



Update - Export restrictions for rock lobster from Tasmania

Date of effect: 22/08/2013

DAFF issues this direction in writing under the *Export Control (Fish and Fish Products) Orders 2005*, Order 75, directing exporters and export registered establishments to comply with the following requirements for rock lobster for export from Tasmania until further notice.

DAFF has been advised by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment (DPIPWE) that part of the Tasmanian East Coast Rock Lobster Fishery has been closed to commercial lobster fishing earlier than the closure that would normally take place on 31 August 2013.

Exports of rock lobster and rock lobster products harvested from closed areas of the Tasmanian East Coast Lobster Fishery are not permitted.

The direction applies to the species, *Janus edwardsii* (Southern rock lobster).

The key change is that the area between Red Rocks and Marion Bay will be closed from 22 August 2013.

The closed area is defined as the east coast between Eddystone Point (Red Rocks line of latitude at 41° 1' 0" South) and Marion Bay (line of latitude at 42° 49' 00" South).

Contact DPIPWE for more information about the closures. Additional information on the closures can be found at:

<http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/SWIS-92A3LJ?open>

This direction restricting export remains in force until the closed area of the fishery has been re-opened to commercial fishing of rock lobster. DAFF will liaise with the Tasmanian authorities and update and re-issue this notice as required.

NOTE: To support the export of rock lobster and rock lobster products sourced elsewhere and thus NOT subject to this order, exporters are required to include the following statement on all Declarations of Compliance for rock lobster of these species:

“This rock lobster / rock lobster product has been prepared from rock lobster that has been sourced from an open fisheries area”

For queries regarding rock lobster export, please contact dairyeggfish@daff.gov.au