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Sections 8 and 11 Notification – Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters immediately south of the Clarence River, the southern part of Shark Bay (Iluka) and from Snapper Rock to the Evans River

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Executive Director, Fisheries NSW, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director-General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (“the Act”), do by this notification:

1. pursuant to section 11 of the Act revoke the fishing closures titled ‘Ocean Waters immediately south of the Clarence River and from Woody Bay to Flat Rock (north of Ballina)’ published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 29 of 23 March 2012 at page 753, and
2. pursuant to section 8 of the Act prohibit the taking of all species of fish by the method of otter trawl net (prawns) by all endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery in the waters described in Column 1 of the Schedule to this notification for the period specified in Column 2 of that Schedule, unless under the direct supervision of an employee of the Department of Primary Industries or otherwise with the consent of the Executive Director, Fisheries NSW for the purpose of undertaking trials to determine the abundance and/or size of fish (including prawns) and informing any decision to amend or revoke this fishing closure.

SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1 – Waters</i>	<i>Column 2 – Period</i>
<p><i>Ocean waters adjacent to and south of the Clarence River</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 29°25.520'S, 153°22.320'E (the eastern extremity of the northern break wall at the entrance to the Clarence River) then drawn east to 29°25.600'S, 153°23.020'E (on the western boundary of the Angourie Point Juvenile King Prawn Closure), then generally south along the western boundary of the Angourie Point Juvenile King Prawn Closure as set out in Schedule 2 to clause 8 of the Appendix to the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006 to its junction with the mean high water mark on Angourie Point, then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the Clarence River at the eastern extremities of the break walls) to the point of commencement. References to directions are indicative only.</p>	<p>Ocean waters adjacent to and south of the Clarence River: until such time as this notification expires, is revoked or amended (following trawl trials).</p>

<p><i>Ocean waters between Poverty Rocks (Shark Bay, Iluka) and 29°16.270'S</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 29°21.534'S, 153°21.766'E (the eastern extremity of Poverty Bay Rocks at the northern end of Woody Bay) then drawn north north east to 29°16.270'S, 153°23.074'E, then due west to 29°16.270'S, 153°21.310'E (the mean high water mark on Shark Bay beach), then generally south along the mean high water mark back to the point of commencement. References to directions are indicative only.</p>	<p>Ocean waters between Poverty Rocks (Shark Bay, Iluka) and 29°16.270'S: until such time as this notification expires, is revoked or amended (following trawl trials).</p>
<p><i>Ocean waters between Snapper Rock (Evans Head) and the Evans River</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 29°08.300'S, 153°27.450'E (the eastern extremity of Snapper Rock) then drawn east to 29°07.720'S, 153°28.600'E (the north western corner of the Evans Head Juvenile King Prawn Closure), then north west to 29°06.000'S, 153°27.090'E (the north eastern corner of the Evans River Entrance Closure), then due west to 29°06.000'S, 153°25.970'E (the mean high water mark on Airforce Beach), then generally south along the mean high water mark (and across the Evans River at the eastern extremities of the break walls) to the point of commencement. References to directions are indicative only.</p>	<p>Ocean waters between Snapper Rock (Evans Head) and the Evans River: until such time as this notification expires, is revoked or amended (following trawl trials).</p>

In this Schedule, latitude and longitude coordinates are in WGS84 datum.

In this fishing closure:

Endorsement holder has the same meaning as in the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

Ocean Trawl Fishery means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

The provisions of this fishing closure in respect of endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery have effect despite any provisions in the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

This fishing closure is effective from midday on the date of publication of this notification until 1 July 2012, unless sooner amended or revoked.

Notes:

1. The purpose of this fishing closure is to prohibit the use of prawn trawl nets (i.e. the otter trawl net (prawns)) to take fish because of incidental catches of small prawns and high levels of bycatch, including juvenile mullet.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2012.

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