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Living Marine Resources

Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995 *Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015*

NOTICE OF THE DATES OF THE CLOSED SEASON FOR PART OF THE SCALEFISH FISHERY AND NOTICE OF SCALEFISH FISHERY CLOSURE TO SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

I, Ian Dutton, General Manager (Marine Resources) in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, acting pursuant to a delegation from the Minister for Primary Industries and Water made on 13 July 2022 and acting pursuant to section 20(1) of the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* (the Act), hereby determine under rule 11(1)(c) of the *Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015* (the Rules):

- A. that the dates of the closed season for that part of the Scalefish Fishery specified in schedule 1 are from 12:01 am 23 September 2022 to 11:59 pm 31 October 2022; and
- B. that the parts of the scalefish fishery specified in schedule 1 are closed to, or in respect of, the activities specified in schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 1

All that part of the Scalefish Fishery in State waters adjacent to the north coast of Tasmania and in Bass Strait:

- (a) bounded in the west by an imaginary line starting at Cape Grim and then running due west along the line of latitude at 40°40'S to the limit of State waters; and
- (b) bounded in the north by the limit of State waters; and
- (c) bounded in the east by an imaginary line starting at Cape Naturaliste and then running due east along the line of latitude at 40°50'S to the limit of State waters.

SCHEDULE 2

- 1) The take of all squid species, including southern calamari (*Sepioteuthis australis*).
- 2) The possession of squid other than the;
 - (a) possession of Gould's squid by the holder of a Commonwealth authority that were taken under that Commonwealth authority, or by the holder of a Tasmanian fishing licence (automatic squid jig) that were taken under the authority of that licence in State waters;
 - (b) possession of squid (whole or part) where the person possessing the squid can establish that the squid was purchased from a commercial supplier or was taken by the holder of a fishing licence (personal) in an open season and open area.
- 3) The possession of squid jigs attached to a hand line or rod and line.

Dated at HOBART this 8th day of September 2022

Dr Ian Dutton
General Manager (Marine Resources)

Information

(This information does not form part of the notice)

The squid fishery (including calamari and Gould's squid) will be subject to a spawning closure from 23 September 2022 to 31 October 2022 (inclusive).

The closure applies to both non-commercial and commercial fishers.

This closure is a precautionary measure aiming to restrain catch and limit disturbance during part of the peak spawning activity to help maintain calamari stocks into the future. The closure applies to all squid species for effective compliance purposes.

It is prohibited to take squid (including calamari and Gould's squid) in this area during the closure. In addition, a person cannot possess squid for use as bait unless they can prove that the squid being used for bait were purchased from a commercial supplier or was taken by a commercial fisher in an open season and open area.

Squid jigs are not permitted to be attached to a line (hand line or rod and line) when in the closed area.

Transiting the closed area in possession of squid taken outside the area is not permitted—with some exceptions as detailed in part 2(b)(i) of the notice.

See more details at the NRE Tas website (www.fishing.tas.gov.au). Please contact the Marine Resources Wild Fisheries Branch on 0457 006 821 if you require further information.

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