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CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 2002 Regulation 34 (1)

**Attention: Ben Knaggs
President, Exmouth Game Fishing Club**

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14 January 2025

Dear Ben,

Thank you for submitting your application for the upcoming 2025 GAMEX event. Parks and Wildlife Service is happy to support event organisers where possible, however, we are bound to manage within the constraints of the relevant regulations, in this case with specific reference to mooring and anchoring within marine reserves.

To facilitate the event, we are happy to provide lawful authority to registered GAMEX competitors who wish to install "temporary moorings" for the duration of the competition in the Tantabiddi area only. The conditions associated with the Lawful Authority are attached.

We trust that allowing "temporary mooring" arrangements to occur, should alleviate issues associated with:

- (a) launching and retrieving large vessels from both boat ramps,
- (b) congestion and safety issues associated with vessels operating around the clock during the GAMEX event.

Compliance with the associated conditions will also ensure that the marine habitat is protected, and issues associated with public safety and conflict with other user groups are minimised.

Should you accept these conditions, this letter serves as lawful authority to allow "temporary moorings" to be installed. Can you please ensure the conditions are distributed to all registered competitors via email or your website before their arrival and that a hard copy is included in all pre-starter packs.

We wish you all the best with the tournament.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Marine Program Coordinator, Sallyann Gudge on the above contact details should you have any further queries.

Regards,

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A/District Manager



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Lawful Authority to install “temporary moorings” for GAMEX 2025.

Conditions

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

1. Area of approval is situated within the Tantabiddi boat launching/mooring area only.
2. Lawful Authority only applies to registered competitors in GAMEX 2025.
3. “Temporary moorings” must be constructed/installed using only the following equipment: one or two Danforth, CQR, Bruce, or Admiralty Pick anchor(s) that are attached to a suitable chain and/or line.
4. The anchor apparatus, when not attached to the vessel, must be identified by a white float, minimum 300mm diameter, with the vessel name, competitor number and mobile phone number clearly indicated on the float.
5. The anchoring gear must be located more than 50 metres from any existing mooring and is not to obstruct access to any existing mooring or anchoring gear.
6. Anchoring gear must not obstruct navigation channels, fairways, or leads or be located within 100 metres of the Tantabiddi boat ramp.
7. Vessels are not to unlawfully attach to any mooring or marine structure including channel markers.
8. 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.
9. Anchors and chains can only be placed on areas of sand or rock pavement and where no corals, sponges, or seagrass habitats are located.
10. GAMEX vessel owners and operators accept full liability for their actions, their anchoring gear, and their vessels.
11. This approval is only given for the above anchoring arrangements to occur during, and for two days on either side of the event –from 14 March 2025 to 22 March 2025. All temporary mooring equipment is to be removed at the end of the event. Any temporary mooring gear remaining in Marine Park Waters outside of these dates will be subject to removal by Parks and Wildlife Service officers.
12. “Temporary moorings” are not to be placed in Sanctuary Zones.
13. Records of the number of “temporary moorings” and the number of participants to be provided to Parks and Wildlife Service within 30 days of completion of the event.

Please also note:

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

1. No environmental damage 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.
 3. GAMEX vessels and tenders keep clear of any commercial mooring inspections and commercial mooring maintenance that may be carried out at Tantabiddi during this period. Anchors shall not be set in any exclusion zones where mooring inspections are being carried out.
- Your safety is your responsibility, always BE CROCWISE in the Pilbara. Please report any crocodile sightings to DBCA Parks and Wildlife Service Karratha office on (08) 9182 2000.
 - Please check the [Parks and Wildlife Service - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Park Alerts System](#) throughout the event.