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Primary Industries Notices

Importation (White Spot Disease)

Order (No 1) 2017

under the

ANIMAL DISEASES AND ANIMAL PESTS (EMERGENCY OUTBREAKS) ACT 1991

I, JULIET ANNE CORISH, Acting Chief Veterinary Officer, with the powers the Minister has delegated to me under section 67 of the *Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991* and pursuant to section 28 of that Act, having the reasonable suspicion that an area outside New South Wales is infected with the emergency animal disease, White Spot Disease, make the following Order.

Dated this 17th day of March 2017

JULIET ANNE CORISH
Acting Chief Veterinary Officer
(by delegation)

1. Name of Order

This Order is the Importation (White Spot Disease) Order (No 1) 2017.

2. Commencement

This Order commences on the date on which it is signed.

Note: Section 30 of the Act provides that notice of an Importation Order is to be published in the NSW Government Gazette as soon as practicable after it is signed.

3. Interpretation

(1) In this Order:

cooked product means product that have been cooked in premises approved by and under the control of the Competent Authority to a minimum time and temperature standard where all the protein in the decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms is coagulated and no uncooked meat remains.

Competent Authority is the relevant state government agency that regulates food safety.

Decapod crustaceans means any crustacean of the Order Decapoda and includes, but is not limited to: school, tiger and banana prawns, shrimp, slipper lobsters, crabs and hermit crabs.

fittings has the same meaning as in the Act.

Inspector has the same meaning as in the Act.

Polychaete worm means any worm of the Class Polychaeta.

White Spot Disease means the disease that is caused by the virus *Whispovirus* (Family *Nimaviridae*). (Also known as infection with white spot syndrome virus).

the Act means the *Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991*.

- (2) Unless otherwise defined in this Order, words and expressions that are defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Order.

4. Revocation of Importation (White Spot Disease of Crustaceans) Order (No 3) 2016

Pursuant to section 43(2) of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, the *Importation (White Spot Disease of Crustaceans) Order (No 3) 2016* published in the *NSW Government Gazette* No 119 of 22 December 2016 at pages 3731 to 3733 is revoked.

5. Prohibition on entry or importation into New South Wales due to White Spot Disease of Crustaceans

- (1) Pursuant to section 28 (1) of the Act and except as provided in subclause (2), the entry or importation of the following into New South Wales is prohibited:
- (a) live or dead decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms taken from the boundary as indicated in red and named ‘movement control area’ (as identified in Schedule 1) and includes:
- (i) the eastern boundary defined as 100 metres seawards of the ocean beaches from the Queensland and New South Wales border to the tip of Moreton Island, along the northern shore of Morton Island to Comboyuro Point, across to Skirmish Point on Bribie Island, up to the eastern ocean beach to the tip of Bribie Island and across to Caloundra Head.
- (ii) the inland boundary is defined by the local government areas of Moreton Bay Regional Council, Logan City Council, Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council and Gold Coast City Council; and selected localities from Sunshine Coast Regional Council: Bells Creek, Beerburrum, Beerwah, Booroobin, Bribie Island North, Caloundra, Caloundra West, Coochin Creek, Crohamhurst, Kings Beach, Glass House Mountains, Golden Beach, Mount Mellum, Moffat Beach, Landsborough, Peachester, Pelican Waters and Shelly Beach.

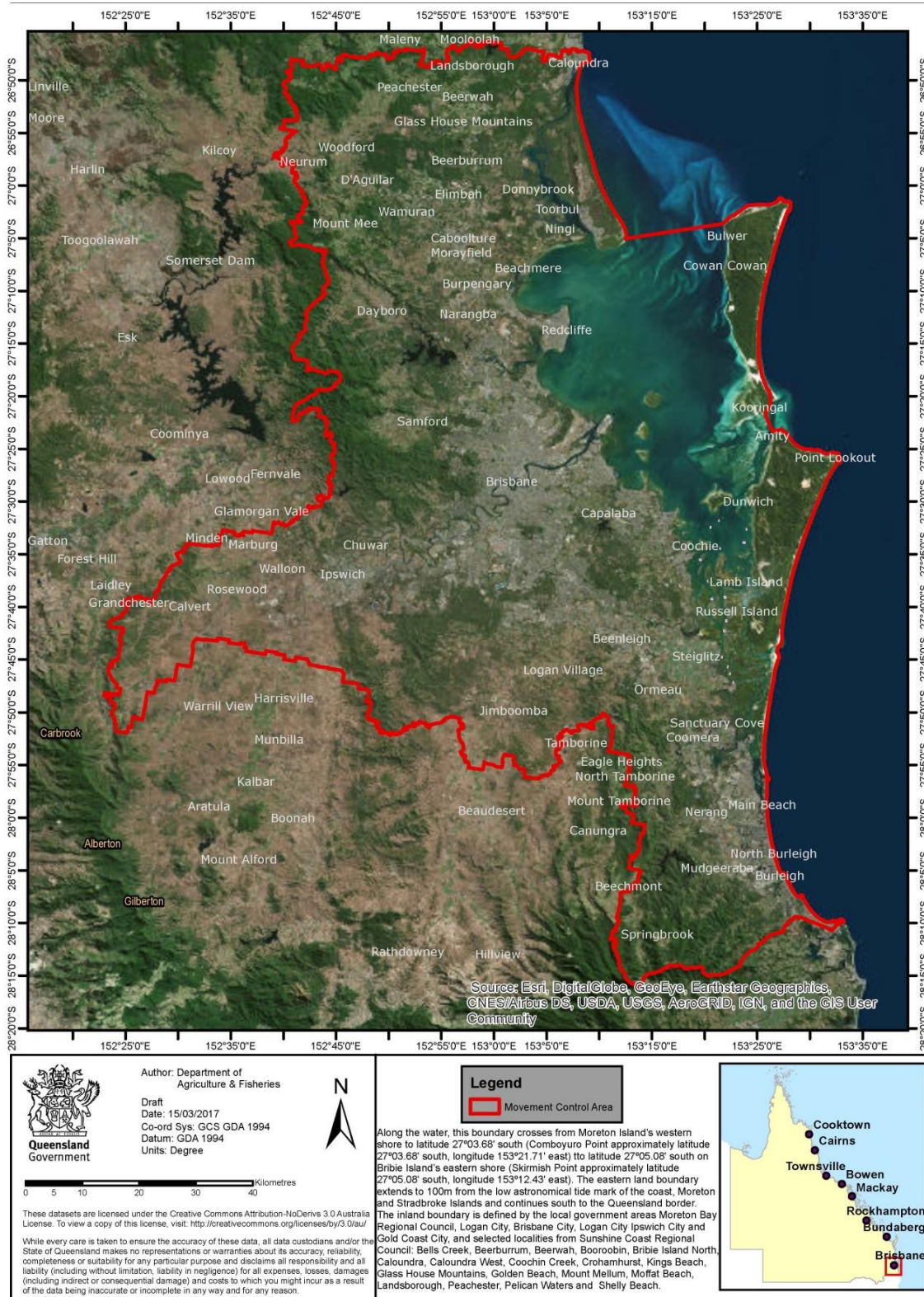
which is an Infected Area for White Spot Disease.

- (b) the prohibition in (1)(a) includes, but is not limited to, live or dead decapod crustaceans and polychaete worms originating from any of the waters within this defined area, or originating from any commercial aquaculture prawn farm within this defined area.
- (c) fittings used in connection with cultivation or commercial catch of live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms or decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms product;
- (d) live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms that have been in contact with either of the following:
- (i) water that has held live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a); or

- (ii) fittings that have previously been used in connection with live or dead decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms described in subclause (1)(a) unless such fittings have been cleaned and disinfected to remove all traces of decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms or decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms product in accordance with a protocol approved by the NSW Chief Veterinary Officer.
- (2) decapod crustaceans or polychaete worms taken from within the defined area (as identified in Schedule 1) may only enter or be imported into New South Wales if:
 - (a) they first have been processed for human consumption as cooked product; and
 - (b) they are securely packaged; and
 - (c) they are transported directly to a point of sale for human consumption.
- (3) The prohibition on entry or importation into New South Wales provided in subclause (1) and (2), do not apply to an Inspector while acting in the ordinary course of the Inspector's duties.

SCHEDULE 1 - Map indicating Infected Area for White Spot Disease

(Courtesy of Queensland Department of Fisheries)



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