

Fisheries Management (Clarence River Estuary Prawn Trawl Fishing Closure) Notification 2019

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, PETER TURNELL, Acting Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister and the Secretary in pursuance of sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”), and in pursuance of section 8 of the Act, give notice of the following fishing closure for the Clarence River Estuary Prawn Trawl Fishery.

Dated this 10th day of May 2019

PETER TURNELL,
Acting Deputy Director General Fisheries
Department of Primary Industries
(an office within the Department of Industry)

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1. Name of Notification

This notification is the Fisheries Management (Clarence River Estuary Prawn Trawl Fishing Closure) Notification 2019.

2. Commencement and duration

This notification commences on the date it is published, and it will remain in force until 31 May 2019 (inclusive).

Note: This notification is required urgently, and it will be published on the website of the Department of Primary Industries.

3. Definitions

In this notification:

Clarence River endorsement has the same meaning as in clause 6 of the EPT Plan.

codend has the same meaning as in clause 2 of the EPT Plan.

endorsement holder has the same meaning as in clause 2 of the EPT Plan.

the Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

EPT Plan means the Fisheries Management (Estuary Prawn Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

Note: Pursuant to section 11 of the Interpretation Act 1987, **fish** and **take** have the same meaning as in the Act.

4. Fishing closure

- (1) Pursuant to section 8 of the Act, Clarence River endorsement holders are prohibited from taking fish using an otter trawl nets (prawns) from the waters of Lake Wooloweyah (Clarence River) unless the mesh of the codend of the net is not less than 29 millimetres.
- (2) Pursuant to section 8 of the Act, Clarence River endorsement holders are prohibited from taking fish from the waters of Lake Wooloweyah (Clarence River):
 - (a) from the date and time of publication of this notification until 6 pm Friday 10 May 2019;
 - (b) from 1:30 pm until 6 pm on Mondays; and
 - (c) from 12:30 pm until 6 pm on each weekday that is not a Monday.

Note: This fishing closure applies in addition to the *Section 8 and Section 11 Notifications – Prawn Counts* dated 2 November 2017, published in the *NSW Government Gazette* No. 123 of 10 November 2017 at pages 6759 and 6760.