

Fisheries Management (Sharks taken in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery Fishing Closure) Notification 2024

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Peter Turnell, Executive Director - Fisheries, with delegated authority under sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”) and pursuant to sections 8 and 9 of the Act, give notice of the following fishing closure.

Dated this 5th day of July 2024



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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Notification

This notification is the *Fisheries Management (Sharks taken in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery Fishing Closure) Notification 2024*.

2 Commencement and duration

This notification commences on publication and will remain in force for five years.

3 Definitions

(1) In this notification:

demersal fish trap endorsement has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

endorsement holder means the holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement.

line fishing eastern zone endorsement has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

line fishing western zone endorsement has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

Ocean Trap and Line Fishery has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Act.

processed means headed, gutted, or headed and gutted.

shark means the species of cartilaginous fishes contained within the families in Column 1 and Column 2 of the following table excluding the species in Column 3:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Family	Common Name	Species excluded from notification
ALOPHIIDAE	Thresher sharks	
BRACHAELURIDAE	Blind sharks	
CARCHARHINIDAE	Whaler sharks	
CENTROPHORIDAE	Gulper sharks	Harrisson's Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>) Endeavour Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>) Southern Dogfish (<i>Centrophorus zeehaani</i>)
CETORHINIDAE	Basking sharks	
CHLAMYDOSELACHIDAE	Frill sharks	
DALATIIDAE	Sleeper sharks	
ECHINORHINIDAE	Bramble sharks	
ETMOPTERIDAE	Lantern sharks	
GINGLYMOSTOMATIDAE	Nurse sharks	
HEMIGALEIDAE	Weasel sharks	
HEMISCYLLIDAE	Longtail carpet sharks	
HETERODONTIDAE	Horn sharks	
HEXANCHIDAE	Sixgill, Sevengill and Broadnose sharks	
LAMNIDAE	Mackerel sharks	
MEGACHASMIDAE	Megamouth sharks	
MITUKURINIDAE	Goblin sharks	
OXYNOTIDAE	Roughsharks / prickly dogfishes	
PARASCYLLIDAE	Collared carpet sharks	
PRISTIOPHORIDAE	Sawsharks	
PSEUDOCARCHARIDAE	Crocodile sharks	
SCYLIORHINIDAE	Catsharks	
SOMNIOSIDAE	Sleeper sharks	
SPHYRNIDAE	Hammerhead sharks	
SQUALIDAE	Dogfishes	Greeneye Spurdog (<i>Squalus choloroculus</i>)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Family	Common Name	Species excluded from notification
SQUATINIDAE	Angelsharks	
STEGOSTOMATIDAE	Zebra sharks	
TRIAKIDAE	Hound sharks	School Shark (<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>) Gummy Shark (<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>)

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

- (2) In this closure, a reference to the common name of a species of fish does not limit the scientific description of that species of fish. If there is any inconsistency between the common name and the scientific description of the species, the scientific description of the species prevails.

Part 2 Fishing closure

4 Fishing closure

In any weekly period commencing midnight Sunday and ending on midnight the following Sunday, an endorsement holder in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery is prohibited from taking more than:

- (a) 750 kilograms of shark comprised of any single species or a combination of species if the sharks are whole, or
- (b) 500 kilograms of shark comprised of any single species or a combination of species if any of the sharks are processed.

Notes:

1. If processing a shark, other than Gulper sharks (family: CENTROPHORIDAE), Dogfishes (family: SQUALIDAE) or Catsharks (family: SCYLORHINIDAE):
 - (a) the head and gills should be 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, and
 - (b) the belly flaps must not be removed (refer section 20B of the Act and clause 90 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019).
2. This fishing closure is made in conjunction with the *Fisheries Management (Sharks taken in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery Possession Limit) Order 2024*.