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an information bulletin for recreational fishers

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Fullerton Cove and Upper Tilligerry Creek

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries has issued a precautionary closure of commercial and recreational fishing and oyster harvest for up to one month in both Fullerton Cove and the Upper Tilligerry Creek, following a contamination issue caused by fire-fighting foams used at the Williamstown Royal Australian Air Force Base, near Newcastle.

The taking of all fish and shellfish (including oysters, mussels, cockles, crabs and prawns etc.) is now prohibited in these areas (see pink shaded area in the maps below).

Fisheries experts have been deployed as part of the response and are providing advice and support to EPA on a range of issues.

DPI Fisheries and the NSW Food Authority have commenced sampling of fish and oysters for testing today.

Fishers are reminded to follow all directions DPI relating to these temporary fishing closures.

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More information:

NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/Pages/RAAF-site-contamination

NSW EPA www.epa.nsw.gov.au/epamedia/EPAMedia15090301

NSW DPI Fisheries www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aquaculture/williamtown-raaf-site-contamination-closure

Defence media release <http://news.defence.gov.au/2015/09/03/ground-water-contamination-at-raaf-base-williamtown/>

Defence Stage 2 investigation info <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/Williamtown/Default.asp>



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