

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Sections 8 and 11 Notification – Fishing Closure

Restrictions On Catch Of Certain Dogfishes (deep-water sharks)

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director General pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”), do by this notification:

1. pursuant to section 11 of the Act, revoke the fishing closure entitled “Restrictions On Catch Of Certain Dogfishes (deep-water sharks)” and published in NSW Government Gazette No. 27 on 19 February 2013 at pages 425 – 428; and
2. pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of the shark species specified in Schedule 1 to this notification from ocean waters by any method of fishing by:
 - (a) endorsement holders in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery and the Ocean Trawl Fishery; and
 - (b) recreational fishers; and
3. pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of the shark species specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2, from ocean waters by any of the methods of fishing specified in Column 2 to Schedule 2, by endorsement holders in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery and the Ocean Trawl Fishery, except when those shark species are taken in accordance with the conditions specified in Column 3 of Schedule 2; and
4. pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of the shark species specified in Column 1 of Schedule 3 from all waters by recreational fishers, except when those shark species are taken in accordance with the conditions specified in Column 2 of Schedule 3.

SCHEDULE 1

Common name	Scientific name
Harrison’s Dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>
Southern Dogfish	<i>Centrophorus zeehaani</i>

SCHEDULE 2

Column 1 Common and scientific name	Column 2 Methods	Column 3 Conditions
Endeavour Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>) Greeneye Spurdog (<i>Squalus chloroculus</i>)	Otter trawl net (prawns), Otter trawl net (fish), Danish seine trawl net (fish), line fishing (including use of a handline, rod (or pole) and line, set line, or drift line), and fish trap.	Endorsement holders must not take or be in possession on board the fishing boat each day or from the time of departure to the time of return to port (if longer than a day) of more than 15 kg whole weight or 10 kg if headed, gutted, or headed and gutted, of any, or any combination of, the shark species specified in Column 1 of this Schedule.

SCHEDULE 3

<i>Column 1</i> Shark species	<i>Column 2</i> Conditions
All species of Dogfish belonging to the families Centrophoridae, Dalatiidae, Etmopteridae, Squalidae and Somniosidae other than Harrison's Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>) and Southern Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus zeehaani</i>).	In any one day, recreational fishers must not take or be in possession of more than 2 of any of the shark species specified in Column 1 of this Schedule comprised of any single species or a combination of species.

In this notification:

“**gutted**” means fish from which the gut and internal organs have been removed.

“**headed**” means fish from which the head and gills have been removed by a cut in front of the last gill slit and pectoral fin with the cut being perpendicular to the long axis of the fish.

“**Ocean Trap and Line Fishery**” means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

“**Ocean Trawl Fishery**” means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

“**recreational fisher**” means a fisher who takes fish by any method, otherwise than for sale.

“**whole weight**” means the weight of fish prior to any processing or removal of any part of the fish.

This fishing closure is effective for a period of five (5) years commencing on publication of this notification, unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this 16th day of February 2018

Dr GEOFF ALLAN
Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries
Department of Primary Industries
(an office within the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development)
(by delegation)

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Dogfish Area Closures

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General, DPI Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director General pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”), do by this notification:

1. pursuant to section 11 of the Act, revoke the fishing closure entitled “Dogfish Area Closures” published in NSW Government Gazette No. 77 on 24 June 2013 at pages 3051- 3053; and
2. pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this notification, from the waters described opposite in Column 2 of Schedule 1, by endorsement holders in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery; and
3. pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 to this notification, from the waters described opposite in Column 2 of Schedule 2, by endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery.

SCHEDULE 1

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
All methods of line fishing other than the use of: (a) a drift line, (b) a hand held line, or (c) minor line fishing but only in the following circumstances: (i) when the line used is attended; and (ii) when no more than one weight is used; and (iii) there is no more than 20 hooks per line.	All waters bounded by a line commencing at the point of latitude 33° 10' 48" south, longitude 152° 18' 0" east (Point 1). Thence generally south-easterly along the geodesic to the point of latitude 33° 15' 36" south, longitude 152° 22' 36" east (Point 2). Thence generally south-westerly along the 1000 metre depth contour to 34° 21' 59.4" south, longitude 151° 31' 28.8" east (Point 3). Thence generally north-westerly along the geodesic to the point of latitude 34° 15' 18.6" south, longitude 151° 22' 57" east (Point 4). Thence generally north-easterly along the 200 metre depth contour to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 2

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters			
Otter trawl net (prawns); Otter trawl net (fish); Danish seine trawl net (fish)	All waters bounded by a line commencing at the point of latitude 27° 54' 37.8" south, longitude 154° 07' 2.2" east (Point 1). Thence generally easterly along the NSW/Queensland border to the point of latitude 27° 57' 29.4" south, longitude 154° 0' 42.67" east (Point 2). Thence generally south-westerly sequentially connecting the following points:			
	<i>Depth and/or direction</i>	<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>

along the 650 metre depth contour to	3	28° 30' 0" south	153° 55' 48.21" east
thence directly westerly to	4	28° 30' 0" south	153° 54' 21.96" east
thence along the 250 metre depth contour to	5	29° 00' 0" south	153° 52' 12.72" east
thence directly easterly to	6	29° 00' 0" south	153° 54' 05.40" east
thence along the 850 metre depth contour to	7	30° 00' 0" south	153° 39' 15.12" east
thence directly westerly to	8	30° 00' 0" south	153° 33' 21.67" east
thence along the 250 metre depth contour to	9	30° 20' 0" south	153° 26' 04.11" east
thence directly easterly to	10	30° 20' 0" south	153° 27' 48.91" east
thence along the 650 metre depth contour to	11	32° 00' 0" south	153° 08' 04.64" east
thence directly easterly to	12	32° 00' 0" south	153° 08' 35.72" east
thence along the 850 metre depth contour to	13	32° 36' 0" south	153° 03' 22.54" east
thence directly westerly to	14	32° 36' 0" south	153° 01' 16.10" east
thence along the 650 metre depth contour to	15	33° 13' 41.07" south	152° 20' 30.90" east
thence north-westerly along the geodesic to	16	33° 11' 8.98" south	152° 18' 6.12" east
thence along the 200 metre depth contour to	17	33° 23' 8.20" south	152° 04' 48.53" east
thence south-easterly along the geodesic to	18	33° 24' 43.88" south	152° 09' 0.29" east
thence along the 650 metre depth contour to	19	33° 34' 48.60" south	152° 01' 29.11" east
thence directly easterly to	20	33° 34' 48.60" south	152° 07' 27.13" east
Thence generally northerly along the 1000 metre depth contour to the point of commencement.			

In this notification:

“Ocean Trap and Line Fishery” means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

“Ocean Trawl Fishery” means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

Latitude and longitude coordinates are in WGS84 datum.

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