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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

Sections 8 and 9 Notification – Urgent Fishing Closure

Ocean Waters off Evans Head and Clarence River

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Executive Director, Fisheries NSW, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Director General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services pursuant to sections 227 and 228 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (“the Act”), and pursuant to section 8 of the Act, do by this notification prohibit the taking of all species of fish, by the method of otter trawl net (prawns) by all endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery, in the waters described in Column 1 of the Schedule to this notification for the period commencing on the date of this notification and expiring on the date specified in Column 2 of that Schedule, unless under the direct supervision of an employee of the Department of Primary Industries or otherwise with the consent of the Executive Director, Fisheries NSW for the purpose of undertaking trials to determine the abundance and or size of fish (including prawns) and informing any decision to amend or revoke this fishing closure or part thereof.

SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Waters</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Period</i>
<p>Ocean waters adjacent to Evans Head</p> <p>The whole of the waters within an area bounded by a line commencing at 29°06.000'S, 153°25.970'E (the north western corner of the Evans River entrance closure on Airforce Beach), then drawn due east to 29°06.000'S, 153°27.090'E (the north eastern corner of the Evans River entrance closure), then north north east approximately 2 nautical miles to 29°04.000'S, 153°27.460'E, then due west to the mean high water mark on Airforce Beach at or nearest to 29°04.000'S, 153°26.450'E, then generally south along the beach to the point of commencement (references to directions are indicative only).</p>	<p>Ocean waters adjacent to Evans Head: until and including 14 April 2013 (1 month).</p>
<p>Ocean waters adjacent to the Clarence River</p> <p>The whole of the ocean waters west of the Angourie Point closure as set out in Schedule 2 of the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006 from Angourie Point north to a line drawn from 29°22.400'S, 153°23.460'E (the north western corner of the Angourie Point closure) to the north eastern extremity of Woody Head at or nearest to 29°21.815'S, 153°22.450'E (references to directions are indicative only).</p>	<p>Ocean waters adjacent to the Clarence River: until and including 14 April 2013 (1 month).</p>

In this Schedule, latitude and longitude coordinates are in WGS84 datum.

In this fishing closure, *Ocean Trawl Fishery* means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule 1 to the Act.

The provisions of this fishing closure in respect of endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery have effect despite any provisions in the Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

This fishing closure is effective from the date of this notification until 14 April 2013 unless sooner amended or revoked.

Notes:

1. The purpose of this fishing closure is to prohibit or restrict the use of particular nets to take fish because of high levels of bycatch or incidental catch of small prawn.
2. This notification is published under sections 9 (2) (b) and (3) of the Act.

Dated this 15th day of March 2013.

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