

Fisheries Management (Estuary General Prawning Codend) Order 2023

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, PETER TURNELL, Director, Fisheries & Aquaculture, with the delegated authority of the Minister and Secretary pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994 (the Act)*, make the following Order under section 37 of the Act.

Dated this 10th day of March 2023



Peter Turnell

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Department of Primary Industries
Department of Regional NSW

Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (Estuary General Prawning Codend) Order 2023*.

2. Commencement and Duration

- (1) This order commences on the date of publication.
- (2) This order remains in force for a period of 5 years.

3. Definitions

In this Order:

codend of a net means the piece of netting that forms the posterior most part of the net where the catch accumulates.

endorsement holder means a person who holds a commercial fishing licence that has an estuary general prawning endorsement as described in clause 6 of the EG Plan.

EG fishery means the estuary general share management fishery, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

EG Plan means the appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Estuary General Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

Note: Under section 11 of the *Interpretation Act 1987*, unless otherwise specified words in this Order have the same meaning as in the Act.

Part 2 Special approval for authorised purposes

4. Square shaped mesh codend - prawn net (hauling), prawn net (hauling) – Manning River, prawn net (hauling) – Wallis Lake, seine net (prawns) and try net (prawns)

(1) This clause applies to these nets:

- (a) prawn net (hauling),
- (b) prawn net (hauling) – Manning River,
- (c) prawn net (hauling) – Wallis Lake,
- (d) seine net (prawns), and
- (e) try net (prawns).

(2) Despite clauses 21, 22, 23 and 26 of the EG Plan, in the waters of the EG fishery, it is lawful for an endorsement holder to use a square shaped mesh codend that is constructed of knotted polyamide or polyethylene material.

5. Square shaped mesh codend - prawn net (set pocket)

Despite clause 24 of the EG Plan, in the waters of the EG fishery, it is lawful for an endorsement holder to use a prawn net (set pocket) with a square shaped mesh codend that:

- (a) is constructed of knotted material,
- (b) is constructed of any material type; and
- (c) has a circumference not exceeding 3 metres.

6. Diamond shaped mesh codend - prawn net (hauling), prawn net (hauling) – Manning River, prawn net (hauling) – Wallis Lake, seine net (prawns) and try net (prawns)

(1) This clause applies to these nets:

- (a) prawn net (hauling),
- (b) prawn net (hauling) – Manning River,
- (c) prawn net (hauling) – Wallis Lake,
- (d) seine net (prawns), and
- (e) try net (prawns).

- (2) Despite clauses 21, 22, 23 and 26 of the EG Plan, in the waters of the EG fishery, it is lawful for an endorsement holder to use a diamond shaped mesh codend that:
- (a) consists of diamond-shaped mesh not less than 30 mm nor more than 36 mm,
 - (b) is constructed of knotted material,
 - (c) is constructed of any material type,
 - (d) is constructed of material comprising twine of any diameter,
 - (e) has a circumference of any size; and
 - (f) is of any length.

7. Diamond shaped mesh codend - prawn net (set pocket) – all waters except Wallis Lake

Despite clause 24(5) of the EG Plan, in all waters of the EG fishery except Wallis Lake, it is lawful for an endorsement holder to use a prawn net (set pocket) –with a codend that:

- (a) consists of diamond-shaped mesh not less than 30 mm nor more than 40 mm,
- (b) is constructed of material comprising twine of any diameter; and
- (c) has a circumference of any size.