

NSW MARINE PARK PERMIT

NSW Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999

Clause 1.34

Organised sporting, educational and recreational activities

Permit No:	MEAA25/269	Expiry Date:	Valid for 3 years for the following event dates: 19 – 22 February 2026 18 - 21 February 2027 17 - 20 February 2028
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This permit and all conditions herein extend to all employees of the Permittee, and other persons acting on behalf of or at the direction of the Permittee for the purposes specified in this permit.

Permit is granted to:

Permittee:	New South Wales Game Fishing Association
Contact:	Nigel Rushworth (Secretary), Steve Lamond (President), Janeck Kaczorowski (Vice President)
ABN:	64 138 663 947
Address:	Po Box 730, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315
Use and entry authorised to the following NSW marine park/s:	Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park
Permitted zone/s and location/s:	All zones and locations within Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park except where such entry and/or use of a zone or location is contrary to the management rules.
Permitted activities being:	Organised sporting activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interclub State Championships Fishing Tournament

The Activity must be conducted in accordance with the details above and subject to the conditions stated on the following pages.



Jenny Weingott

A/ Marine Park Manager

Pursuant to section 76 of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*

Date: 17 November 2025

WARNINGS

1. This permit is not transferable.
2. All activities, the subject of this permit, must be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the laws in force from time to time in the State of New South Wales and, in particular, the provisions of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*, the Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017 and the Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999.
3. A breach by the Permittee/s or any person to whom this permit extends, of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*, the Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017 or the Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999 including any permit condition contained herein may result in the variation, suspension or cancellation of this permit or a fine.

INSURANCE CONDITIONS

4. The Permittee must at all times during the period of the permit, maintain a policy of public liability insurance for a sum of not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to indemnify itself, from and against liability for all action, suits, demands, costs, losses, damages and expenses (hereinafter called claims) which the Permittee may pay, sustain or be put to by reason of damage to property or injury to persons (including death) caused by or arising in any way out of the conduct of the Permittee on any lands or waters managed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries or generally as a result of the presence of the Permittee, or the Permittee’s agents or clients on lands or waters managed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries.
5. The Permittee must not cancel or alter the insurance policy without first obtaining written consent from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries.
6. In the event the insurer cancels the insurance policy prior to the expiration of the insurance policy, the Permittee must advise the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries in writing within three (3) business days of receiving advice of the cancellation from the insurer.
7. In the event the insurance policy expires prior to the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee must produce to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries evidence of renewal of the insurance policy no fewer than 28 days prior to the expiry of the insurance policy.
8. The Permittee must provide a copy of the insurance policy and a copy of the certificate of currency of the insurance policy, to the delegate when required by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries.
9. The Permittee must notify the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Fisheries as soon as possible of any fatal accident or serious injury sustained by a participant/s resulting from the conduct of the permitted activity listed in this permit on lands or waters of a marine park. All other accidents or injuries must be reported to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development– Fisheries in writing within seven (7) days of the occurrence.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

10. The Permittee must ensure that when operations are conducted in the marine park under this permit, the permit or a certified copy of the permit is held at the site or sites of operation and on vessels during transit to and from that site or sites.
11. The Permittee must produce a copy of this permit on site when requested by an Authorised Officer.
12. The Permittee must inform staff and participants in the program of any restrictions applying under this permit.

13. The Permittee must notify the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries within seven (7) days of:
 - a. any change to the Permittee details; and/or
 - b. the cessation of operations to which this permit relates.
 14. Where the activity, the subject of this permit, relates, requires a licence or permit issued by other government agencies, it is a condition of this permit that other license/s or permit/s are issued and current.
 15. The Permittee must ensure that any waste is managed, transported, reused, stored, collected, received and disposed of in an environmentally satisfactory manner pursuant to *NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, and that all reasonable measures regarding the control and prevention of pollution and waste from being introduced into the marine park are implemented.
 16. This Permit does not permit the operator to install a mooring in the marine park.
 17. The Permittee must not conduct, or allow to be conducted, fish feeding (including sharks). This does not apply to the activity of berleying for the purpose of attracting fish for fishing.
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NOTIFICATION AND SITE SUPERVISION CONDITIONS

18. All activities may be subject to inspection by an Authorised Officer, nominated by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries, unless the Permittee has been advised in writing by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries that this is not required. The Authorised Officer is authorised to stop or suspend activities that in his/her opinion are likely to cause environmental or social harm.
 19. When required by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries, the Permittee must nominate in writing to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries an on-site liaison officer with whom the Authorised Officer can maintain contact with at all times.
 20. The Permittee and its employees, contractors, sub-contractors and agents must comply with all directions of the Authorised Officer in relation to the permitted activities as are reasonably necessary for the conservation, protection and preservation of the marine park and property and things in the marine park.
 21. The Permittee must submit to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries a complete list of registered competitors/members/participants of the activity, and their names and contact details, upon request by an Authorised Officer.
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REPORTING CONDITIONS

22. The Permittee must notify the Manager, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park of any alterations to the dates for the scheduled fishing competition at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the fishing competition by email to pzglmp@dpird.nsw.gov.au
 23. The Permittee must notify the Manager, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, of any alterations to the submitted location and schedule as soon as these alterations are known and prior to the commencement of those activities within the marine park (email pzglmp@dpird.nsw.gov.au).
 24. Incidents or any adverse environmental impact that may occur during the permitted activities or as a consequence of the permitted activities conducted under this permit must be reported to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries within 24 hours of the incident by email to the Manager, Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park - pzglmp@dpird.nsw.gov.au
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NATIVE TITLE CONDITIONS

25. In the event that native title rights and interests are, or would be, affected by the grant of this Permit and this Permit is not authorised under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) so that the Permit may be 'invalid' within the meaning of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) then:
 - a. The Permittee agrees that it will not seek to recover any compensation, damages, costs, losses, or expenses whatsoever resulting from the invalidity from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries.
 - b. The parties agree that the valid parts of the Permit continue in force unaffected by the invalid parts.
26. The Permittee must not interfere with or prevent any person holding native title in the marine park from having reasonable access to the marine park.

SITE or ACTIVITY SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

27. Permitted activities are limited in nature, type, frequency and extent to that detailed in the permit application received by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries on 28 October 2025 (CM ref INW25/25343).
28. The Permittee must explain to all competitors/participants any restrictions under the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park Zoning Map and User Guide which may affect activities.
29. The Permittee must ensure any materials used for the activity are removed from the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park at the conclusion of the event.
30. All activities must comply with NSW recreational fishing regulations, marine park management rules and all conditions of this permit.
31. All fish taken through fishing club competitions must not be sold, supplied for profit, bartered or exchanged in any way.
32. The Permittee must promote 'Tag and Release', particularly of species not captured for human consumption purposes.
33. Fish (including sharks) carcasses must not be disposed of in the marine park.
34. Permitted bait collection activities must not occur in the Cabbage Tree Island habitat protection zone of the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park before 6am or after 6pm on any day.

MOORING CONDITIONS OF USE AND ANCHORING IN SENSITIVE HABITAT

35. Anchoring over seagrasses or sensitive marine habitat is prohibited, except for emergency purposes where the preservation of life or property is required.
36. Mooring of vessels to moorings provided by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries must be in accordance with the conditions of use for mooring.

INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

A word or phrase in this permit has the same meaning as the word or phrase in the NSW *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*, NSW Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999 and the NSW Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017.

A reference to a date includes that date.