

# Fisheries Management (Red Sea Urchin) Fishing Closure Notification 2022

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Sean Sloan, Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister and the Secretary under sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994 (the Act)*, give notice of the following fishing closure for Red Sea Urchin under sections 8 and 11 of the Act.

Dated this 22 day of December 2022



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## Part 1 Introduction

### 1. Name of Notification

This notification is the *Fisheries Management (Red Sea Urchin) Fishing Closure Notification 2022*.

### 2. Commencement and duration

This notification commences on 1 January 2023 and will remain in force until 31 December 2027.

### 3. Interpretation

In this notification:

*fishing closure* has the same meaning as in section 8 of the Act.

*fishing period* has the same meaning as in clause 126 of the General Regulation.

*maximum test diameter* means the maximum diameter of the sea urchin when measured along its longest axis and disregarding any spines.

*red sea urchin* means fish of the species *Heliocidaris tuberculata*.

*sea urchin and turban shell restricted fishery* means the restricted fishery declared under Division 1 of Part 9 of the General Regulation.

*sea urchin endorsement* means an endorsement on a commercial fishing licence that authorises the holder of the licence to take sea urchin for sale.

*the Act* means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

*the General Regulation* means the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019.

#### 4. Revocation of Fisheries Management (Red Sea Urchin) Fishing Closure Notification (No. 2) 2020

Under section 11 of the Act, the Fisheries Management (Red Sea Urchin) Fishing Closure Notification (No. 2) 2020 published in *NSW Government Gazette* No 380 of 18 December 2020 is revoked, as is any notification revived as a result of this revocation.

### Part 2 Fishing Closure

#### 5. Fishing closure

Under section 8 of the Act:

- (a) during a fishing period, if the holders of sea urchin endorsements in the sea urchin and turban shell restricted fishery take the total quantity of red sea urchins specified in Column 1 of the Table from the waters described opposite in Column 2 of the Table, all holders of sea urchin endorsements are prohibited from taking red sea urchins from the waters described in Column 2 for the remainder of the fishing period; and
- (b) a holder of a sea urchin endorsement in the sea urchin and turban shell restricted fishery is prohibited from taking red sea urchins with a maximum test diameter of less than 95mm from all waters.

**TABLE – Regional Total Commercial Access Levels for Red Sea Urchin**

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Total quantity - tonnes</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Waters</i>
1.18	<b>Region 1 (Subzones A – F2):</b> The whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 153° 33' 07.2612" east, 28° 09' 52.3404" south and 151° 47' 57.5844" east, 32° 55' 03.9936" south
2.45	<b>Region 2 (Subzones F3 – L1):</b> The whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 151° 47' 57.5844" east, 32° 55' 03.9936" south and 150° 49' 20.4636" east, 35° 00' 49.5396" south
3.06	<b>Region 3 (Subzones L2 – N3):</b> The whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 150° 49' 20.4636" east, 34° 58' 58.6668" south and 150° 24' 37.2060" east, 35° 32' 19.4604" south

2.81	<b>Region 4 (Subzones P1 – S3 and S1):</b> The whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 150° 24' 27.1728" east, 35° 31' 45.7356" south and 150° 08' 01.3956" east, 36° 12' 39.0960" south (Subzones P1 – S3), and the whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 150° 12' 58.7304" east, 36° 14' 13.7328" south and 150° 12' 58.7304" east, 36° 16' 00.9048 south (Subzone S1)
0.0	<b>Region 5 (Subzones T1 – Z5, excluding S1):</b> The whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 150° 08' 01.3956" east, 36° 12' 39.0960" south and 149° 58' 34.5468" east, 37° 30' 19.1520" south (Subzones T1 – Z5), excluding the whole of the waters between a line drawn east from the points 150° 12' 58.7304" east, 36° 14' 13.7328" south and 150° 12' 58.7304" east, 36° 16' 00.9048 south (Subzone S1)

**Note:** Information for regions closed to take of Red Sea Urchins will be notified at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)