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FISHERIES (ROCK LOBSTER) RULES 2022

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

I, Dr David Midson, General Manager – Marine Resources in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, acting pursuant to a delegation under section 20(1) of the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* (the Act), hereby determine that the published notice titled “Notice – Dates of the Open and Closed Season for the Commercial Rock Lobster Fishery” dated 15 August 2025 and published in the *Gazette* on Wednesday 20 August 2025, is revoked with immediate effect, and I further 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:
 - from 00:01 15 November 2025 for all State waters excluding “eastern waters”; and
 - from 00:01 1 March 2026 for “south eastern Bruny waters”.
- b) the dates of the closed seasons for the **commercial** rock lobster fishery for **male** rock lobster are as follows:
 - from 00:01 22 November 2025 for “north eastern waters”;
 - from 00:01 1 September 2026 for the “September closed region”; and
 - from 00:01 1 October 2026 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 2025 for all State waters excluding “eastern waters”
 - closed season from 00:01 22 November 2025 for “north eastern waters”;
 - open season from 00:01 1 March 2026 for “south eastern Bruny waters”; and
 - closed season from 00:01 1 May 2026 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:

“**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:

“**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:

“**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.

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: 5 November 2025

DAVID MIDSON
GENERAL MANAGER – MARINE RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA

INFORMATION

This information does not form part of this notice.

This notice sets the open season and closed season dates for the commercial rock lobster fishery for the 2025/26 fishing season as follows:

Status	Sector	Area	Date
2025			
Open season	Commercial	All waters except Eastern closed waters (East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone)	Saturday 15 November
Closed season	Commercial	North east catch cap (excluding the East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone, which is already shut)	Saturday 22 November
2026			
Open season	Commercial	South eastern Bruny waters (south of the east coast catch cap)	Sunday 1 March
Closed season	Commercial	State-wide (Females)	Friday 1 May
Closed season	Commercial	St Helens Point south to Sandy Cape (Males)	Tuesday 1 September
Closed season	Commercial	State-wide	Thursday 1 October

This notice allows the part of the commercial north east catch cap area that is not in the East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone to open from Saturday 15 November 2025 to Friday 21 November 2025 inclusive, to enable fishing as the catch cap has not yet been fully caught.

This notice does not set the opening dates for the East Coast Catch Cap area and the North East Catch Cap area in 2026, as a decision on these dates has not yet been made. Further information needs to be considered before the opening dates for these areas can be set. The open dates for the East Coast Catch Cap area and the North East Catch Cap area for 2026 will be published in a separate notice.

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 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.

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