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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Section 11 Notification – Fishing Closure General Estuarine Prawn Trawling Closure Port Jackson

I, Doug Hocking, Acting Deputy Director-General, Agriculture and Fisheries revoke the closure notification "General Estuarine Prawn Trawling Closure - Port Jackson" published in Government Gazette Number 164 of 15 October 2004 and all amendments thereto.

I do now, by this notification, prohibit the taking of fish and prawns by means of trawl nets of every description from all waters of Port Jackson, other than by a licensed commercial fisher exercising the authority of an endorsement to operate in the Port Jackson Estuary Prawn Trawl Fishery from a licensed fishing boat with a S2 (Port Jackson) prawn trawl endorsements and nets fitted with a by-catch reduction device approved by the Deputy Director-General, Department of Primary Industries, subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 of this notification.

> D. F. HOCKING, Acting Deputy Director-General, Agriculture, Fisheries and Regional Relations, **NSW** Department of Primary Industries

SCHEDULE 1 Port Jackson

Column 1 Waters	Column 2 Periods during which prawn trawling is permitted
The waters of Port Jackson together with all its rivers, bays and tributaries not closed to netting under any other notification.	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 each week, in the period between 5 p.m. Monday 17 October 2005 and 4 a.m. Saturday 8 April 2006
	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 each week, in the period determined by the District Fisheries Officer, Sydney North, in accordance with the conditions of this schedule.

Schedule 1 Conditions:

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.

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.

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.

The first closing trial shall commence 5 p.m. Wednesday 5 April 2006. If the trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 4 a.m. Saturday 22 April 2006. A second closing trial shall commence 5 p.m. Wednesday 19 April 2006. If this trial criteria is reached the prawn trawling season shall be extended to 4 a.m. Saturday 6 May 2006.

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