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Dear Jenny,

Please find enclosed the following information to provide guidance in relation to mooring in the Ningaloo Marine Park for the 2011 GAMEX event. (Section 5 Other conditions to be observed)

While DEC would like to support event organisers where possible, we are bound to operate within the constraints of the relevant regulations and thus with regard to mooring and anchoring within marine reserves.

We trust that by providing temporary anchoring arrangements to occur, some of the problems otherwise associated with mooring and anchoring restrictions will be alleviated. DEC has extended its anchoring provisions with the best of intentions, to assist and support GAMEX organisers and competitors, in the hope that marine based logistics will proceed smoothly and without incident during the 2011 event.

Any such approval will apply to the Tantabiddi area only and is given in recognition of: (a) problems associated with launching and retrieving vessels from Tantabiddi boat ramp, (b) congestion and safety issues associated with vessels operating around the clock during the GAMEX event, and (c) the protection of marine habitats and will be subject to the Section 5: Other conditions to be observed.

We wish you all the best with the tournament, and look forward to receiving the 2011 GAMEX events application form in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

Best regards
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Section 5: Other Conditions to be Observed

Vessels leaving their anchor in place each day while fishing must adhere to the following:

1. Area of approval is situated within the Tantabiddi boat launching facility only.
2. Only a single Danforth, CQR, Bruce, or Admiralty Pick anchor that is attached to a chain and / or line can be used.
3. The anchor apparatus, when not attached to the vessel, is to be identified by a white float, minimum 300mm diameter, with the vessel name, competitor number, and mobile phone number clearly indicated on the float.
4. The anchoring gear must be located more than 50 meters from any existing mooring and is not to obstruct access to any existing mooring or anchoring gear.
5. Anchoring gear must not obstruct channels, fairways, or leads or be located within 100 meters of the Tantabiddi / Bundegi boat ramps.
6. Vessels are not to unlawfully attach to any mooring or marine structure including channel markers.
7. In the event of Exmouth District being placed on Cyclone Watch, all vessels and anchoring gear are to be removed from Ningaloo Marine Park Waters.
8. Anchors and chain can only be placed on areas of sand or rock pavement and where no corals, sponges or sea grass habitats are located.
9. GAMEX, vessel owners and operators accept full liability for their actions, their anchoring gear, and their vessels.
10. This approval is only given for the above anchoring arrangements to occur during, and for three days either side of, the event – i.e. from the 16th to the 29th March 2011. Any temporary anchoring gear remaining in Marine Park Waters outside of these dates will be subject to removal by DEC officers.
11. Overnight anchoring is not to occur in Sanctuary Zones.

Please also note:

While tenders (dinghies) associated with GAMEX vessels are allowed to use the beach for anchoring near the Tantabiddi boat ramp, DEC requires that the following conditions are observed:

1. No environmental damaged is caused by way of tenders being anchored in the beach area.
2. GAMEX vessels and tenders keep clear of commercial operator beach moorings during the event.