

Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Fishery Flood Closures- Mid North Coast) Notification 2025

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Bryan McDonald, Executive Director Fisheries, with delegated authority, give notice of the following fishing closure under section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

Dated this 26th day of May 2025



Bryan McDonald

Executive Director Fisheries

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of notification

This notification is the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Fishery Flood Closures - Mid North Coast) Notification 2025*.

2 Commencement and duration

This notification commences on the date it is published on the Department's website and will remain in force as described in Schedule 1 (Column 3).

Note: This notification is urgent and pursuant to section 9(2) and (3) of the *Act*, this notification will be published in the NSW Government Gazette as soon as practicable after publication on the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development website.

3 Interpretation

In this notification:

Danish seine trawl net (fish) means a trawl net that satisfies the requirements of clause 7C of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

endorsement holder means a person who holds an inshore prawn endorsement as described in clause 5 of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

otter trawl net (prawns) means an otter trawl net that satisfies the requirements of clause 7A of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

otter trawl net (fish) means an otter trawl net that satisfies the requirements of clause 7B of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

Ocean trawl fishery has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Act.

the Act means the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

Note: Pursuant to section 11 of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, **fish** and **take** have the same meaning as in the Act.

Part 2 Fishing closure

4 Fishing closure

- (1) An endorsement holder is prohibited from taking fish from the waters described in Schedule 1 using an otter trawl net (prawns), otter trawl net (fish) or Danish seine trawl net (fish).
- (2) Despite subclause (1), an endorsement holder is not prohibited from taking fish from the waters described in Schedule 1 if the endorsement holder is undertaking trials at the direction of the Executive Director Fisheries to determine the abundance or size of fish.

Schedule 1 Waters

Column 1 Name	Column 2 Described Waters	Column 3 Duration
Bellinger River	The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line drawn from 30° 27.982'S 153° 02.791'E (the mean high water mark approximately 2 nautical miles north of the northern bank of the Bellinger River entrance), then due east for approximately 2 nautical miles to 30° 27.982'S 153° 05.108'E, then south approximately 4 nautical miles to 30° 32.192'S 153° 03.818'E, then due west to the mean high water mark at 30° 32.192'S 153° 01.501'E, then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the river entrance) to the point of commencement.	Commenced from date published on the Department's website and will remain in force until 06 June 2025.
Nambucca River	The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line drawn from 30° 36.987'S 153° 00.643'E (the mean high water mark approximately 2 nautical miles north of the northern breakwall of the Nambucca River entrance), then due east for approximately 2	Commenced from date published on the Department's website and will remain in force until 13 June 2025.

	nautical miles to 30° 36.987'S 153° 02.963'E, then south approximately 4 nautical miles to 30° 40.987'S 153° 02.963'E, then due west to the mean high water mark at 30° 40.987'S 152° 59.765'E, then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the river entrance) to the point of commencement.	
Macleay River	The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at 30°47.800'S and 153°00.146'E (the southernmost point of Grassy Head) and heading due east to 30°47.800'S and 153°03.600'E, then south to 30°52.647'S and 153°04.034'E (the mean high water mark on Laggars Point), then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the entrance to the Macleay River) to the point of commencement.	Commenced from date published on the Department's website and will remain in force until 20 June 2025.
Hastings River	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.	Commenced from date published on the Department's website and will remain in force until 13 June 2025
Manning River	The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at 31°50.740'S and 152°44.943'E (the mean high water mark approximately 3 nautical miles north of the northern break wall at Harrington Inlet), then due east approximately 3 nautical miles to 31°50.740'S and 152°47.602'E, then south west approximately 6 nautical miles to 31°54.797'S and 152°41.275'E, then south approximately 4 nautical miles to 31°58.767'S and 152°37.335'E, then due west to 31°58.767'S and 152°34.940'E (the mean high water mark on Old Bar beach),	Commenced from date published on the Department's website and will remain in force until 20 June 2025.

	then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across the entrances to the Manning River) to the point of commencement.	
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Note: In this Schedule, latitude and longitude coordinates are in WGS84 datum.