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Section 8 Notification - Fishing Closure
Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson) and Tributaries

I, Steve Dunn, prohibit the taking of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of Schedules 1 to 18 of this notification, from waters shown opposite in Column 2, of those Schedules. Fishing will also be subject to the 'conditions' or 'time periods' as specified in any schedule of this notification.

This prohibition is effective for a period of up to five years from the date of publication, unless sooner varied or revoked by notification of Director-General of NSW Fisheries.

Note: The word 'Regulation', where appearing in this notification, refers to the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002*.

Steve Dunn
Director-General, NSW Fisheries

Schedule 1

Port Jackson and tributaries - Weekend and Public Holiday netting closure

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| By means of nets of every description, except the hoop or lift net, hand-hauled prawn net, push or scissors net, dip or scoop net and the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Port Jackson and its creeks, bays and tributaries, upstream (west) of a line drawn from the most southern extremity of North Head, to the most northern extremity of South Head. |
| Time period: This closure only applies from 8am Saturday to 8am Monday in each week, and from 8am to 6pm on any weekday Public Holiday. | |
| Note: Subject to schedules 14b, 15, 16 and 17 of this notification, certain hauling nets may be used contrary to this schedule. | |

Schedule 2**Otter trawl net (prawns) - Cockatoo Island (Submarine Cables)**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of an otter trawl net (prawns) , as prescribed by Regulation. | All tidal waters of that part of the Parramatta River, (south of Cockatoo Island) enclosed by the following boundaries: a) a line drawn from the eastern extremity of Cockatoo Island, southerly to the baths adjacent to Elkington Park. b) a line drawn from the western extremity of Sutherland Dock on Cockatoo Island, generally south to the western extremity of Sommerville Point. |

Schedule 3**Parramatta River - Gladesville to Silverwater**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|--|
| By means of nets and traps of every description, except the hoop or lift net , the hand-hauled prawn net , the push or scissors net , the dip or scoop net , the landing net , the otter trawl net (prawns) , the pilchard, anchovy and bait net (hauling) (when used to take <u>Krill</u> only) , the crab trap and the bait trap , as prescribed by Regulation. | The tidal waters of Parramatta River, together with its creeks, bays and tributaries, from the Gladesville Bridge upstream to the Silverwater Road Bridge (excluding Homebush Bay, which is closed under Schedule 5 of this notification). |
| <u>Conditions:</u> Finfish must not be retained by otter trawl net. Finfish must not be taken for sale by any method upstream of Gladesville Bridge in Parramatta River. | |

Schedule 4**Parramatta River - Silverwater to Parramatta Weir**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of nets of every description, except the dip or scoop net and the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The tidal waters of that part of the Parramatta River and its tributaries, from the Silverwater Road bridge, upstream to the Parramatta Weir (excluding waters of Duck River, which is closed under Schedule 5 of this notification). |
| <u>Conditions:</u> All finfish, crabs and prawns must not be taken for sale by any method above Silverwater Road Bridge. Fishing regulations for 'inland waters' apply above Parramatta Weir (non-tidal waters). | |

Schedule 5**Parramatta River - Duck River and Homebush Bay**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| All methods of fishing prohibited. | <i>Duck River:</i> The whole of the waters of Duck River, together with its creeks and tributaries, upstream to its source from its junction with Parramatta River. <i>Homebush Bay:</i> The whole of the waters of Homebush Bay, together with its creeks and tributaries, upstream (south) to its source from a line drawn between Rhodes Point and Wentworth Point. |

Schedule 6**Iron Cove - Net and trap closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of nets and traps of every description, except the hoop or lift net , the hand-hauled prawn net , the push or scissors net , the dip or scoop net , the landing net , the otter trawl net (prawns) , the pilchard, anchovy and bait net (hauling) (when used to take Krill only), the crab trap and the bait trap , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Iron Cove and its creeks and tributaries upstream of the Iron Cove Bridge. |
| Conditions: Finfish must not be retained by otter trawl net. Finfish must not be taken for sale by any method in Iron Cove. | |

Schedule 7**Darling Harbour and bays - Netting closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of nets of every description, except the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Darling Harbour, Johnston's Bay, White Bay, Rozelle Bay, and Blackwattle Bay, south of a line drawn from the Maritime Services Board (MSB) tower, to Darling Street ferry wharf. |

Schedule 8**Lane Cove River - Otter trawl net (prawns)**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of otter trawl nets (prawns) , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Lane Cove River and its bays and tributaries, upstream to the Epping Highway Bridge from a line drawn across the river from the Valentia Street Wharf at Woolwich, generally south-easterly to the Greenwich Wharf. |

Schedule 9**Lane Cove River - Netting Closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of nets of every description, except the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of that part of the Lane Cove River, together with its bays and tributaries, from the Epping Highway Bridge, upstream to a line drawn between two posts on opposite sides of the river at Little Blue Gum Creek. |

Schedule 10**Upper Lane Cove River (Lane Cove National Park) - Catch and Release**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|--|
| <p>All methods of fishing prohibited.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>All methods prohibited with the exception of two rods or lines with a fly or lure attached from unpowered vessels only. Fishing from river bank is prohibited. All fish caught shall be released alive.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>All methods prohibited, other than up to two hand held lines each with no more than two hooks attached or three treble hooks attached to a lure. All fish caught shall be released alive.</p> | <p>Area 1: That part of the waters of the Lane Cove River and its tributaries, from a line drawn between two posts on opposite banks of the river at the junction of Little Blue Gum Creek, (approximately 50 metres downstream of the weir), upstream to a line drawn from a post at the boatshed, to a post on the opposite bank.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Area 2: From the boatshed, upstream to a line drawn across the river between two posts on opposite sides of the river, at picnic area number 20 (Fern Valley).</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Area 3: All waters upstream of 'Fern Valley', from a line drawn across the river between two posts on opposite sides of the river.</p> |

Schedule 11**Middle Harbour (Bantry Bay) - Netting Closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of nets of every description, except the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Bantry Bay, enclosed by a line drawn from a point marked F.↑D. on the western shore of the entrance to the bay, generally easterly to a point marked F.↑D. on the eastern shore of the bay at Bantry Bluff. |

Schedule 12**Middle Harbour (Upper reaches) - Netting closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of nets of every description, except the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of Middle Harbour and its tributaries, upstream of the Roseville Bridge (Warringah Road). |

Schedule 13**Middle Harbour (Hunters Bay/Balmoral area) - Netting closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| By means of nets of every description, except the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The waters of that part of Hunters Bay, Middle Harbour, enclosed by a line drawn generally south-easterly from Wyargine Point to the western end of Cobblers Beach. |
| Time Period: This closure will only apply during the months of January, February, March, October, November and December in any year (during the period of this notification). | |

Schedule 14 (a)**North Harbour - Net and trap closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| By means of nets and traps of every description, except the landing net , lobster trap (pot) and the bait trap , as prescribed by Regulation. | All waters of North Harbour, north of a line drawn on a bearing of 115 degrees from the eastern extremity of Forty Baskets Beach, to the southern extremity of Manly Point. northern boundary of North Harbour Aquatic Reserve. |

Schedule 14 (b)**Spring Cove - Net and trap closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| By means of nets and traps of every description, except hauling nets as prescribed by clauses 23, 26 and 27 of the Regulation, the landing net and the lobster pot , as prescribed by Regulation. | Waters of Spring Cove, east of a line drawn from Manly Point to Cannae Point, but excluding waters of Little Manly Cove, enclosed by a line from Manly Point to Little Manly Point. |
| Time period: Hauling nets may only be used from 8am Monday to midnight Friday in each week (except on Public Holidays from 8am to 6pm). | |

Schedule 15**Sydney Harbour entrance waters - Hauling Nets (general purpose)**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of a hauling net (general purpose) as prescribed by clause 23 of the Regulation. | Waters of that part of Port Jackson enclosed within the following boundaries: commencing at the northern extremity of South Head, a line drawn northerly to the southern extremity of North Head, then westerly to Grotto Point, then south-easterly to the northern extremity of Middle Head, then southerly along the high water mark to Bradleys Head, then north-easterly to Steel Point, then northerly along the high water mark to the point of commencement, but excluding waters described in Schedule 16. |
| Time period: The hauling net (general purpose) may only be used in waters specified above, from 8am Monday to noon on Saturday in each week (excluding Public Holidays). | |

Schedule 16
Hauling nets (general purpose)

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of a hauling net (general purpose) as prescribed by clause 23 of the Regulation. | The waters of Port Jackson known as Lady Bay, Camp Cove and Obelisk Bay. |
| Time period: the hauling net (general purpose) may only be used in waters specified above, from 8am Monday to noon on Saturday in each week, (excluding Public Holidays, and excluding the period from 1 November to 4 January). | |

Schedule 17
Pilchard, anchovy and bait net

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|--|
| By means of a pilchard, anchovy and bait net (hauling) , as prescribed by clause 27 of the Regulation, only when the net is used as a floating net and landed on to the tray of a boat. | The whole of the waters of Port Jackson, together with its bays and tributaries, which are not closed to netting under any other Schedule of this notification, or other Notification. |
| Time period: The net may only be used from 5am Monday to 8am Saturday in each week (excluding Public Holidays). | |

Schedule 18
Shellfish closure - Port Jackson and tributaries

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| All methods | The whole of the tidal waters of Port Jackson and its tributaries, upstream of a line drawn from the northern extremity of South Head, to the southern extremity of North Head. |
| Conditions: This closure will only apply to the taking of all kinds of shellfish. | |

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Section 8 Notification - Fishing Closure
Hunter River and Tributaries

I, Steve Dunn, prohibit the taking of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of Schedules 1 to 8 of this notification, from waters shown opposite in Column 2, of those Schedules. Fishing will also be subject to the 'conditions' or 'time periods' as specified in any schedule of this notification.

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Steve Dunn
Director-General, NSW Fisheries

Schedule 1
Hunter River (South Channel) - Shellfish

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| The taking of shellfish of all kinds by all methods of fishing is prohibited. | The whole of the tidal waters of the 'south channel', Hunter River, downstream from the northernmost extremity of Hexham Island to a line across the river from the easternmost extremity of Walsh Point to the eastern side of Selwyn Street. |

Schedule 2
Upper Hunter River and Paterson River

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| All methods prohibited, except two rods and lines or handlines (with not more than 2 hooks attached to each line), the dip or scoop net , the landing net and the bait trap , as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the tidal waters of the Hunter and Paterson Rivers and their tributaries, upstream from a line drawn across the Hunter River at the junction of those rivers. |

Schedule 3**Hunter River and lower Williams River - nets and traps**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of nets and traps of every description, except the dip or scoop net , the landing net , meshing nets (as prescribed below), and the bait trap , as prescribed by Regulation. | Area 1. Waters of the Hunter River and tributaries, from the Fitzgerald Bridge at Raymond Terrace, upstream to the junction of the Hunter and Paterson Rivers. Area 2. Waters of the lower Williams River upstream to the James Scott Bridge at Seaham. |
| Conditions: Meshing nets must not exceed 200 metres in length, with mesh of net not less than 80 mm and not exceeding 33 meshes deep. The cork line must float at the surface and the net is to be used by the method known as 'splashing', (as prescribed by Regulation). Not more than one mesh net is to be used, or in the possession of any fisher at any one time. | |

Schedule 4**Upper Williams River**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| All methods prohibited, except two rods and lines or handlines (with not more than 2 hooks attached to each line), the dip or scoop net and the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The waters of the Williams River and tributaries, from the James Scott Bridge at Seaham, upstream to its source. |

Schedule 5**Throsby Creek - shellfish (and netting) closure**

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| The taking of all shellfish and crustaceans including crabs and prawns by all methods of fishing is prohibited. Finfish may only be taken by the use of two rods and lines or handlines , with not more than two hooks attached, and by use of a bait trap and landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The tidal waters of Throsby Creek and tributaries, upstream from the Cowper Street road bridge. |

Schedule 6
Lower Hunter River including Throsby and Carrington Basins

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|--|
| By means of nets of every description, except the dip or scoop net and the landing net , as prescribed by Regulation. | The tidal waters of that part of the Hunter River, from a line drawn south-westerly from the boat ramp adjacent to Punt Road, Stockton, to the eastern extremity of the State Dockyard, downstream to a line drawn between the eastern extremities of the northern and southern breakwaters at the entrance to the Hunter River. (Includes waters of the Hunter River known as Throsby Basin and Carrington Basin, downstream from the Cowper Street bridge across Throsby Creek). |
| <u>Conditions:</u> Contrary to this schedule, the use of a hauling net (general purpose), as prescribed by Regulation, is permitted at Little Park Beach and Horse Shoe Beach. | |

Schedule 7
Prawn nets (Hauling) and hand hauled prawn nets

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|--|---|
| By means of prawn nets (hauling) and hand hauled prawn nets intended for use pursuant to a prawning endorsement in the estuary general restricted fishery as a commercial net as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the waters of the Hunter River together with all its creeks, tributaries and inlets, from a line drawn south-westerly from the boat ramp adjacent to Punt Road, Stockton, to the eastern extremity of the State Dockyard (Dyke Point), upstream to its junction with the Williams River. |
| <u>Time period:</u> This closure applies whenever the Hunter River is closed to prawn hauling. | |
| <u>Note:</u> This brings the 'prawn hauling' season into line with the 'prawn trawling' season. The Hunter River, upstream of its confluence with the Williams River (and including Williams River) is closed under schedule 3. | |

Schedule 8
Recreational Prawn Nets

| Column 1 <i>Methods</i> | Column 2 <i>Waters</i> |
|---|---|
| By means of the hand hauled prawn net and the push or scissor nets (prawns) as prescribed by Regulation. | The whole of the waters of the Hunter River together with all its creeks, tributaries and inlets, from a line drawn south-westerly from the boat ramp adjacent to Punt Road, Stockton, to the eastern extremity of the State Dockyard (Dyke Point), upstream to its junction with the Williams River. |
| <u>Time period:</u> This prohibition only applies between 1 June in each year to 30 September the following year, inclusive. | |

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