

Primary Industries Notices

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Section 8 Notification – Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters off Ballina – Otter Trawl Net (Prawns)

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General Fisheries, with delegated authority, do by this notification pursuant to section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“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, from the waters described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this notification, for the period described opposite in Column 2 of Schedule 1, unless under the direct supervision of an employee of the Department of Primary Industries or otherwise with the consent of the Deputy Director General 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 1

Column 1 Waters		Column 2 Period
Area 1	The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 28°43.321'S, 153°37.656'E then drawn east to 28°43.300'S, 153°38.860'E, then south south west to 28°48.571'S, 153°37.836'E (the north easterly corner of the juvenile king prawn closure), then due west to 28°48.571'S, 153°36.370'E, then north north east to the point of commencement (references to directions are indicative only).	From 1 December to 31 December and from 1 January to 28 February inclusive in each year.
Area 2	The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 28°53.350'S, 153°37.372'E then drawn south south west to 29°00.000'S, 153°33.825'E, then due west to 29°00.000'S, 153°31.845'E (the south easterly corner of the juvenile king prawn closure), then north easterly to the point of commencement (references to directions are indicative only).	From 1 December to 31 December and from 1 January to 28 February inclusive in each year.

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

In this fishing closure:

endorsement holder has the same meaning as in clause 2 of the Appendix to 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.

This fishing closure is effective for a period of 5 years from the date of publication.

Dated this 26 day of November 2018.

GEOFF ALLAN
Deputy Director General Fisheries
Department of Primary Industries
(an office within the Department of Industry)
(by delegation)

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