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Primary Industries Notices

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Sections 8 & 9 Notification – Urgent Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters Adjacent to the Richmond, Bellinger & Hastings Rivers

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General Department of Primary Industries Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Secretary 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”) and pursuant to section 8 of the Act do by this notification prohibit the taking of all species of fish, by the method of otter trawl net (prawns), otter trawl net (fish) and danish seine trawl net (fish) by all endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery, from 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 Deputy Director General Department of Primary Industries Fisheries 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 or parts thereof.

Schedule

Waters
<p><i>Richmond River</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters adjacent to the Richmond River bounded by a line commencing at the eastern extremity of the southern breakwater and heading generally south along the mean high water mark to 28° 53.906S, 153° 33.706E (adjacent to Keith Hall Lane), then south east to 28° 54.028S, 153° 34.573E (the western boundary of the Ocean Trawl Refuge Area), then generally north along the western boundary of the Ocean Trawl Refuge Area to a point 28° 50.589S, 153° 37.011E, then west to the eastern extremity of Flat Rock at 28° 50.587S, 153° 36.521E, then generally south along the mean high water mark to the eastern extremity of the northern breakwater and back to the point of commencement.</p>
<p><i>Bellinger River</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at 30°28.291'S and 153°02.669'E (the mean high water mark approximately 2 nautical miles north of the southern Urunga breakwall) and heading due east approximately 3 nautical miles to 30°28.291'S and 153°06.153'E, then due south approximately 4 nautical miles to 30°32.322'S and 153°06.153'E, then due west to 30°32.322'S and 153°01.476'E (the mean high water mark on Urunga Beach), then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the entrance to the Bellinger River) to the point of commencement.</p>
<p><i>Hastings River</i></p> <p>The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at 31°23.611'S and 152°55.188'E (the mean high water mark approximately 2 nautical miles north of the southern Hastings River breakwall) and heading due east approximately 2 nautical miles to 31°23.611'S and 152°57.511'E, then due south approximately 4 nautical miles to 31°27.615'S and 152°57.511'E, then due west to 31°27.615'S and 152°56.124'E (the mean high water mark on Lighthouse Beach), then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the entrance to the Hastings River) to the point of commencement.</p>

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

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*.

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

This fishing closure is effective on the publication of this notification until and including 17 May 2015 unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this day 6th of May 2015

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Department of Primary Industries

(an office within the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services)

Notes:

1. The purpose of this fishing closure is to prohibit or restrict the use of particular nets to take fish because of a flood event.
2. This notification is published under sections 9 (2) (b) and (3) of the Act.

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