

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994
Section 8 and Section 11 Notification – Fishing Closure

Fishing Closure Relating to the Commercial Harvest of Abalone

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General, Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Secretary, Department of Industry, 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 titled ‘Conditional Fishing Closure Relating to the Commercial Harvesting of Abalone in Waters South of Wonboyn Lake Fishing Closure’ published in New South Wales Government Gazette No. 66 of 7 August 2015, at pages 2387-2388, and,
2. Pursuant to section 8 of the Act, prohibit the taking of abalone (*Haliotis rubra*) by all endorsement holders in the Abalone Fishery in waters described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this notification, except on the conditions specified opposite in Column 2 of Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

| <i>Column 1</i> <i>Waters</i> | <i>Column 2</i> <i>Conditions</i> |
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| The whole of the waters south of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake (37°15.074’S, 149°58.021’E). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any abalone taken must have a shell diameter length of 125 mm or greater (measured along the shell’s longest axis). 2. An endorsement holder must make a pre-fishing report and advise their intent to take abalone from waters south of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake. 3. Where the endorsement holder has made a pre-fishing report advising their intent to take abalone from waters south of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake, any abalone taken by the endorsement holder on the day specified in the pre-fishing report must have a shell diameter length of 125 mm or greater (measured along the shell’s longest axis). |
| The whole of the waters north of the entrance to Wonboyn Lake (37°15.074’S, 149°58.021’E). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 10 July 2018 to 31 December 2018 any abalone taken must have a shell diameter length of 119 mm or greater (measured along the shell’s longest axis). 2. From 1 January 2019 any abalone taken must have a shell diameter length of 120 mm or greater (measured along the shell’s longest axis). |

In this fishing closure:

‘**Abalone Fishery**’ means the abalone fishery as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

‘**Endorsement holder**’ has the same meaning as in clause 2 of the Appendix to the Fisheries Management (Abalone Share Management Plan) Regulation 2000.

‘**Pre-fishing report**’ means a report made in accordance with condition 1 of the endorsement conditions that apply to holders of endorsements in the Abalone Fishery. For the purposes of

section 68(6B) of the Act, it is a condition of an endorsement in the Abalone Fishery that the holder of the endorsement must use the Real Time Reporting System and report specific information to the Department each occasion on which the endorsement holder proposes to take abalone under the endorsement.

Longitude and latitude coordinates are in WGS84 datum.

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

Dated this 5th day of July 2018

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(an office within the Department of Industry)
(by delegation)

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