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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Sections 8 Notification – Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters between Flat Rock, Ballina and Angourie Point

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 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 the Schedule to this notification, 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 trialling new net configurations for reducing bycatch of juvenile Mulloway and or undertaking trials to determine the abundance and or size of fish (including prawns) and informing any decision to amend or revoke this fishing closure or part thereof.

SCHEDULE

<i>Waters</i>
<p>Ocean waters from Flat Rock (just north of Ballina) to 29°00.000' south</p> <p>The whole of the waters west of the Ballina (Juvenile King Prawn) closure set out in Schedule 2 of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006 from a line drawn due east from the eastern extremity of Flat Rock (just north of Ballina) to a line drawn from the mean high waters mark at 29°00.000'S due east to 29°00.000'S, 153°29.196'E (the south western corner of the Ballina Juvenile King Prawn closure).</p>
<p>Ocean waters from 29°02.500' south to 29°16.270' south (Shark Bay)</p> <p>The whole of the waters west of the 8 fathom depth contour from a line drawn due east from the mean high waters mark at 29°02.500'S to a line drawn due east from the mean high water mark 29°16.270'S.</p>
<p>Ocean waters from 29°20.290' (Shark Bay) to Angourie Point</p> <p>The whole of the waters west of the 8 fathom depth contour from a line drawn due east from the mean high water mark at 29°20.290'S to a line drawn due east of the mean high water mark at 29°22.400'S and the whole of the waters west of the Angourie Point (Juvenile King Prawn) closure set out in Schedule 2 of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006).</p>

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

In this fishing closure, **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 notification commences on 28 May 2013 and is effective until 27 June 2013, unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this 24th day of May 2013.

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