

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1988, No. 16*

Regulations under the *Fish and Fisheries Act*

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Fish and Fisheries Act*.

Dated 31 March 1988.

E. E. JOHNSTON
Administrator

AMENDMENT OF THE FISH AND FISHERIES REGULATIONS

1. PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

In these Regulations the Fish and Fisheries Regulations are referred to as the Principal Regulations.

2. DEFINITIONS

Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical order the following:

"'Management Zone' means the Mary River Fish Management Zone described in Part I of Schedule 1;

'Restricted Zone' means that part of the Management Zone described in Part II of Schedule 1;".

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3. TAKING OF BARRAMUNDI

Regulation 7A of the Principal Regulations is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) For the purposes of this regulation an amateur fisherman is deemed not to have taken a barramundi if the fisherman, immediately after having taken it, returns the barramundi, with as little injury as possible, to the water."

4. NEW REGULATION

The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 7A the following:

"7AA. MARY RIVER FISH MANAGEMENT ZONE

"(1) Of the total number of barramundi that may be taken or had in possession by an amateur fisherman under regulation 7A, no more than 2 on any one day (being the period from midnight to midnight) nor more than 4 in total on any 2 or more consecutive days fishing may be taken from waters in the Management Zone, and regulation 7A shall be construed accordingly.

"(2) No amateur fisherman shall -

- (a) take from waters in the Management Zone a barramundi having an overall length of less than 50 cm;
- (b) have in possession in the Management Zone a barramundi or the carcass of a barramundi having an overall length of less than 50 cm; or
- (c) have in possession in the Management Zone a fillet or other piece of fish that was obtained from a barramundi having an overall length of less than 50 cm.

"(3) No amateur fisherman shall, during a closed season commencing on 1 October of each year and expiring with 31 January next following -

- (a) take barramundi from waters in the Restricted Zone, or be in possession of barramundi taken from waters in the Restricted Zone during the closed season; or
- (b) be in possession in the Restricted Zone of any gear which is or may be used to take barramundi.

"(4) Notwithstanding regulation 4(1), an amateur fisherman shall not use a cast-net or have a cast-net in possession in the Management Zone."

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5. RESTRICTION ON CRAB FISHING EFFORT

Regulation 14A(2) of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting "55" and substituting "49".

6. SCHEDULE ADDED

The Principal Regulations are amended by adding the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 6

"SCHEDULE 1

Note: The maps referred to in this Schedule are part of series R621, edition 2-AAS, 1984.

PART I

DESCRIPTION OF MARY RIVER FISH MANAGEMENT ZONE

That part of the Territory bounded -

- (a) to the south by the northern boundary edge of the Arnhem Highway;
- (b) to the east by the westernmost part of the Point Stuart Road commencing at its junction with the Arnhem Highway northwards to its junction with the road to the Old Point Stuart Homestead and then by the westernmost part of that road to the site of the Old Point Stuart Homestead at grid reference HM060324 map 5273 Point Stuart and then by a line drawn due north from that reference point to the low water mark in Chambers Bay;
- (c) to the west by the right side of the formed road known as the Old Wildbore Station Road commencing at its junction with the Arnhem Highway at about grid reference GL725871 map 5272 Mary River then north to grid reference GL766047 map 5272 Mary River then east to grid reference GL813044 map 5272 Mary River then generally north to the road's end at grid reference GM858216 map 5272 Point Stuart and then by a line drawn from that reference point due north to the low water mark in Chambers Bay;

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- (d) to the north by a line drawn along the low water mark of Chambers Bay between the eastern and western boundaries of the Management Zone but excluding from the line those points along the low water marks of all intersecting rivers and estuaries inland from a straight line joining the seaward extremity of each of the opposite banks of the rivers and estuaries so that the boundary line follows that part below the low water mark of each of those straight lines across each of the rivers and estuaries,

and includes the Mary River upstream of the Mary River Bridge on the Arnhem Highway for approximately 6 km until the river braids at about grid reference GL916688 map 5272 Mary River, and also includes the boat ramp immediately south of the bridge and the parking and camping areas adjacent to the boat ramp, but does not include the buildings and grounds and immediately adjacent parking areas of the Annaburroo Roadhouse (also known as the Bark Hut Inn) on the Arnhem Highway, and being that part of the Territory as shown edged in red on the map held in the Head Office of the Fisheries Division, Department of Industries and Development, Darwin.

PART II

DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED ZONE CLOSED BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER AND 31 JANUARY INCLUSIVE

All that part of the Mary River Fish Management Zone contained northward of a line drawn through the southernmost part of the rock bar at Shady Camp Billabong at about grid reference GM959182 map 5272 Point Stuart and extended due east and west to the eastern and western boundaries of the Management Zone, and being that part of the Management Zone as shown coloured brown on the map in the Head Office of the Fisheries Division, Department of Industries and Development, Darwin."
