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# GOVERNMENT NOTICES

## FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

### Section 8 Notification - Fishing Closure

#### Interim Total Commercial Access Levels in the Spanner Crab Northern Zone of the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery

I, GEOFF ALLAN, Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority, do by this notification pursuant to section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* ("the Act"), prohibit:

1. the taking of Spanner Crabs (*Ranina ranina*) from the waters described in the Schedule to this notification by all commercial fishers except the holder of any of the following endorsements:
  - (a) spanner crab northern zone endorsement in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery;
  - (b) spanner crab southern zone endorsement in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery;
  - (c) inshore prawn endorsement in the Ocean Trawl Fishery;
  - (d) offshore prawn endorsement in the Ocean Trawl Fishery;
2. the taking of more than the total quantity of Spanner Crabs (*Ranina ranina*) specified in Column 1 of the Table to this clause in the period specified opposite in Column 2 of the Table from the waters described in the Schedule by holders of a spanner crab northern zone endorsement in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery:

TABLE - Interim Total Commercial Access Level	
<i>Column 1</i> Total quantity	<i>Column 2</i> Period
164,124 kg	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

#### SCHEDULE - WATERS

Ocean waters that are north of a line drawn due east from the southern breakwall at Yamba.

In this fishing closure:

***inshore prawn endorsement*** has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

***offshore prawn endorsement*** has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

***Ocean Trap and Line Fishery*** means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule I to the Act.

***Ocean Trawl Fishery*** means the share management fishery of that name, as described in Schedule I to the Act.

***ocean waters*** has the same meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Act.

***spanner crab northern zone endorsement*** has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

***spanner crab southern zone endorsement*** has the same meaning as in clause 5 of the Appendix to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trap and Line Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*.

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

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

This fishing closure notification is effective for a period of one (1) year commencing on 1 July 2017 unless sooner amended or revoked.

Dated this 29th day of June 2017.

DR GEOFF ALLAN

Deputy Director General Fisheries

Department of Primary Industries

(an office within the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development)

(by delegation)

**Notes:**

1. Inshore prawn endorsement holders and offshore prawn endorsement holders in the Ocean Trawl Fishery are subject to a daily and possession limit for Spanner Crabs. (See Schedule 3 to the *Fisheries Management (Ocean Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006*).
2. Once the total quantity of Spanner Crabs taken by spanner crab northern zone endorsement holders reaches 164,124 kg in the relevant period, the northern zone of the spanner crab sector of the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery will be closed.