

Fisheries Management Fishing Closure (Prawn Nets - Port Stephens) Notification 2019

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Patrick Tully, Acting Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales and the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”) and pursuant to section 8 of the Act, make the following Notification.

Dated this 12th day of July 2019

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Department of Primary Industries
(within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment)

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1 Name of Notification

This Notification is the *Fisheries Management (Fishing Closure) (Prawn Nets - Port Stephens) Notification 2019*.

2 Commencement and Duration

This notification commences on the date it is published on the NSW Department of Primary Industries website and will remain in force until 30 June 2024.

Note: This notification is further published in the Government Gazette under section 9(1) of the Act.

3 Definitions

In this Notification:

endorsement holder means a person who holds and is operating pursuant to 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 Fisheries Management (Estuary General Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

General Regulation means the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010.

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.

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).	