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IT is hereby notified for general information that the Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, acting pursuant to the provisions of section 17 of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1969 has imposed the following conditions in respect to fishing boat licenses.

1. No fishing boat licensed on or after the 1st March, 1963 shall be used and no person shall permit or suffer such boat to be used for the purpose of taking rock lobster in any portion of the waters of the Indian Ocean lying between the 24th and 34th parallels of south latitude unless such boat was engaged in the taking of rock lobster immediately prior to that date or is an authorised replacement for a boat which was so engaged.
2. Fishing boats engaged in the taking of rock lobster between the 30th and 33rd parallels of south latitude shall not during the same calendar year be so engaged anywhere between the 28th and 30th parallels.
3. Fishing boats engaged in the taking of rock lobster between the 28th and 30th parallels of south latitude shall not during the same calendar year be so engaged anywhere between the 30th and 33rd parallels.
4. Fishing boats engaged in the taking of rock lobster between either the 28th and 30th parallels or the 30th and 33rd parallels may engage in the taking of rock lobster in the waters of the Indian Ocean lying north of the 28th parallel and south of the 33rd parallel.
5. No fishing boat on or after the 1st day of January, 1966 shall engage in the taking of rock lobster in the Abrolhos Islands area as defined herein, if such boat was not so engaged in that area at any time during the three years immediately preceding that date. The Abrolhos Islands area comprises the whole of the Western Australian waters bounded by lines starting from the intersection of 27 degrees 30 mins. south latitude and 113 degrees 37 mins. east longitude and extending southeasterly to the intersection of 29 degrees 30 mins. south latitude and 114 degrees 13 mins. east longitude; thence west to 113 degrees east longitude; thence north to 27 degrees 30 mins. south latitude aforesaid and then east to the starting point.
6. No fishing boat engaged in the taking of rock lobster in the Abrolhos Islands area as defined in clause (5) above, shall engage in the taking of rock lobster in any waters outside such area during the period from March 15 to August 14 in each year.
7. No freezer boat, licensed as a processing establishment in pursuance of the provisions of section 35C of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1969 shall process, store, cut up, handle or treat rock lobster or portions of rock lobster in the Abrolhos Islands area as defined in clause (5) above, or shall have on board such boat any gear, appliances, wrapping, packing box or other equipment whatever that is used or might be used in the processing of rock lobster.
8. No freezer boat, licensed as a processing establishment in pursuance of the provisions of section 35C of the Fisheries Act, 1905-1969, shall process rock lobster caught by any other boat or person.
9. Rock lobster shall not be processed on a freezer boat before all rock lobster on that boat of a length of less than the legal length prescribed are returned to the ocean.
10. Rock lobster of a length less than the legal length prescribed, taken by a freezer boat, shall be returned to the ocean prior to the boat arriving at anchorage.
11. No freezer boat, on or after the first day of January, 1970, shall engage in the taking of rock lobster in any portion of the Western Australian waters of the Indian Ocean lying between 27° 30' and 28° 47' 30" south latitude during the period from January 1 to August 14 in each year.