

Fisheries Management (Crab Traps in Lake Macquarie) Order 2023

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Sean Sloan, Deputy Director General Fisheries, pursuant to section 37 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (**the Act**) and with the delegated authority of the Minister and Secretary under sections 227 and 228 of the Act make the following Order.

Dated this 25th day of August 2023



Sean Sloan,
Deputy Director General Fisheries
Department of Primary Industries
Regional NSW

Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (Crab Traps in Lake Macquarie) Order 2023*.

2. Commencement and duration

- (1) This order commences on the day on which it is published on the website of the NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- (2) This order remains in force for 3 years commencing on the date of publication.

3. Definitions

In this Order:

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

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

crab trap means a crab trap as described in clause 39 *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019*.

Lake Macquarie means the whole of the waters of Lake Macquarie and its tributaries from its confluence with the South Pacific Ocean, except Whiteheads Lagoon, Upper Reaches/Mannering Bay, Muddy Lake and Lake Eraring, Lake Petite and Duck Hole Lagoon.

Whiteheads Lagoon include the whole of the waters of Whiteheads Lagoon, upstream from the road bridge near its confluence with Lake Macquarie.

Upper Reaches/Mannering Bay includes the whole of the waters of Mannering Bay and its tributaries (including Wyee Creek), upstream from the causeway across the entrance to Mannering Bay.

Muddy Lake and Lake Eraring includes the whole of the waters of Muddy Lake and Lake Eraring, upstream from a line drawn from the southern extremity of Pipers Point to the northeastern most point of the north bank of Dora Creek.

Lake Petite includes the whole of the waters of Lake Petite, upstream from its confluence with Bardens Bay.

Duck Hole Lagoon includes the whole of the waters of Duck Hole Lagoon.

Part 2 Special approval for authorised purposes

4. Crab traps

- (1) Despite clause 51 of Schedule 3 of the Regulation, a person may use a crab trap to take crabs in the waters of Lake Macquarie.
- (2) All entrances to the crab trap must have a maximum internal diameter of less than 320mm.