

Fisheries Management Fishing Closure (Prawn Nets – Port Stephens) Notification 2024

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Peter Turnell, Acting Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries, under section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (**the Act**) and with the delegated authority of the Minister and Secretary pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the *Act* make the following Notification.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024



Peter Turnell

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Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Notification

This Notification is the *Fisheries Management (Fishing Closure) (Prawn Nets – Port Stephens) Notification 2024*.

2. Commencement and Duration

- (a) This Notification commences on the day on which it is published in the *NSW Government Gazette*.
- (b) This Notification remains in force for 5 years commencing on the date of publication.

3. Definitions

In this Notification:

endorsement holder means a person who holds an endorsement in the estuary general fishery, as described in clause 6 of the EG Plan.

estuary general fishery means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

EG Plan means the appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Estuary General Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

General Regulation means the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019*.

recreational fisher has the same meaning as Section 4 of the Act.

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

the schedule means the table included as item 5 in this notification.

Note: Under section 11 of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, unless otherwise specified words in this Order have the same meaning as in the Act.

4. Fishing closure

Pursuant to section 8 of the Act, the classes of persons described in column 1 of the schedule are prohibited from taking fish by the methods of fishing specified opposite in column 2 of the schedule, from the waters described in column 3 of the schedule.

5. Schedule

Column 1 Class of persons	Column 2 Prohibited methods of fishing	Column 3 Waters
All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of the following nets, as described in the EG Plan: (a) a prawn net (hauling), (b) a dip or scoop net (prawns), (c) a hand-hauled prawn net, (d) a push or scissors net (prawns)	The whole of the waters of Port Stephens, including its creeks and tributaries, inlets and bays, west of a line drawn in a northerly direction from Soldiers Point to Fame Point.
All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of the following nets, as described in the General Regulation: (a) a dip or scoop net (prawns), (b) a hand-hauled prawn net, (c) a push or scissor net (prawns).	