



Australian Government
Director of National Parks

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000

Sub-regulation 12.34 (3)

SOUTH-EAST MARINE PARKS

DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FISHING PRACTICES

**STOWING AND SECURING FISHING GEAR DURING TRANSIT AND CAGE TOWING
THROUGH UNAUTHORISED AREAS**

I, RONALD (RICKY) ARCHER, Director of National Parks acting pursuant to sub-regulation 12.34(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000* HEREBY DETERMINE that for each of the Marine Parks listed in the Schedule to this determination, the following commercial fishing practices are to be followed:

1. Transit, including transit by a vessel engaged in cage towing, is prohibited in the Macquarie Island Marine Park Sanctuary Zone (1a); and
2. Transit by a fishing vessel through the listed Marine Parks in which:
 - a. commercial fishing operations are not authorised; or,
 - b. the use of a particular gear type (which is on board) is not authorised;must be:
 - c. at a speed greater than 5 knots (unless engaged in cage towing); and
 - d. with all fishing gear, or the particular fishing gear, kept stowed and secured.

AND I HEREBY REVOKE the previous determinations relating to:

3. Stowing and securing of fishing gear during transit through unapproved areas, notified in the *Gazette* (F2023N00193) and published on 30 June 2023.
4. Prohibition of Commercial Fishing Practices in the National Park Zone and Sanctuary Zone of the Macquarie Island Marine Park, notified in the *Gazette* (F2023N00194) and published on 30 June 2023.
5. Prohibiting the use of vessels engaged in cage towing, notified in the *Gazette* (F2023N00192) and published on 30 June 2023.

In this determination:

Cage towing means a vessel towing a cage that is suitable for caging fish.

Stowed and secured means all fishing equipment, including nets and lines, are on-board the vessel, and not in contact with the water.

Transit means the en-route passage of a vessel through a marine park, whereby the transit is in a straight direction as fast as reasonably practical, and the vessel does not stop for any reason other than in response to an emergency or to undertake an activity authorised by law or permit.

This determination commences on 17 February 2025 and remains in effect until it is revoked or amended.

Ronald (Ricky) Archer
Director of National Parks
Date: 17 February 2025

SCHEDULE

LISTED MARINE PARKS*

Apollo Marine Park
Beagle Marine Park
Boags Marine Park
East Gippsland Marine Park
Flinders Marine Park
Franklin Marine Park
Freycinet Marine Park
Huon Marine Park
Murray Marine Park
Macquarie Island Marine Park
Nelson Marine Park
South Tasman Rise Marine Park
Tasman Fracture Marine Park
Zeehan Marine Park