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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, IAN MACDONALD, 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 18 October 2004, 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 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.

IAN MACDONALD, M.L.C.,  
NSW Minister for Primary Industries

### SCHEDULE

Column 1 <i>Waters</i>	Column 2 <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 5pm Mondays to Thursdays (inclusive) to 9am the following day, and from 5pm Friday to 4am Saturday in each week in the period between 5pm Monday 18 October 2004 and 4am Saturday 9 April 2004, excluding public holidays.</p> <p>2. From 5pm Mondays to Thursdays (inclusive) to 9am the following day, and from 5pm Friday to 4am Saturday in each week, excluding public holidays, 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 notices displayed at the Sydney Fish Markets and the NSW Fisheries Office at Wollstonecraft.
- 4) The first closing trial shall commence 5pm Wednesday 6 April 2005. If the trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 4am Saturday 23 April 2005. A second closing trial shall commence 5pm Wednesday 20 April 2005. If this trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 4am Saturday 7 May 2005.

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