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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Section 8 Notification – Fishing Closure

Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water and Pittwater and their tributaries

I, IAN MACDONALD, M.L.C., Minister for Primary Industries pursuant to section 8 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (“the Act”), do by this notification prohibit the taking of the species of fish specified in Column 1 of Schedules 1 to 18 to this notification, by the class of persons specified opposite in Column 2 of Schedules 1 to 18, by the methods of fishing specified opposite in Column 3 of Schedules 1 to 18, from the waters described opposite in Column 4 of Schedules 1 to 18, during the periods specified opposite in Column 5 of Schedules 1 to 18.

SCHEDULE 1

Hawkesbury River (Upper Reaches) – Nets

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	The whole of the waters of the Hawkesbury River, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, from the road bridge at Windsor, upstream to its source.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 2

Hawkesbury River (Cowan Creek and Jerusalem Bay) – Nets

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	The whole of the waters of Cowan Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets (including Jerusalem Bay), from a line drawn generally north from Cowan Point, to the eastern extremity of the headland on the opposite side of the creek, upstream to its source.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 3

Hawkesbury River (Upper Reaches) – Prawn net (hauling)

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a prawn net (hauling) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan.	The whole of the waters of the Hawkesbury River its creeks, tributaries and inlets, from the vehicular ferry crossing at Wisemans Ferry, upstream to its source.	All year.

SCHEDULE 4

Hawkesbury River (Mooney Mooney Creek) – Weekend Netting

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	The whole of the waters of Mooney Mooney Creek, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, from the Pacific Highway bridge, upstream to its source.	The period from 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week, or 6pm Friday to 6pm the following Monday if Monday is a public holiday.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 5

Hawkesbury River (Upper Reaches) – Set Meshing Net

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, unless the net is used by the method of splashing (that is, shooting the net, immediately splashing and retrieving it as a continuous operation).	The whole of the waters of the Hawkesbury River, its creeks, tributaries and inlets, 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.	The period from 15 May to 31 August (both dates inclusive) in each year.

SCHEDULE 6

Hawkesbury River (Mangrove Creek) – Set Meshing Net

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, unless the net is used by the method of splashing (that is, shooting the net, immediately splashing and retrieving it as a continuous operation).	The whole of the waters of the Mangrove Creek upstream of 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.	The period from 15 May to 31 August (both dates inclusive) in each year.

SCHEDULE 7

Hawkesbury River (Mooney Mooney Creek) – Set Meshing Net

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, unless the net is used by the method of splashing (that is, shooting the net, immediately splashing and retrieving it as a continuous operation).	The whole of the waters of Mooney Mooney Creek upstream of 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).	The period from 15 May to 31 August (both dates inclusive) in each year.

SCHEDULE 8

Hawkesbury River (Berowra Creek) – Set Meshing Net

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, unless the net is used by the method of splashing (that is, shooting the net, immediately splashing and retrieving it as a continuous operation).	The whole of the waters of Berowra Creek upstream from the Berowra Waters vehicular ferry.	The period from 15 May to 31 August (both dates inclusive) in each year.

SCHEDULE 9

Hawkesbury River (Berowra Creek) – Weekend Netting

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than the following: (a) a hand-hauled prawn net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (b) a push or scissors net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (c) a dip or scoop net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (d) a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	The whole of the waters of Berowra Creek, 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.	The period from 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week, or 6pm Friday to 6pm the following Monday if Monday is a public holiday.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a hoop or lift net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 10

Hawkesbury River (Patonga Creek) – Weekend Netting

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	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.	The period from 12pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in each week.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than a landing net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 11

Hawkesbury River (Patonga Creek) – Meshing Net and Hauling Nets

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of the following: (a) a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (b) a hauling net (general purpose) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (c) a prawn net (hauling) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (d) a hand-hauled prawn net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (e) a pilchard, anchovy and bait net (hauling) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan.	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.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a hand-hauled prawn net as described in the General Regulation.		

SCHEDULE 12

Brisbane Water (Saratoga Area) – Shellfish

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
All species of shellfish (Class: GASTROPODA/ BIVALVIA).	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method.	The whole of the waters 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 metres offshore.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.			

SCHEDULE 13

Brisbane Water (Ettalong) – Digging

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a spade or fork.	The whole of the waters and intertidal zone of Brisbane Water from the mean high water mark to the middle of the estuary, and extending from the boat ramp at the southern end of Ettalong Beach (at the end of Kourung Street) to the Maitland Bay Drive road bridge at The Rip.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.			

SCHEDULE 14

Brisbane Water (Cockle Creek) – Digging

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a spade or fork.	The whole of the waters and intertidal zone 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).	All year.
	All recreational fishers.			

SCHEDULE 15

Pittwater – Weekend Netting

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than the following: (a) a hand-hauled prawn net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (b) a push or scissors net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (c) a dip or scoop net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (d) a hoop or lift net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (e) a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	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.	The period from 8am Saturday to 8pm Sunday in each week, and from 8am to 8pm on any day that is a public holiday.

SCHEDULE 16

Pittwater – Hauling Net (General Purpose)

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a hauling net (general purpose) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, when aided by a power winch.	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) the 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 FD on a rock face adjacent to the first bay on the northern side of Towlers Bay.	All year.

SCHEDULE 17

Pittwater – Meshing Nets

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a meshing net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan.	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.	The period from January to June (both months inclusive) in each year.

SCHEDULE 18

Pittwater (Coasters Retreat and The Basin) – Nets

<i>Column 1 Species</i>	<i>Column 2 Class of Persons</i>	<i>Column 3 Prohibited methods of fishing</i>	<i>Column 4 Waters</i>	<i>Column 5 Period</i>
Any species of fish.	All endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery.	Any method involving the use of a net, other than the following: (a) a hand-hauled prawn net as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (b) a push or scissors net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (c) a dip or scoop net (prawns) as described in the Estuary General Share Management Plan, (d) a landing net as described in the Supporting Plan.	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.	All year.
	All recreational fishers.	Any method involving the use of a hoop or lift net as described in the General Regulation.		

In this fishing closure:

Estuary General Fishery means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

Estuary General Share Management Plan means the Fisheries Management (Estuary Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

General Regulation means the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002.

Supporting Plan means the Fisheries Management (Supporting Plan) Regulation 2006

The provisions of this fishing closure in respect of endorsement holders in the Estuary General Fishery have effect despite any provision in the Estuary General Share Management Plan.

This fishing closure is effective from the date of publication of this notification for a period of five (5) years unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this 11th day of June 2009.

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