

Clarence recreational fishing rules

Fisheries, Compliance and Regional Relations

Recreational fishing havens

Recreational Fishing Havens (RFH) in four sections of the Clarence River came into effect on 1 September 2002.

The following areas are closed to commercial fishing:

1. Middle Wall – a 2 kilometre stretch at the Clarence River mouth near Yamba (subject to B).
2. Romiaka Bridge – waters adjacent to the Romiaka Channel Road Bridge, near Yamba.
3. Oyster Channel Bridge – waters adjacent to Oyster Channel Road Bridge, just outside Yamba.
4. Entrance of Saltwater Inlet – a 300 metre stretch of River on the eastern side of North Arm, between Arris Island and Saltwater Inlet, near Iluka.

The boundaries of RFHs 2, 3 & 4 are marked with blue posts, the letters RFH and an arrow in the direction of the RFH waters.



Notes

A. Commercial fishers are permitted to travel through the Recreational Fishing Havens to go about their legal fishing operations.

B. At Wave Trap Beach inside the Iluka breakwall, endorsed commercial fishers are permitted to use a hauling net between 1 April and 31 August each year during the annual mullet run.

Spearfishing

Spearfishing is prohibited in the following areas.

- The entrance waters of the Clarence River from a line between the upstream end of Collis' Wall and upstream end of Freeburn Island downstream to a line between the eastern extremities of the Yamba and Iluka Breakwalls. Ocean waters from the Yamba Breakwall south to and including Yamba Point to a distance of 400 metres from shore are also closed (see Figure 1).
- Woody Bay adjacent to Woody Head just north of the Clarence River (see Figure 2).



Figure 1. Clarence spearfishing closure

- All ocean beaches except for the 20 metres at the extremity of the beaches (if not closed by other rules).

It is illegal to spearfish with the aid of a light or in inland waters.





Figure 2. Woody Bay spearfishing closure

Nets and traps

Traps

Crab traps may only be used in waters of the Clarence River downstream from the boat ramp adjacent to the court house in Maclean (see Fig. 3).

All traps are prohibited in Lake Arragan (north of Brooms Head in Yuraygir National Park).



Figure 3. Crab Trap Closure

Nets

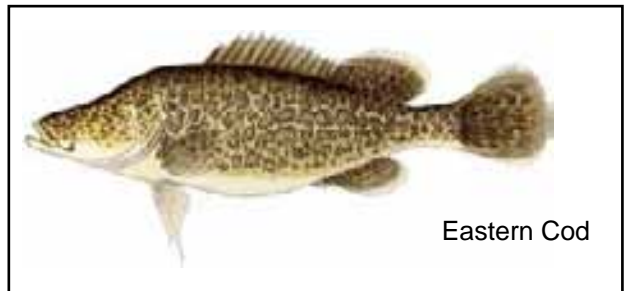
All nets are prohibited in the following areas.

- Crystal Bay canal estate at Yamba – waters south and east of a line drawn from the centre of the turning circle of Westringa Place to the northern most point of Witonga Drive.
- All waters upstream of the weir in Sportsmans Creek near Lawrence.
- All of the Orara river (except for a landing net).
- All waters of Lake Arragan (except for a landing net or a dip or scoop net for prawns).

Inland fishing closure

Mann River

There is a **total closure to all fishing** in all waters of the Mann River and its tributaries upstream of its junction with the Clarence River, including the Nymboida River and its tributaries from its junction with the Mann River upstream to Platypus Flat. This closure applies from **1 August to 31 October** each year, inclusive. This closure is to specifically protect the endangered Eastern Cod during their breeding season. Possession of fishing gear in, on or adjacent to these waters during the closed period is also an offence.



Eastern Cod

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