

Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995

Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015

NOTICE OF THE DATES OF THE CLOSED SEASON FOR A PART OF THE SCALEFISH FISHERY FOR SAND FLATHEAD

I, Dr David Midson, General Manager (Marine Resources) in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, acting pursuant to a delegation from the Minister for Primary Industries and Water hereby determine under rule 11 of the *Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015* (the Rules) that the closed season for the scalefish fishery specified in schedule 1 commences at 12:01 am 1 March 2026 and continues until this notice is revoked.

SCHEDULE 1

All that part of the non commercial scalefish fishery for sand flathead in the **south-eastern zone**.

In this notice:

The **south-eastern zone** means the waters of the southern sand flathead region and all remaining State waters off south-east Tasmania, but excluding the waters of Blackman Bay –

- (a) bounded in the west by the line of longitude commencing at the point of latitude 43° 38' 19" South, longitude 146 °52' 15" East at Whale Head and running due south to the furthest extent of State waters; and
- (b) bounded in the east by the line of longitude commencing at the point of latitude 43° 13' 18" South, longitude 148° 00' 41" East at Cape Pillar and running due south to the furthest extent of State waters.

Any expression used in this notice having a particular meaning under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* (the Act) or the Rules has the same meaning in this notice.

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 at HOBART this 25th day of February 2026



DR DAVID MIDSON
GENERAL MANAGER (MARINE RESOURCES)

Information

(This information does not form part of the notice)

A person must not take or be in possession of sand flathead for non commercial purposes in the south-eastern zone which includes the Southern Sand Flathead Region.

This notice has the effect of closing the non commercial sand flathead fishery in the south-eastern zone, which includes the Southern Sand Flathead Region from 1 March 2026 indefinitely. The furthest extent of State waters in the definition above means 200 nautical miles from the points of latitude and longitude specified. This closure is part of arrangements to reduce non commercial fishing pressure on the sand flathead fishery in the interest of resource sustainability. Commercial fishing for sand flathead in State waters is already prohibited in the Rules.

For further information contact fishing.enquiries@nre.tas.gov.au