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## **SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT**

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**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994**  
**Section 8 Notification - Fishing Closure**  
**General Estuarine Prawn Trawling Closure**  
Port Jackson

I, Edward Obeid, prohibit the taking of fish and prawns by means of trawl nets of every description, or by the method of trawling by means of nets of every description, from all waters of Port Jackson.

This notification is effective from 12 October 2002 for a period of one year.

This prohibition does not extend to the taking of prawns and fish by a licensed commercial fisher:

- exercising the authority of an endorsement to operate in the Estuary Prawn Trawl Restricted Fishery;
- operating from a licensed fishing boat which has a S2 Port Jackson Prawn Trawl endorsement;
- using an otter trawl net (prawns) fitted with a by-catch reduction device approved by the Director, NSW Fisheries for the waters of Port Jackson; and
- when fishing in the waters described in Column 1 of the schedule below, during the period shown opposite in Column 2 of that Schedule; subject to the provisions of this notification.

**The Hon Edward Obeid OAM, MLC**  
**Minister for Mineral Resources**  
**Minister for Fisheries**

**Schedule**

<b>Column 1</b> <i>Waters</i>	<b>Column 2</b> <i>Periods during which prawn trawling is permitted</i>
The waters of Port Jackson together with all its rivers, bays and tributaries which are not closed to netting under any other schedule or Notification.	<p>1. From 5 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays (inclusive) to 9 a.m. the following day, and from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday in each week, in the period between 5 p.m. Monday 21 October 2002 and 8 a.m. Friday 18 April 2003 (Good Friday).</p> <p>2. From 5 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays (inclusive) to 9 a.m. the following day, and from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday in each week, in a period as determined by the District Fisheries Officer, Sydney North, as detailed in the conditions of this Schedule.</p>

**Conditions:****Late closing trial criteria for Port Jackson prawn trawling:**

**1)** A prawn trawling trial may be undertaken to establish the late closing of the Port Jackson prawn trawling season. The trial is to be undertaken in a manner agreed between the District Fisheries Officer, Sydney North, and representatives of persons entitled to prawn trawl in Port Jackson.

**2)** Five 40 minute shots at different locations of which at least one shot yields a minimum of 1 kilogram of prawns, as determined by the District Fisheries Officer, Sydney North, will allow the late closing of the Port Jackson estuarine prawn trawling season.

**3)** The closing date of the Port Jackson prawn trawling season shall be notified by a public notice in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper and notices displayed at the Sydney Fish Markets and the NSW Fisheries Office at Wollstonecraft.

**4)** The first closing trial shall commence 5 p.m. Wednesday 16 April 2003. If the trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 9 a.m. Friday 2 May 2003. A second closing trial shall commence 5 p.m. Wednesday 30 April 2003. If this trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 9 a.m. Friday 16 May 2003.