

Fish Resources Management Act 1994

Section 7

INSTRUMENT OF EXEMPTION

I, Joanne Kennedy, Manager, Aquatic Resource Management, as delegate of the Minister for Fisheries, pursuant to Section 7(1) of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*, do hereby exempt the class of persons specified in **Schedule 1**, clauses 3, 62(7), 62(8) and schedule 10(1)(b) and schedule 10(2) and all other relevant clauses of the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan 2012 (the Plan)* that would otherwise prevent the persons from lawfully pursuing the activity specified in **Schedule 2**, for the period specified in **Schedule 3**, for the purposes specified in **Schedule 4**, subject to the conditions specified in **Schedule 5**.

**Schedule 1
Persons**

Registered Receivers operating under the authority of a Fish Processor's Licence issued under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* that have received a certificate in accordance with clause 52 of the Plan.

**Schedule 2
Activity**

Determination of the Registered Receiver's net weight of rock lobster in accordance with clause 62(7) or 62(8) of the Plan, using the graded-weight methodology specified in Condition 2 of this exemption.

**Schedule 3
Period**

This instrument of exemption is valid from the 1 November 2025 until 30 June 2027.

**Schedule 4
Purposes**

For the purposes described under section 7(2)(e) of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*: specifically, to provide a practical and accurate method for determining the net weight of rock lobsters consigned through Registered Receivers.

**Schedule 5
Conditions**

1. Persons operating under the authority of this exemption must only determine net weight of a lobster consignment by either:
 - a. Using the methodology provided in Schedule 10(2) of the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan 2012* or;

- b. Using the methodology provided in Condition 2.
2. When determining net weight through grading of western rock lobster (*Panulirus cygnus*), the sum reported to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development must include the total weight of all rock lobster (in kilograms); using the following methodology
- Graded weight = all graded lobster + all dead lobster + all deductions (damaged lobsters and detached legs or antennae), to one (1) decimal place.
3. Persons operating under the authority of this exemption and processing a consignment with net weights determined by grading must specify by ticking the relevant box in Part C of the Registered Receiver Consignment Form.



Joanne Kennedy
Manager, Aquatic Resource Management
as delegate of the MINISTER FOR FISHERIES
Dated the 13th day of October 2025