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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994
Sections 8 & 9 Notification – Urgent Fishing Closure
Ocean Waters Adjacent to the Richmond and Brunswick Rivers

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and the Secretary of the Department of Industry, 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 from the waters described in the Schedule to this notification, unless under the direct supervision of an employee of the Department of Primary Industries or otherwise with the consent of the Deputy Director General Fisheries 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 parts thereof.

SCHEDULE
Waters

Richmond River
The whole of the waters adjacent to the Richmond River bounded by a line commencing at the eastern extremity of the southern breakwater and heading generally south along the mean high water mark to 29° 00.000S, 153°28.624E (adjacent to Keith Hall Lane), then south east to 29° 00.000S, 153° 29.850E (the western boundary of the Juvenile King Prawn closure), then generally north along the western boundary of the Juvenile King Prawn closure to a point 28° 48.571S, 153° 37.100E, then west to the eastern extremity of Flat Rock at 28° 48.571S, 153° 36.369E, then generally south along the mean high water mark to the eastern extremity of the northern breakwater and back to the point of commencement.

Brunswick River
The whole of the waters adjacent to the Brunswick River bounded by a line commencing at the eastern extremity of the northern breakwater and heading generally north along the mean high water mark to 28° 30.246S, 153°33.120E, then east to 28° 30.246S, 153° 33.670E (the north western boundary of the Juvenile King Prawn closure), then generally south along the closure boundary to 28° 32.251S, 153° 34.044E (the south western boundary of the Juvenile King Prawn closure), then west to the point of commencement.

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

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.

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

This fishing closure is effective on the publication of this notification until and including 18 April 2017 unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this 5th day of April 2017
Dr Geoff Allan
Deputy Director General Fisheries
Department of Primary Industries
(an office within the Department of Industry)
(by delegation)

Notes:
1. The purpose of this fishing closure is to prohibit or restrict the use of particular nets to take fish because of a flood event.
2. This notification is published under sections 9(2)(b) and (3) of the Act.

By Authority
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