

PEARL OYSTER HATCHERY (NURSERY) LICENCE

Pursuant to Section 23 of the *Pearling Act 1990* ("the Act"), the Executive Director hereby issues this hatchery licence to **Blue Seas Pearling Company of PO Box 57 Broome WA 6725** to carry out only those hatchery activities described in this licence, during the year ending 31 December 2006, subject to the Act, the *Pearling (General) Regulations 1991* ("the Regulations") and the conditions described below.

1. Definitions and interpretations

- a. In this licence the following terms have the meaning they have under the Act or the Regulations-
 - i. "grow out",
 - ii. "nursery site",
 - iii. "spat",
 - iv. "spat collector".

2. Permitted hatchery activities

- a. Grow out
 - i. The grow out, on a nursery site, of spat.
 - ii. Moving, dumping, holding, storing or transporting pearl oysters or pearl oyster spat for the purposes of paragraph 2. a. i.
- b. Spat collection
 - i. The use of spat collectors as approved in writing by an inspector;
 - ii. Moving, dumping, holding, storing or transporting spat for the purposes of paragraph 2. b. i.

3. Conditions

- a. Spat collectors
 - i. A spat collector shall not be used to collect spat unless its use has been approved in writing by an inspector.

- ii. The maximum number of spat collectors which may be used to take spat shall be approved by an inspector.
- iii. The licensee shall provide to an inspector based at the Broome Regional Fisheries office at least seven days prior written notice of the proposed date, time and place of any harvest of pearl oysters from an approved spat collector(s) and details of the proposed transport to and the destination of the pearl oysters.

b. General Conditions

- i. For the purposes of the Regulations, this licence is expressed to be in respect of the hatchery activities specified herein for "hatchery options" or "hatchery quota".
- ii. This licence does not authorise seeding operations on any pearl oysters.
- iii. Pearl oysters or pearl oyster spat shall only be sold by the licensee to the holder of a pearling licence under the Act or Regulations.
- iv. No pearl oysters shall be exported from or transported out of Western Australia without prior written authorization from the Executive Director.



P.P. ROGERS
Executive Director

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Date

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