Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme - Stage 2 Guidelines

1. About the Scheme

1.1. The purpose of this Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme (FSAS) – Stage 2, is to support holders or lessees of particular primary commercial fishing licences (PCFLs) and particular fishery symbols. It is also to support former skipper and crew members of affected PCFL holders. Eligible applicants can apply for the following assistance under the Scheme:

A. Payment for Former Skippers and Crew

The purpose of this assistance is to provide a payment to former skippers and crew members whose income has been or will be affected by changes to fisheries in the Great Barrier Reef, Great Sandy or Gulf of Carpentaria regions.

To see the guidelines for this assistance, please visit www.qrida.qld.gov.au

B. Surrender of Primary Commercial Fishing Licence or 'N3' Fishery Symbol [page 5]

The purpose of the assistance under this section is a payment to PCFL holders who decide to surrender their PCFL or 'N3' *fishery symbols* written on their PCFL.

C. Payments for Loss of Income - 'N3' and 'N11' licences - Gulf region [page 6]

The purpose of assistance under this section of the Scheme is a payment for loss of income based on the applicant's fishing history for fish taken under the 'N3' and 'N11' fishery symbols written on the applicants PCFL, from a relevant grid site between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2023, and the projected price of fish in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026.

D. Payments for Loss of income - 'A1' and 'A2' licences - Great Sandy region [page 9]

The purpose of assistance under this section is to provide assistance to the holders and lessees of certain PCFL's to replace income the holder or lessee would have been projected to earn in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026 from fishing in part of the aquarium fish fishery that will be affected by the changes to zoning or management related to the replacement of the *Marine Parks (Great Sandy) Zoning Plan 2017.*

E. Loss of Income for Hammerhead sharks – East coast fisheries [page 12]

The purpose of assistance under this section is to provide assistance to the holders and lessees of certain PCFL's who are not otherwise eligible for assistance to replace income the holder or lessee would have been projected to earn from fishing for hammerhead sharks in *east coast fisheries* in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026.



2. How to Apply

- 2.1. To be considered for assistance under the Scheme, please submit a completed application form, accompanied by the relevant documentation stated on the application form.
- 2.2. Application forms and related information can be accessed at www.qrida.qld.gov.au.
- 2.3. Complete applications are assessed in order of receipt, and QRIDA may request further information to help assess an application.

3. Requirements for Applications

- 3.1. An application for assistance under the Scheme must be given to QRIDA before the closing day, 31 July 2024.
- 3.2. An application may be made by an *applicant* on behalf of:
 - (a) if more than one (1) person is a holder of the PCFL– with the consent of each other holder of the PCFL; or
 - (b) if a public company is the holder of the PCFL with the consent of a director of the public company.
- 3.3. QRIDA may request further information to determine an application.
- 3.4. Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *Rural* and *Regional Adjustment Act 1994.*

4. How applications will be assessed and decided

- 4.1. Upon receiving applications, QRIDA will acknowledge receipt by email and advise if any further information is required to commence assessment of the application.
- 4.2. QRIDA will assess applications in order of receipt.
- 4.3. Incomplete applications will not be assessed until all required information is received.
- 4.4. QRIDA must refuse an application if the funds for the assistance are not sufficient to pay the application.
- 4.5. Approved assistance will be deposited to your nominated bank account.

5. Conflict of Interest

- 5.1. A conflict of interest may arise due to a business dealing with QRIDA, if your private interests conflict with your obligations under the Scheme. Conflicts of interest could affect your eligibility for conditional approval. A conflict of interest can be;
 - real (or actual);
 - apparent (or perceived); or
 - potential.
- 5.2. We will ask you to declare, as part of your application, any business dealings that may be considered an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If you later identify that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to your application, you must inform us in writing immediately.

6. Fraudulent Applications

- 6.1. QRIDA takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be referred to Queensland Police Services (QPS) and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
- 6.2. Fraud and corruption is a criminal offence under Sections 408C, 408D and 87 of the *Criminal Code 1899 (Qld)*. For corporations, directors and company officials, Section 596 and 184 of the *Australian Corporations Act 2001* (Clth) will also apply.

- 6.3. Providing false or misleading information or documents in the QRIDA application process is an offence. Penalties may apply under Section 41 and 42 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.
- 6.4. By signing the application form, you acknowledge that the information you provide is true and accurate, and agree to be bound by the Scheme's guidelines and provisions.
- 6.5. QRIDA reserves the right to pursue and recover funding provided under fraudulent and dishonest circumstances.

7. Your privacy

- 7.1. QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy, sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information
- 7.2. The application portal for this Scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used, and disclosed.

8. More information

For more information on the Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme, contact QRIDA on Freecall 1800 623 946 or email contact us@qrida.qld.gov.au

9. Definitions

Applicant means an entity applying for assistance under the Scheme.

Aquarium fish fishery see the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, schedule 7A, part 1.

Closing day means 31 July 2024, or the day stated in an extension notice made by the Minster and published on the authority's website (an *extension notice*).

Commercial fishery means a fishery under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019.

East coast fishery means a commercial fishery other than a commercial fishery in the Gulf region.

Fish see the Fisheries Act 1994, section 5.

Fishery symbol has the meaning given by the Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019.

Fishing data means information given to the chief executive under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, chapter 5 or 6.

Great Barrier Reef region means east coast inshore management region 1 to 4 under the *Fisheries* (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019.

Great Sandy region means the area of the Great Sandy Marine Park under the *Marine Parks Act*

Gulf gillnet-free area, for assistance under Section C of this guidelines means—

- (a) northern Gulf waters; or
- (b) Pormpuraaw waters; or
- (c) Norman River; or
- (d) Topsy Creek; or
- (e) western Gulf waters.
- **Gulf region** means the Gulf of Carpentaria waters under the *Fisheries Declaration 2019*, schedule 1, part 2.
- **Hold**, in relation to a *primary commercial fishing licence*, includes holding a suspended *primary commercial fishing licence*.
- **Holder,** of a *primary commercial fishing licence*, means the person to whom the licence is issued or transferred, other than temporarily transferred, under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

- **Move,** for a fishery symbol written on a *primary commercial fishing licence*, means move the fishery symbol to another *primary commercial fishing licence* under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, chapter 3, part 4, division 2.
- **Primary commercial fishing licence** means a primary commercial fishing licence issued under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.
- Scheme means the scheme set out in this schedule.
- **Scheme document** means the document called 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables Stage 2' version 1.0, published on the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website.
- **Surrender,** for a fishery symbol written on a PCFL means request the Chief Executive to amend the licence to remove the fishery symbol, or for a PCFL, means surrender un the *Fisheries Act* 1994.

B. Surrender of Primary Commercial Fishing Licence and 'N3' Fishery symbol Gulf region

1. Purpose of Assistance

1.1. The purpose of the assistance under this section is a payment to PCFL holders who decide to surrender their PCFL or 'N3' *fishery symbols* written on their PCFL.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for payment for assistance, an applicant must surrender:
 - (a) a PCFL; or
 - (b) the fishery symbol 'N3'; and
 - (c) demonstrate to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that the PCFL or fishery symbol has been surrendered.

3. Amount of Assistance

3.1. The amount of assistance for an eligible *applicant* is as follows:

Fishery Symbol	Amount
PCFL	\$20,000
• 'N3'	\$100,000

4. Conditions of Assistance

- 4.1. The *applicant* must enter into and comply with a written agreement with QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.2. The *applicant* must give consent to the chief executive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the *applicant*'s *fishing data* to the extent the *fishing data* is relevant to the application.
- 4.3. The *applicant* must give consent to QRIDA to give notice to the chief executive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the assistance given under this part of the Scheme.

C. Payments for Loss of Income – 'N3' and 'N11' licences Gulf region

1. Purpose of Assistance

1.1. The purpose of assistance under this section of the Scheme is a payment for loss of income based on the applicant's fishing history for fish taken under the 'N3' and 'N11' fishery symbols written on the applicants PCFL, from a relevant grid site between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2023, and the projected price of fish in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for payment under this section, an applicant must:
 - (a) have held a PCFL on which the *fishery symbol* 'N3' or 'N11' was written for all or part of the period starting on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2023;
 - (b) hold a PCFL on which the fishery symbol 'N3' is written;
 - (c) have taken at least 1kg of fish from a relevant grid site:
 - i. under the PCFL when the fishery symbol 'N3' or 'N11' was written on the licence, during the period starting from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023; and
 - ii. recorded the taking of the fish as required under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019.

3. Applications for Special Circumstances

- 3.1. An applicant is also eligible for assistance if the applicant.
 - (a) is eligible for assistance under 2.1; and
 - (b) has *fishing data* that shows that no fish were taken under the *applicant*'s PCFL in at least 6 consecutive months (the *no fish period*) during the period starting on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
 - (c) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that a special circumstance applied to the *applicant* during the no fish period (e.g. medical certificate).
- 3.2. For 3.1(c), special circumstance can include:
 - (a) illness of the applicant or 1 or more of the applicant's dependants; and
 - (b) natural disaster; and
 - (c) another circumstance that prevented fish being taken under the *applicant's* PCFL during the *no fish period*.
- 3.3. For 3.1 (c), special circumstances do not include:
 - (a) refitting a boat; or
 - (b) fishing in another fishery; or
 - (c) working in another industry.

4. Amount of Assistance

4.1. For *applicants* eligible under 2.1, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R}{4}\right) \times M = A$$

Where:

A means the amount.

M means the price multiplier of the fish.

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

4.2. For *applicants* eligible for special circumstances under 3.1, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+C}{4}\right)\times M=A$$

Where:

A means the amount.

C means the applicant's special circumstances catch.

M means the price multiplier for the fish.

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

4.3. The result from the formula in 4.1 or 4.2 is used to determine the amount of assistance, using the below table:

Formula amount	Amount of Assistance
1,000 or less	\$1,000
Between 1,000 and 4,999 (inclusive)	\$5,000
Between 5,000 and 10,000 (inclusive)	\$10,000
More than \$10,000	The result from the formula expressed in dollars.

5. Conditions of Assistance

- 5.1. The *applicant* must enter into and comply with a written agreement with QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 5.2. The *applicant* must not apply to the chief executive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of the Scheme's closing day.
- 5.3. The *applicant* must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the *applicant*'s *fishing data* to the extent the *fishing data* is relevant to the application.

6. Definitions

- **Gulf gillnet-free area** means the following regulated waters under the *Fisheries Declaration 2019*, schedule 1, part 2 --
 - (a) northern Gulf waters
 - (b) Pormpuraaw waters;
 - (c) Norman River;
 - (d) Topsy Creek;
 - (e) western Gulf waters.
- **N3** *fishery* means the fishery mentioned in the *Fisheries* (*Commercial Fisheries*) *Regulation* 2019, schedule 4, part 6.
- **N11 fishery** means the fishery mentioned in the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation*, Schedule 4, part 7.
- No fish period, for an applicant, the applicant's fishing data shows that no fish was taken under the applicant's PCFL in at least 6 consecutive months (the no fish period) during the period starting on 1 July 2019 and ending 30 June 2023.

- **move** for a fishery symbol written on a PCFL, means move the fishery symbol to another PCFL under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, chapter 3, part 4, division 2.
- **Price multiplier,** for a fish, means the number stated in part 3 of the 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables Stage 2' opposite the fish.
- **Relevant grid site** means an area of a commercial fishery shown on a relevant map as a Fisheries Queensland 6 minute grid site where catch will be affected, on 17 May 2024, when the area becomes part of a Gulf gillnet-free area.
- **Relevant map** means a map in Part 2.2–2.6 of the 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables Stage 2'.

Relevant period catch, for an applicant, means the amount worked out by --

- (a) multiplying the total weight (expressed in kilograms) of fish taken, under the *fishery symbol* 'N3' or 'N11' written on the *applicant's primary commercial fishing licence*, in each *relevant grid site* during the period starting on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2023 by the percentage stated in the relevant map for the *relevant grid site*; and
- (b) adding the result for each relevant grid site mentioned in paragraph (a).

Special circumstances catch, for an applicant, is worked out using the following formula -

$$\left(\frac{R}{M}\right) \times N = C$$

where -

C means the applicant's special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms).

M means the number of months in the period starting on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2023 in which fish were taken on at least 1 day in the month under the *applicant's primary commercial fishing licence*.

N means the number of months in the *applicant's no fish period* (expressed as a whole number).

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

D. Payments for Loss of Income - A1 and A2 licences Great Sandy region

1. Purpose of Assistance

1.1. The purpose of assistance under this section is to provide assistance to the holders and lessees of certain PCFL's to replace income the holder or lessee would have been projected to earn in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026 from fishing in part of the aquarium fish fishery that will be affected by the changes to zoning or management related to the replacement of the *Marine Parks (Great Sandy) Zoning Plan 2017*.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for payment under this section, an *applicant* must:
 - (a) have **held or leased** a PCFL on which the *fishery symbol* 'A1' or 'A2' was written for all or part of the period starting from 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2023;
 - (b) if the applicant leased the PCFL mentioned in (a), provide evidence of the lease; and
 - (c) took at least 1 fish from a relevant grid site:
 - i. under the *PCFL* when the *fishery symbol* 'A1' or 'A2' was written on the licence, during the period starting from 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2023; and
 - ii. recorded the taking of the fish as required under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019.

3. Applications for Special Circumstances

- 3.1. An applicant is also eligible for assistance if the applicant.
 - (a) is eligible for assistance under 2.1; and
 - (b) has fishing data that shows the applicant did not catch fish in at least 6 consecutive months (the no fish period) starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
 - (c) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that a special circumstance applied to the *applicant* during the *no fish period* (e.g. medical certificate).
- 3.2. For 3.1, special circumstance can include:
 - (a) illness of the applicant or 1 or more of the applicant's dependants; and
 - (b) natural disaster; and
 - (c) another circumstance that prevented the applicant from fishing during the no fish period.
- 3.3. For 3.1, special circumstances do not include:
 - (a) refitting a boat; or
 - (b) fishing In another fishery; or
 - (c) working in another industry.

4. Amount of Assistance

4.1. For *applicants* eligible under 2.1, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S}{2}\right)\times 89.62775=A$$

Where:

A means the amount.

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

S means the *applicant's substituted period catch*.

4.2. For *applicants* eligible under 3.1, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S+C}{2}\right)\times89.62775=A$$

Where:

A means the amount.

C means the applicant's special circumstances catch.

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

S means the *applicant*'s substituted period catch.

4.3. The result from the formula in 4.1 or 4.2 is used to determine the amount of assistance, using the below table:

Formula amount	Amount of Assistance
1,000 or less	\$1,000
Between 1,000 and 4,999 (inclusive)	\$5,000
Between 5,000 and 10,000 (inclusive)	\$10,000
More than \$10,000	The result from the formula expressed in dollars.

5. Conditions of Assistance

- 5.1. The *applicant* must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 5.2. The *applicant* must not apply to the chief executive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of the Scheme's closing day.
- 5.3. The *applicant* must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the *applicant*'s *fishing data* to the extent the *fishing data* is relevant to the application.

6. Definitions

No fish period, is the period in which the *applicant's fishing data* shows that the *applicant* did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months (the *no fish period*) during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

Relevant grid site means an area of a *commercial fishery* shown on the map in part 1.1 of the 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables – Stage 2' as a Fisheries Queensland 6 minute grid site where catch will be affected, on 21 May 2024, by the commencement of the *Marine Parks (Great Sandy) Zoning Plan 2024*.

Relevant period catch for an applicant, means the amount worked out by -

- (a) multiplying the total number of fish taken by the applicant under fishery symbol 'A1' or 'A2' written on the applicant's PCFL in each relevant grid site during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 by the percentage stated in the map in part 1.1 of the 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables Stage 2' for the relevant grid site; and
- (b) adding the result for each relevant grid site mentioned in paragraph (a).

Special circumstances catch, for an applicant, is worked out using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S}{M}\right)\times N=C$$

C means the *applicant's special circumstances catch* (expressed as a number of fish).

M means the number of months during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 in which the *applicant* caught fish on at least 1 day in the month under the *applicant's PCFL*.

N means the number of months in the *applicant's no fish period* (expressed as a whole number).

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

S means the applicant's substituted period catch.

Substituted period catch, for an applicant, means the amount worked out by -

- (a) multiplying the total number of fish taken by the *applicant* under the fishery symbol 'A1' or 'A2' written on the *applicant*'s PCFL in each relevant grid during the period starting on 1 July 2022 and ending on 31 August 2022 by the percentage stated in the map in part 1.1. of the 'Fisheries Structural Adjustment Tables Stage 2' for the relevant grid site; and
- (b) adding the result for each relevant grid site mentioned in paragraph (a).

E. Hammerhead sharks - East coast fisheries

1. Purpose of Assistance

1.1. The purpose of assistance under this section is to provide assistance to the holders and lessees of certain PCFL's to who are not otherwise eligible for assistance to replace income the holder or lessee would have been projected to earn from fishing for hammerhead sharks in *east coast fisheries* in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for payment under this section, an *applicant* must:
 - (a) have **held** a PCFL on which 1 or more of the following *fishery symbols* was written for all or part of the period starting from 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023:
 - i. 'N1', 'N2', 'N4', 'N10';
 - ii. 'K1', 'K2', 'K3', 'K4', 'K5', 'K6', 'K7', 'K8';
 - iii. 'L1', 'L2', 'L3', 'L4', 'L8' or 'S';
 - (b) took at least 1kg of hammerhead shark:
 - from an east coast fishery under the PCFL when a symbol mentioned in 2.1(a) was written on the licence during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
 - ii. recorded the taking of the fish as required under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019; and
 - (c) is not eligible for assistance under any other section of the *Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme Stage 1* or this *Stage 2*, other than this section.
- 2.2. An applicant is also eligible for assistance if, the applicant.
 - (a) **leased** a PCFL on which 1 or more of the symbols mentioned in 2.1.(a) was written for all or part of the period from 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2023; and
 - (b) took at least 1kg of hammerhead shark:
 - i. from an east coast fishery under the PCFL when a symbol mentioned in 2.1(a) was written on the licence during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
 - ii. recorded the taking as required under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries)
 Regulation 20; and
 - (c) is not eligible for assistance under any other section of the *Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme Stage 1* or this Stage 2, other than this section.

3. Applications for Special Circumstances

- 3.1. An applicant is also eligible for assistance if the applicant.
 - (a) is eligible for assistance under 2.1; and
 - (b) has fishing data that shows the applicant did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months (the no fish period) during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
 - (c) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that a *special circumstance* applied to the *applicant* during the *no fish period* (e.g. medical certificate).
- 3.2. Special circumstance can include:
 - (a) illness of the applicant or 1 or more of the applicant's dependants; and
 - (b) natural disaster; and

- (c) another circumstance that prevented the applicant from fishing during the no fish period.
- 3.3. Special circumstances do not include:
 - (a) refitting a boat; or
 - (b) fishing In another fishery; or
 - (c) working in another industry

4. Amount of Assistance

4.1. For *applicants* eligible under 2.1 or 2.2, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S}{2}\right) \times 17.82400588 = A$$

Where:

A means the amount

R means the applicant's relevant period catch

S means the applicant's substituted period catch

4.2. For *applicants* eligible for special circumstances under 3.1, the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S+C}{2}\right) \times 17.82400588 = A$$

Where:

A means the amount

C means the *applicant's* special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms)

R means the applicant's relevant period catch

S means the applicant's substituted period catch

4.3. The result from the formula in 4.1 or 4.2 is used to determine the amount of assistance, using the below table:

Formula amount	Amount of Assistance
1,000 or less	\$1,000
Between 1,000 and 4,999 (inclusive)	\$5,000
Between 5,000 and 10,000 (inclusive)	\$10,000
More than \$10,000	The result from the formula expressed in dollars.

5. Conditions of Assistance

- 5.1. The *applicant* must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 5.2. The *applicant* must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the *applicant*'s *fishing data* to the extent the *fishing data* is relevant to the application.
- 5.3. The applicant must not apply to the chief executive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of the Scheme's closing day.

6. Definitions

East coast fishery means a commercial fishery other than a commercial fishery in the Gulf region.

No fish period, is the period in which the *applicant's fishing data* shows that the *applicant* did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months (the *no fish period*) during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

Relevant period catch, for an applicant, means the total weight (expressed in kilograms) of hammerhead shark taken under the applicant's PCFL in the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

Special circumstances catch, for an applicant, means C using the below formula:

$$\left(\frac{R+S}{M}\right)\times N=C$$

Where:

C means the applicant's special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms).

M means the number of months during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 in which the *applicant* caught a hammerhead shark on at least 1 day in the month under the *applicant*'s PCFL.

N means the number of months in the *applicant*'s no fish period (expressed as a whole number).

R means the applicant's relevant period catch.

S means the *applicant's substituted period catch*.

Substituted period catch, for an applicant, means the total weight (expressed in kilograms) of hammerhead shark taken under the applicant's PCFL in the period starting on 1 July 2022 and ending on 31 August 2022.