

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994**  
**Section 8 Notification – Fishing Closure**

**Conditions for taking certain shark species harvested in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery**

I, SARAH FAIRFULL, A/Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority, do by this notification pursuant to section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, prohibit the taking of all species of shark from ocean waters, by holders of line fishing western zone endorsements, line fishing eastern zone endorsements and demersal fish trap endorsements in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery, except when those fish are taken in accordance with the conditions specified in Schedule 1 to this notification.

SCHEDULE 1

*Commercial fishing conditions for taking shark species*

1. A holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement must not take more than the **weekly limit** of any species of shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) or combination of any species of shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) within any weekly period commencing midnight Sunday to midnight the following Sunday.
2. A holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement must not take any shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) if the weight of shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) on a licensed fishing boat at any one time exceeds the weekly limit or if the weekly limit has been reached by that endorsement holder or any other endorsement holder (combined) while using that licensed fishing boat within the weekly period commencing midnight of the previous Sunday to midnight the following Sunday.
3. A holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement must not take any shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) while onboard a boat with any person who is authorised to take shark under the authority of a permit issued under section 37 of the Act enabling that person to take sharks in quantities exceeding the weekly limit specified in this fishing closure.
4. A holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement must not take any shark (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification) unless they complete the form entitled “NSW DPI Daily Catch and Effort Record” contained within the “NSW DPI Commercial Fisheries Catch and Effort Log Book” as approved by the Minister prior to moving the catch more than 50 metres from the licensed fishing boat used to take the shark and within 24 hours of landing the catch the form is faxed to (02)6391 4709 or emailed to catch.records@dpi.nsw.gov.au and received by the Department of Primary Industries.
5. A holder of a line fishing western zone endorsement, line fishing eastern zone endorsement or a demersal fish trap endorsement must not take any shark species (excluding those of a type specified in Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 to this notification) unless:
  - a. if removing the head and gills of the shark, they do so 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/or
  - b. if gutting the shark, only remove the gut and internal organs of the shark.

**SCHEDULE 2**  
*Species excluded from Notification*

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
Harrisson's dogfish	<i>Centrophorus harrissoni</i>
Endeavour dogfish	<i>Centrophorus moluccensis</i>
Southern dogfish	<i>Centrophorus zeehaani</i>
Greeneye spurdog	<i>Squalus choloroculus</i>
School shark	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>
Gummy shark	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>

**SCHEDULE 3**  
*Species excluded from condition relating to heading and gutting*

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Family</b>
Gulper sharks	CENTROPHORIDAE
Dogfishes	SQUALIDAE
Catsharks	SCYLIORHINIDAE

In this notification:

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

**“shark”** means the species of cartilaginous fishes contained within the following families:

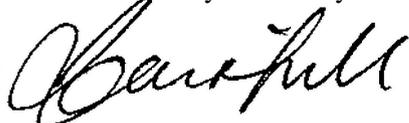
<b>Family</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
ALOPIIDAE	Thresher sharks
BRACHAELURIDAE	Blind sharks
CARCHARHINIDAE	Whaler sharks
CENTROPHORIDAE	Gulper sharks
CETORHINIDAE	Basking Sharks
CHLAMYDOSELACHIDAE	Frill Sharks
DALATIIDAE	Sleeper sharks
ECHINORHINIDAE	Bramble Sharks
ETMOPTERIDAE	Lantern sharks
GINGLYMOSTOMATIDAE	Nurse sharks
HEMIGALEIDAE	Weasel sharks
HEMISCYLLIDAE	Longtail carpet sharks
HETERODONTIDAE	Horn sharks
HEXANCHIDAE	Sixgill, Sevengill and Broadnose Sharks
LAMNIDAE	Mackerel sharks
MEGACHASMIDAE	Megamouth Sharks
MITZUKURINIDAE	Goblin Sharks
OXYNOTIDAE	Roughsharks / prickly dogfishes
PARASCYLLIDAE	Collared carpet sharks
PRISTIOPHORIDAE	Sawsharks
PSEUDOCARCHARIDAE	Crocodile sharks

Family	Common Name
SCYLORHINIDAE	Catsharks
SOMNIOSIDAE	Sleeper sharks
SPHYRNIDAE	Hammerhead sharks
SQUALIDAE	Dogfishes
SQUATINIDAE	Angelsharks
STEGOSTOMATIDAE	Zebra sharks
TRIAKIDAE	Hound sharks

“*weekly limit*” means a total weight of 750 kilograms if the sharks are whole or 500 kilograms if any of the sharks are headed, gutted or headed and gutted.

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

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2017.



**SARAH FAIRFULL**

**A/Deputy Director General Fisheries**

**Department of Primary Industries**

**(an office within the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development)**

**(by delegation)**

**Notes:**

- (1) If, during the period 1 February in one year to the 31 January in the following year, the total catch of sharks by all endorsement holders (excluding those sharks of a type specified in Schedule 2 to this notification and excluding any catches taken pursuant to a permit issued under section 37 of the Act authorising the taking of shark) is more than approximately 70 tonnes dressed weight, the Minister intends to impose further restrictions. Note this limit is subject to change having regard to restrictions imposed on the fishery as part of the Commonwealth Government’s Declaration of a Wildlife Trade Operation and associated conditions, and annual reviews of biological and catch data.
- (2) A separate fishing closure relating to sharks prohibits the practice of shark finning in all NSW waters.
- (3) This closure does not affect the bag limits specified in clause 12D and Schedule 3 of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.
- (4) Contact your District Fisheries Office for details of permit holders referred to in clause 3 of Schedule 1 to this closure. Local District Fisheries Office telephone numbers include: Tweed District - 07 5523 6900, Richmond District (Ballina) - 02 66181800, Coffs Harbour District - 02 6652 3977, Clarence River District (Maclean) - 02 6645 0500, Port Macquarie 02 55240600