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Section 8 Notification - Fishing Closure

Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water and Pittwater and their tributaries

I, Steve Dunn, prohibit the taking of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of Schedules 1 to 13 of this notification, from waters shown opposite in Column 2, of those Schedules.

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
Upper Hawkesbury River - netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	All waters of Hawkesbury River, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream to its source from the road Bridge at Windsor.

Schedule 2
Cowan Creek and Jerusalem Bay - netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	All waters of Cowan Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets (including Jerusalem Bay), upstream to its source from a line drawn generally north from Cowan Point, to the eastern extremity of the headland on the opposite side of the creek.

Schedule 3
Upper Hawkesbury River - prawn hauling nets

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of a prawn net (hauling), as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Hawkesbury River, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream to its source from the vehicular ferry crossing at Wiseman's Ferry.

Schedule 4
Mooney Mooney Creek - weekend netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Mooney Mooney Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream to its source from the Pacific Highway bridge.
Time period: This closure will only apply from 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week, or from 6pm Friday to 6pm Monday where Monday is a Public Holiday.	

Schedule 5
Upper Hawkesbury River (tributaries) - Bass closure (set mesh nets)

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of meshing nets, except when such nets are used by the method of 'splashing' (that is, shooting the net, splashing the water in the vicinity and retrieving the net as a continuous operation), as prescribed by Regulation.	<p>Hawkesbury River and tributaries - all waters upstream of a line drawn across the River from the most northerly point of portion 29 at the head of Sentry Box Reach, to the opposite shore adjacent to the starboard hand navigational marker.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mangrove Creek - all waters upstream from a line drawn across Mangrove Creek due west from the most north-western corner of portion 84 on the southern entry of Popran Creek, to the opposite shore.</p> <p>-----</p>

	<p><i>Mooney Mooney Creek</i> - all waters upstream from a line drawn across Mooney Mooney Creek due west from the most north-west point of land on the southern entry to Piles Creek, to the opposite shore (including Piles Creek).</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Berowra Waters</i> - all waters upstream from the Berowra Waters vehicular ferry.</p>
Time period: This closure will only apply from 15 May to 31 August in each year.	

Schedule 6
Berowra Creek - weekend netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the dip or scoop net, the push or scissors net and the hand hauled prawn net (when used for the capture of prawns only), and the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Berowra Creek (also known as Berowra Waters), its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream (south) of a line drawn from the most north-eastern extremity of the southern entry of Marra Marra Creek, to the most south-western extremity of Morgans Point.
Time period: This closure will only apply from 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week, or from 6pm Friday to 6pm Monday where Monday is a Public Holiday.	

Schedule 7a
Patonga Creek - weekend netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Patonga Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream of its confluence with the Hawkesbury River, being a line drawn north-easterly from the easternmost foreshore corner of Oyster Farm no. 59-30 (section 2), on the western foreshore, to the southernmost extremity of the reserve on the opposite foreshore.
Time period: This closure will only apply from 12 noon Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week.	

Schedule 7b
Patonga Creek - meshing nets

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of meshing nets, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Patonga Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream of its confluence with the Hawkesbury River, being a line drawn north-easterly from the easternmost foreshore corner of Oyster Farm no. 59-30 (section 2), on the western foreshore, to the southernmost extremity of the reserve on the opposite foreshore.

Schedule 7c
Patonga Creek - hauling nets

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of hauling nets of every description, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Patonga Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, upstream of its confluence with the Hawkesbury River, being a line drawn north-easterly from the easternmost foreshore corner of Oyster Farm no. 59-30 (section 2), on the western foreshore, to the southernmost extremity of the reserve on the opposite foreshore.

Schedule 8
Brisbane Water (Saratoga area) - shellfish

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
The taking of shellfish by all methods.	That part of Brisbane Water from mean high water mark at the Public Wharf, View Parade, Saratoga, then along the Saratoga foreshore to Veteran Hall Wharf, Saratoga, and extending 200 meters offshore.
Conditions: This closure will only apply to the taking of all kinds of shellfish.	

Schedule 9
Brisbane Water - worms and nippers (digging)

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
The taking of worms and nippers by means of digging with a spade, fork or similar instrument is prohibited. (Excluding the use of a yabby pump, as prescribed by Regulation).	<p>Area 1 (Ettalong area) - The whole of the intertidal zone and other waters of that part of Brisbane Water, commencing at the boat ramp (end of Kourung Street) at the southern end of Ettalong Beach, a line extending along the highwater mark of the Ettalong foreshore generally northerly to the Maitland Bay Drive road bridge at The Rip, and extending offshore to the middle of the estuary.</p> <p>Area 2 (Cockle Creek area) - All waters of that part of Brisbane Water, upstream to its source, from a line drawn from a post located at the high water mark near Oyster Lease 76-98 adjacent to Myler Avenue (suburb of Empire Bay), generally north-westerly to the nearest point on the opposite shore at Davistown (includes waters of Cockle Creek, Cockle Channel, Empire Bay, Cockle Broadwater, Cockle Bay and Kincumber Creek).</p>

Schedule 10
Pittwater - weekend netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the dip or scoop net, the push or scissors net and the hand hauled prawn net (when used for the capture of prawns only), the hoop or lift net and the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of Pittwater, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, south of a line drawn from the western extremity of Barrenjoey Head, to the eastern extremity of West Head.
Time period: This closure will only apply from 8am Saturday to 8pm Sunday in each week, and from 8am to 8pm on any Public Holiday.	

Schedule 11
Pittwater - hauling nets

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of hauling nets when aided by power winches.	The whole of the waters of Pittwater (south of a line drawn from the western extremity of Barrenjoey Head, to the eastern extremity of West Head), its creeks, tributaries and inlets, excluding; a) waters adjacent to the eastern shore of Pittwater which are north of Beach Road (suburb of Palm Beach), and b) the area of the western foreshore of Pittwater, between West Head and a post marked F↑D on a rock face adjacent to the first bay on the northern side of Towlers Bay.

Schedule 12
Pittwater - meshing nets

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of meshing nets.	The whole of the waters of that part of Pittwater, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, enclosed by a line drawn from the western extremity of Barrenjoey Head, to the eastern extremity of West Head, upstream (south) to a line drawn from the western-most extremity of Taylor's Point to the southern-most extremity of Longnose Point.
Time period: This closure will only apply during the months from 1st January to 30th June (inclusive) each year.	

Schedule 13
Pittwater (Coasters Retreat and The Basin) - netting

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
By means of nets of every description, except the dip or scoop net, the push or scissors net and the hand hauled prawn net (when used for the capture of prawns only), and the landing net, as prescribed by Regulation.	The whole of the waters of that part of Pittwater known as Coasters Retreat and The Basin, enclosed by a line drawn on a bearing of 292° (degrees), from a wharf (known as Bennetts Wharf) located approximately 400 metres south-west of Soldiers Point, to a small prolongation of the foreshore at the southern end of Top Beach.

NB. Brisbane Water, and a portion of Broken Bay (enclosed by a line from Little Box Head to Green Point) is permanently closed to the use of all nets and traps (except the dip or scoop net, landing net and bait trap) by virtue of Schedule 2 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002*. Schedule 4 of the *Regulation* also makes it unlawful to use spears, spear guns or similar devices to take fish from waters of Brisbane Water and that portion of Broken Bay.

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