



Rock lobster fishery notification—Eastern Region (waters eastward of Point Sorell and Whale Head) Tasmania.

Date of effect: 13 /11/2015

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) has been advised by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment (DPIPWE), Tasmania, that the opening of the rock lobster season in the Eastern Region (waters eastward of Point Sorell and Whale Head) has been postponed due to elevated levels of paralytic shellfish toxins (PST) in rock lobster and bivalve indicator species.

The DPIPWE will continue to test rock lobster and if levels of PST are below the regulatory limit, areas may be opened to fishing. Further notices will be issued by DPIPWE to open areas as appropriate.

The department will issue further Industry Advice Notices when this occurs.

Detailed information in relation to the DPIPWE closures can be found at:

<http://dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/sea-fishing-aquaculture/sustainable-fisheries-management/toxic-algal-bloom-update-and-fishery-closures>

Contact DPIPWE if you have any questions in relation to the rock lobster fishery notice.

Recreational fishery enquiries: Ph (03) 6165 3233 or 1300 720 647

Commercial fishery enquiries: Ph (03) 6165 3045

Direction to export registered establishments and exporters

The department issues this direction under order 75 of the Export Control (Fish and Fish products) Orders 2005.

To support the export of Tasmanian caught rock lobster and rock lobster products that are **sourced from areas that are open for fishing**, the following statement must be included on all Declarations of Compliance for all Tasmanian caught rock lobster and rock lobster products:

‘This rock lobster/rock lobster product has been prepared from rock lobster that has been sourced from an open fisheries area’.

For questions regarding rock lobster exports, please contact dairyeggfish@agriculture.gov.au.