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Section 8 Notification – Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters Adjacent to the Richmond, Bellinger, Clarence, Nambucca, Macleay and Hastings Rivers

I, GEORGE DAVEY, Executive Director Fisheries, Compliance and Regional Relations, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director-General of the NSW Department of Primary Industries pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (“the Act”), do by this notification pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of all species of fish, by all endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery, by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this notification, from the waters described opposite in Column 2 of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1 Methods</i>	<i>Column 2 Waters</i>
Otter trawl net (prawns)	<p>Richmond River</p> <p>From the intersection of mean high water mark and 28°48.420'S, east to 28°48.420'S and 153°37.100'E, then east to the point 28°48.432'S and 153°37.836'E, then south to the point 28°52.154'S and 153°37.836'E, then south west to the point 28°53.580'S and 153°37.360'E, then south west to the point 28°57.530'S and 153°33.420'E, then south west to the point 29°00.000'S and 153°30.988'E, then due west to the mean high water mark, then generally north along the mean high water mark (and across river entrance) to the point of commencement.</p> <p>Bellinger River</p> <p>The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at the mean high water mark 2 nautical miles north of the southern breakwall (Urunga breakwall), then due east 2 nautical miles, then due south 4 nautical miles, then due west to the mean high water mark on Urunga Beach, then along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement.</p> <p>Clarence River</p> <p>The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the mean high water mark and 29°22.400'S, then east to 29°22.400'S and 153°25.870'E, then south to 29°26.480'S and 153°25.780'E, then south to 29°29.200'S and 153°25.500'E, then south to 29°36.800'S and 153°23.800'E, then west to the mean high water mark at 29°36.800'S and 153°20.400'E, then along the mean high water mark (and across the river entrance) to the point of commencement.</p>

<i>Column 1 Methods</i>	<i>Column 2 Waters</i>
	<p>Nambucca River The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at the mean high water mark 2 nautical miles north of the southern river entrance, then due east 2 nautical miles, then south 4 nautical miles, then due west to the mean high water mark on Forster Beach, then along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement.</p> <p>Macleay River The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at the southern most point of Grassy Head, then due east to 30°47.800'S and 153°03.600'E, then generally south to Lagers Point, then along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement.</p> <p>Hastings River The whole of the waters within the area bounded by a line commencing at the mean high water mark 2 nautical miles north of the southern breakwall, then due east 2 nautical miles, then due south 4 nautical miles, then due west to the mean high water mark on Lighthouse Beach, then along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement.</p>

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

The provisions of this fishing closure in respect of endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery have effect despite any provisions in the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

In this fishing closure, Ocean Trawl Fishery means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

This fishing closure is effective from the date of publication of this notification until 12 June 2009 unless sooner amended or revoked, noting that this notification may be amended or revoked by way of a special supplement in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* on any week day.

Dated this 5th day of June 2009.

The purpose of this fishing closure is to deal with an environmental emergency, being the protection of fish displaced by severe flooding in the region to enable the replenishment of fish stocks.

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