

## Recommendation paper

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**Title:** Loligo fishery: Closure of Southern Area

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Report of:** DNR

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### Background:

The loligo first season generally operates between the 24<sup>th</sup> February to the 28<sup>th</sup> April. In 2022 the start of the season is the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### Presentation and Consultation:

During the pre-recruitment survey in mid-February, catches revealed high concentrations of commercially “small” Loligo. The Loligo Producers Group approached DNR following an internal discussion to request a voluntary closure of the southern area (from 52’30oS) to be reinforced by DNR.

In order to maximise the impact/success of this closure the DNR science team recommend that the closure is set south of 52oS.

The purpose of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2005 is to provide for **the “utilisation” of the fisheries resources while “ensuring sustainability”**.

**Ensuring sustainability** means

*(i) maintaining the potential of fisheries resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and*

*(ii) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating adverse effects of fishing on the marine environment so far as it is reasonably practicable to do so;*

**Utilisation** means

*conserving, using, enhancing, and developing fisheries resources to enable the Government of the Falkland Islands to provide for the social and economic wellbeing of the Falkland Islands, either directly or by contribution to governmental revenues.*

It is therefore considered that closing the southern area of the Loligo fishery for “commercial” reasons is justified by the law.

### Recommendations:

Following LPG feedback, it is recommended that the area south of 52’30oS is closed for a period of 7 days commencing at 0001 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Should LPG need further support in this matter they must communicate any further request to DNR accordingly.

**Approved**

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**Dr Andrea Clausen**  
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