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## Living Marine Resources

### LIVING MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1995

#### FISHERIES (ROCK LOBSTER) RULES 2022

#### NOTICE – DATES OF THE OPEN AND CLOSED SEASON FOR THE COMMERCIAL ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY

I, the Hon Eric Abetz, Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, hereby determine under rule 10 of the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2022* (the Rules) that:

- a) the dates of the open seasons for the **commercial** rock lobster fishery for **male** rock lobster are as follows:
  - open season from 00:01 15 November 2024 for all State waters excluding “eastern waters” and “north eastern waters”; and
  - open season from 00:001 1 March 2025 for “south eastern Bruny waters”
  - open season from 00:01 10 April 2025 for “east coast catch cap waters” and “north east catch cap waters”.
- b) the dates of the closed seasons for the **commercial** rock lobster fishery for **male** rock lobster are as follows:
  - closed season from 00:01 1 September 2025 for the “September closed region”; and
  - closed season from 00:01 1 October 2025 for all State waters.
- c) the dates of the open and closed seasons for the **commercial** rock lobster fishery for **female** rock lobster are as follows:
  - open season from 00:01 15 November 2024 for all State waters excluding “eastern waters” and “north eastern waters”;
  - open season from 00:01 1 March 2025 for “south eastern Bruny waters”
  - open season from 00:01 10 April 2025 for “east coast catch cap waters” and “north east catch cap waters; and
  - closed season from 00:01 1 May 2025 for all State waters.

where:

“**eastern waters**” is defined to mean all State waters off the east coast of Tasmania bound in the north by the line of latitude 41° 00’ 15” South commencing from the highwater mark north of Red Rocks and running due east to the outer limit of State waters, bounded at the River Derwent by an imaginary straight line from Cape Direction to Dennes Point, Bruny Island, and bound in the south by the line of latitude 43° 30’ 58” South commencing from the high water mark Tasman Head and running due east to the outer limit of State waters.

and where:

“**north eastern waters**” is defined to mean the area of State waters adjacent to the north east coast of Tasmania, east of the line of longitude 146° 32’ 00” East (Point Sorell) on the north coast, and north of the line of latitude 41° 00’ 15” South (north of Red Rocks) on the east coast.

and where:

“**south eastern Bruny waters**” is defined to mean all State waters off the east coast of Tasmania bounded in the north on the east coast by the line of latitude at 43° 20’ 00” South running due east of Coal Point (Adventure Bay, Bruny Island) and bounded in the south on the south east coast by the line of latitude 43° 30’ 58” South commencing from the high water mark Tasman Head and running due east to the outer limit of State waters.

and where:

“**east coast catch cap waters**” is defined to mean the area of State waters adjacent to the east coast of Tasmania bounded in the north on the east coast by the line of latitude at 41° 16’ 30” South running due east from St Helens Point and bounded in the south on the south east coast by the line of latitude at 43° 20’ 00” South running due east of Coal Point (Adventure Bay, Bruny Island), excluding the D’Entrecasteaux Channel and the River Derwent.

and where:

“**north east catch cap waters**” is defined to mean the area of State waters adjacent to the north east coast of Tasmania bounded in the south on the north east coast by the line of latitude at 41° 16’ 30” South running due east from St Helens Point and bounded in the north on the north coast by the line of longitude at 146° 32’ 00” East running due north of Point Sorell (Port Sorell).

and where:

“**September closed region**” means State waters adjacent to the east, south and west coasts of Tasmania enclosed by an imaginary line starting at the high water mark on the east coast of the mainland of Tasmania at longitude 41° 16’ 30” East (St Helens Point), then running due east to the limit of State waters, then running in a clockwise direction at the limit of State waters until that imaginary line meets the line of latitude 41° 29’ 0” South off the west coast of Tasmania (3.7NM south of Sandy Cape), then running due east to the high water mark of the mainland of Tasmania and then running in an anticlockwise direction along the high water mark of Tasmania to the starting point of that imaginary line, excluding the D’Entrecasteaux Channel and the River Derwent.

and where:

“**River Derwent**” is defined to mean the waters upstream of an imaginary straight line from Dennes Point to Cape Direction.

Unless otherwise defined in this notice, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meaning as in the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* and the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2022*.

All coordinates of latitude and longitude specified in this notice are to be determined by reference to the Geocentric Datum of Australia (also known as “the GDA” or “GDA94”) as defined in the *Commonwealth Gazette* No. GN 35, 6 September 1995.

Dated: 28 October 2024

HON ERIC ABETZ  
MINISTER OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

### INFORMATION

This notice sets the open season and closed season dates for the **commercial rock lobster fishery** for the 2024/25 fishing season as follows:

Status	Sector	Area	Date
<b>2024</b>			
Open season	Commercial	All waters except Eastern closed waters (East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone) and North East Catch Cap	Friday 15 November
<b>2025</b>			
Open season	Commercial	South eastern Bruny waters (south of the East Coast catch cap)	Saturday 1 March
Open season	Commercial	East Coast Catch Cap and North East Catch Cap	Thursday 10 April
Closed season	Commercial	State-wide (Females)	Thursday 1 May
Closed season	Commercial	St Helens Point south to Sandy Cape (Males)	Monday 1 September
Closed season	Commercial	State-wide	Wednesday 1 October

GPS coordinates are provided in degrees, minutes, and seconds (e.g. 40°59’35”S). If you use GPS in degrees and decimal minutes (e.g. 40°59.583’S) or in decimal degrees (e.g. 40.9931°S), you must accurately convert the coordinates to the correct format.

For more information go to [www.fishing.tas.gov.au](http://www.fishing.tas.gov.au) or contact the Wild Fisheries Management Branch, Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania on 1300 720 647 or 0476 782 042 or [fishing.enquiries@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:fishing.enquiries@nre.tas.gov.au).

### LIVING MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1995

#### FISHERIES (ROCK LOBSTER) RULES 2022

#### NOTICE - DATES OF OPEN AND CLOSED SEASON FOR THE NON - COMMERCIAL ROCK LOBSTER FISHERY

I, the Hon Eric Abetz, Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, hereby determine under rule 10 of the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2022* (the Rules) that:

- the dates of the open and closed seasons for the **non-commercial** rock lobster fishery for male **rock** lobster are as follows:
  - open season from 00:01 2 November 2024 for all State waters excluding the **East Coast stock rebuilding zone**; and
  - open season from 00:01 7 December 2024 for the **East Coast stock rebuilding zone**; and
  - closed season from 00:01 1 May 2025 for the **Eastern Region**; and
  - closed season from 00:01 1 September 2025 for all State waters.

2. the dates of the open and closed seasons for the **non-commercial** rock lobster fishery for **female** rock lobster are as follows:
- open season from 00:01 2 November 2024 for all State waters excluding the **East Coast stock rebuilding zone**;
  - open season from 00:01 7 December 2024 for the **East Coast stock rebuilding zone**; and
  - closed season from 00:01 1 May 2025 for all State waters.

where:

**East Coast stock rebuilding zone** means-

- a) all State waters off the east coast of Tasmania bound in the north by the line of latitude 40° 59' 35" South commencing from the high water mark Eddystone Point and running due east to the outer limit of State waters, and bound in the south by the line of latitude 43° 30' 58" South commencing from the high water mark Tasman Head and running due east to the outer limit of State waters.
- b) Including waters of the **D'Entrecasteaux Channel**.

and where:

**D'Entrecasteaux Channel** and **Eastern Region** are defined in the *Fisheries (Rock Lobster) Rules 2022*.

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Dated 28 October 2024

HON ERIC ABETZ

MINISTER OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

### INFORMATION

This notice sets the open season and closed season dates for the **non-commercial rock lobster fishery** for the 2024/25 fishing season as follows:

Status	Sector	Area	Date
<b>2024</b>			
Open season	Recreational	All waters except East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone (ECSRZ)	Saturday 2 November
Open season	Recreational	ECSRZ	Saturday 7 December
<b>2025</b>			
Closed season	Recreational	Eastern Region	Thursday 1 May
Closed season	Recreational	Western Region (Females)	Thursday 1 May
Closed season	Recreational	Western Region (Males)	Monday 1 September

The non-commercial fishery includes fishing activities undertaken by holders of a recreational fishing licence and Aboriginal persons engaged in Aboriginal activities.

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## Government Notice

Government House  
Hobart, 29 October 2024

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Premier, has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Guy Barnett, MP, Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, as Acting Premier of the State of Tasmania during the absence from Office of the Premier from 3:15 pm on 3 November 2024 until 10:00 am on 10 November 2024 inclusive or until the Premier returns to Office, whichever event shall first occur.

By Her Excellency's Command,

DAVID HUGHES CSC,  
Official Secretary

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