

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under 41A(3) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Fisheries Management (Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery and Small Pelagic Fishery Closures) Direction 2021

1 Section 4

Add:

Daylight hours means the hours of light between the times of nautical dawn and nautical dusk.

Add:

Modified droplining means a method of individual droplines which ensure that no hooks are set within 5 metres of the sea floor during daylight hours.

2 Subsection 6(j)

Omit the subsection, and substitute:

(j) Fishing is not to be engaged in the area described in Schedule 11.

(jA) Fishing is not to be engaged in the area described in Schedule 12.

3 Subsection 6(x)

Add

(x) Fishing is prohibited within the areas specified in Schedules 8, 9, 10, 12, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and/or 39 for 12 months if either:

- ten or more Harrison’s dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or
- ten or more southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) or
- ten or more Harrison’s dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) and southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) combined

are taken during a fishing season, under all fishing concessions combined in the area described by the relevant Schedule. If the concession holder takes a species of dogfish that cannot be identified by AFMA, for the purposes of this condition it will be deemed to be a Harrison’s dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or southern dogfish (*C. Zeehaani*). The 12 month ban will commence from the date of the tenth dogfish was caught.

4 Subsection 7(1)

Omit subsection and substitute:

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- (1) Clauses 6(d), 6(i), 6(j), 6(jA), 6(k), 6(m), 6(o), 6(p), 6(q), 6(u) and 6(v) do not apply to holders fishing under a concession granted in accordance with the *Small Pelagic Fishery Management Plan 2009* using the mid-water trawl method.

5 Subsection 9(1)

Omit the subsection, substitute:

- (1) Clauses 6(i), 6(jA), 6(o), 6(p) and 6(v) do not apply to fishing by the hydraulic hand reel droplining method if electronic monitoring equipment is installed and used in compliance with the *E-Monitoring (Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery) Direction 2021*.
- (2) If a concession holder takes three Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*), three southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) or three Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) and southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) combined in the areas specified in Schedules 10, 12, 30, 31, 32 and/or 39 under a fishing concession in a fishing season, the holder must not engage in fishing in the area described in the relevant Schedule under that fishing concession for a period of 12 months commencing from the date the concession holder caught the third Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*). If the concession holder takes a species of dogfish that cannot be identified by AFMA, for the purposes of this condition it will be deemed to be a Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*).

6 Section 11

Add:

Exemption to the prohibitions – Modified Droplining

- (1) Clauses 6(i), 6(jA), 6(o), 6(p) and 6(v) do not apply to fishing by the modified droplining method if electronic monitoring equipment is installed and used in compliance with the *E-Monitoring (Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery) Direction 2021*.
- (2) If a concession holder takes three Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*), three southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) or three Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) and southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*) combined in the areas specified in Schedules 10, 12, 30, 31, 32 and/or 39 under a fishing concession in a fishing season, the concession holder must not engage in fishing in the area described in the relevant Schedule under that fishing concession for a period of 12 months commencing from the date the concession holder caught the third Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*). If the concession holder takes a species of dogfish that cannot be identified by AFMA, for the purposes of this condition it will be deemed to be a Harrison's dogfish (*C. harrissoni*) or southern dogfish (*C. zeehaani*).