

2010 Recreational Fishing Seasons

Fisheries that have seasons are usually closed at times corresponding to spawning for that species to help preserve breeding stock. As spawning times can change from year to year, so too may the closed season.

If you are fishing for a species subject to periodic closures then check public notices in all major Tasmanian newspapers, check this page, subscribe for email [Fishing News alerts](#) or call the Recreational Sea Fishing Line on (03) 6233 7042 or the Department switchboard on 1300 368 550.

Species	Season
Abalone	Open to fishing all year round.
Banded Morwong	Closed to fishing from 1 March to 30 April 2010 inclusive.
Striped Trumpeter	Closed to fishing from 1 September 2010 to 31 October 2010 inclusive.
Octopus	Open to fishing all year round.
Rock Lobster and Giant Crab (Female)	Open to fishing from the first Saturday in November each year; 7 November 2009 to 30 April 2010 inclusive.
Rock Lobster and Giant Crab (Male)	Open to fishing from the first Saturday in November each year; 7 November 2009 to 31 August 2010 inclusive.
Scallops	The D'Entrecasteaux Channel is open for a limited season from 1 - 31 July 2010. All other State waters are open from the Saturday before Easter; from 27 March to 31 July 2010. See the scallop page for more information.
Squid / calamari	Seasonal closures apply for squid, including southern calamari, in some east coast waters from 15 October 2009 to 14 November 2009 inclusive and from 15 October 2010 to 14 November 2010 inclusive.