

# ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL FISHERMEN

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHITESPOT DISEASE



White Spot Disease

### What?

White Spot Disease has been detected in farmed and wild prawns in South East Queensland (WSD) is highly contagious causing sudden death in crustaceans

### (WSD) Symptoms

White circular blemishes on the shell  
Loosely attached shell  
Pinkish red discoloration  
Abnormal swimming patterns

### How can you help?

- A movement control order is now in place for raw crustaceans which extends from Caloundra to the NSW border (100m out to sea). This means you must not remove raw crustaceans from this area unless they have been cooked (freezing does not kill the disease).
- Obey and understand the importance of the movement control order
- When fishing near or within the movement control area be sure to remove bait material, clean your hooks, nets, crab pots and all other equipment before leaving the movement control zone
- Report suspected White Spot in prawns to Biosecurity QLD on 13 25 23

Fishermen moving in and out of the movement control area must abide by decontamination order by Biosecurity Queensland (please see the attached flier)

**White Spot Disease Response: Movement Control Area**

