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LIVING MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1995 *Fisheries (Abalone) Rules 2009, Rule 9(3)*

PUBLIC NOTICE - DATES OF CLOSING OF THE COMMERCIAL GREENLIP ABALONE FISHERY FOR STATE WATERS ADJACENT TO KING ISLAND, AND DATES OF CLOSING OF THE COMMERCIAL BLACKLIP ABALONE FISHERY BELOW 145 MM IN STATE WATERS OFF BRUNY ISLAND

I, Robert Gott, Director (Marine Resources), acting under Rule 9(3) of the *Fisheries (Abalone) Rules 2009*, and delegated authority under Section 20(1) of the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*, hereby determine:

that the dates of closing of State waters of the commercial abalone fishery in “**State waters adjacent to King Island**” to the activities of the take and possession of greenlip abalone (*Haliotis laevis*) are as follows:

- from 3 October 2015 to 31 December 2015, inclusive;

where “**State waters adjacent to King Island**” is defined to mean the area of State waters bounded in the north by the line of latitude 39° 30' 36.48" South, bounded in the south by the line of latitude 40° 15' 35.60" South, bounded in the east by the line of longitude 144° 11' 42.76" East, and bounded in the west by the line of longitude 143° 43' 44.91" East; and

that the dates of the closed season of the commercial abalone fishery in “**State waters off Bruny Island**” to the activities of the take and possession of blacklip abalone (*Haliotis rubra*), unless:

- all abalone taken and possessed is at a shell length greater than 145 mm; and
- the holder of a fishing licence (abalone dive) states in the prior fishing report relating to the fishing trip that he or she intends to take blacklip abalone above 145 mm shell length in the eastern part of the fishery on the fishing trip, in which case he or she must not take or possess blacklip abalone below 145 mm shell length on that fishing trip,

are as follows:

- from 3 October 2015 to 31 December 2015, inclusive;

-where “**State waters off Bruny Island**” is defined to mean: those State waters enclosed by an imaginary line commencing where the line of longitude 147° 04' 20.20" East meets Blubber Head, then following that line of longitude due north to the line of latitude 43° 03' 13.74" South, then following that line of latitude to the point longitude 147° 34' 48.75" East, latitude 43° 04' 19.11" South then running due south to the line of latitude 43° 34' 08.89" South, then running due west to the line of longitude 147° 10' 43.84" East, then running due north to the line of latitude 43° 30' 50.30" South, then running due west to the line of longitude 147° 03' 43.54" East, then running due north to the line of latitude 43° 24' 04.70" South, then running in a straight line approximately north-east to the line of longitude 147° 08' 25.66" East, then running directly to the point of commencement.

For the purpose of this public notice, “**possession**” in “**State waters off the south-east coast**” does not include abalone on a fishing vessel that is transiting the part of State waters closed to the abalone fishery if the abalone possessed on the vessel were taken from a part of State waters that is open to the abalone fishery on an overnight fishing trip and, while the fishing vessel is transiting the part of State waters closed to the abalone fishery, a person does not dive from, or enter the water from, the fishing vessel or auxiliary vessel used from the fishing vessel.

Dated: 28 September 2015

Robert Gott

DIRECTOR (MARINE RESOURCES)

INFORMATION

The commercial greenlip abalone fishery in State waters off King Island and the commercial blacklip abalone fishery below 145 mm in State waters off Bruny Island are being closed to control the total amount of abalone harvested in these areas. These closed areas relate to commercial fishing for greenlip abalone in fishing blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4 from 3 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 inclusive, and to blacklip abalone fishing below 145 mm in sub-blocks 14C, 14D, 14E, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C and 16D off Bruny Island from 3 October 2015 to 31 December 2015 inclusive.

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