



## Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

### Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018

#### **Flexible Permit Conditions – Category One Permit**

These flexible permit conditions relate to Category One shrimp permits issued under the Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018 and should be read in conjunction with that byelaw.

#### **Interpretations**

1. In these flexible permit conditions:
  - a) “try-net” means a trawl deployed by hand from a vessel used to determine the presence or absence of shrimps.

#### **Permit conditions**

##### Try-net

2. A vessel must not carry or deploy more than one try-net.
3. A try-net must:
  - a) be deployed and hauled only by hand;
  - b) have a beam width of no more than 500 millimetres;
  - c) be no more than 20 kilograms in weight; and
  - d) not have tickler chains or any other attachment designed to, or with the effect of, penetrating the seabed except guides, skids or a shoe.

##### Prohibited attachments

4. A vessel must not carry or deploy a net, the mesh of which measures between 16 and 31 millimetres which has:
  - a) tickler chains;
  - b) any item designed to, or with the effect of, penetrating the seabed except guides, skids or shoes;

- c) guides, skids or shoes unless the surface of such which comes into contact with the seabed is flat across its entire length.

#### Separator trawl or sorting grid requirement

- 5. A vessel carrying fishing gear with an aggregate beam width or a net headline length of eight metres or less must not carry or deploy a net, the mesh of which measures between 16 and 31 millimetres unless:
  - a) netting, the mesh of which measures at least twice that of the codend and no more than 70 millimetres, is fitted across the entire cross-section of the net in such a way that:
    - i. sea fish cannot reach the codend without first passing through the netting; and
    - ii. there is a hole in the net through which all sea fish that do not pass through the netting are able to escape; or
  - b) a rigid grid, the spacing between the bars of which is no more than 20 millimetres, is fitted across the entire cross-section of the net in such a way that:
    - i. sea fish cannot reach the codend without first passing through the grid; and
    - ii. there is a hole in the net through which all sea fish that do not pass through the grid are able to escape.
- 6. Paragraph 5 does not apply to a try net.

#### Requirement to complete returns

- 7. A Permit holder must submit, or cause to be submitted, to the Authority, shrimp return forms relating to the previous weeks fishing no later than the Wednesday of each week.
- 8. Where shrimp return forms are more than twenty one days in arrears, the Authority must notify all persons named on the associated Shrimp Permit in writing.
- 9. Seven days after notification under paragraph 8, the persons so notified must not fish for shrimp unless and until such time as:
  - a) the Authority has received all of the notified shrimp return forms referred to in the notification; and
  - b) the Authority has issued confirmation that such has been received.

### Fishing effort restrictions

10. The Authority may restrict the maximum number of trips which can be undertaken under the authority of a Shrimp Permit in accordance with the Shrimp Permit Scheme Policy and when doing so must:
- a) notify all persons named on extant Shrimp Permits in writing; and
  - b) provide at least two weeks' notice of the restriction coming into effect.
11. Fishing effort restrictions will have effect until the 1<sup>st</sup> August following notification or less time as may be specified in such notification.
12. Where notification is provided under paragraph 10, a person fishing for shrimps under the authority of this permit must not undertake more than the maximum number of shrimp fishing trips.

### Registration of fishing gear

13. A person must not fish for shrimps under the authority of this permit using fishing gear unless:
- a) a 'certificate of gear approval' has been issued by Eastern IFCA for that shrimp fishing gear;
  - b) the 'certificate of gear approval' is valid; and
  - c) a tag provided by Eastern IFCA is affixed to the gear with a reference number which is associated with the 'certificate of gear approval'.
14. For the purpose of this permit condition, a 'certificate of gear approval';
- a) will only be issued if the shrimp fishing gear has been inspected by an Eastern IFCA Officer and meets the requirements of the conditions of this permit and the Shrimp Permit Byelaw 2018;
  - b) will be invalid if the shrimp fishing gear is modified in any way after the 'certificate of gear approval' has been issued;
  - c) will be valid for the period the associated permit is valid.

The Permit Conditions come into effect on:

Date: 01 August 2023



Signed: