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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Recreational scallop season for 2022 now open

The Tasmanian Government supports sustainable recreational sea fishing and welcomes today's opening of the 2022 scallop dive season just in time to put freshly caught Tassie scallops on the table this Easter.

The season will stay open until 31 July 2022 for all State waters other than the D'Entrecasteaux Channel which remains closed to allow stocks to recover.

A recreational sea fishing licence is required to participate in the recreational scallop fishery. Scallops may only be taken by hand and only the licence holder can dive for scallops.

Divers cannot take scallops on behalf of another scallop licence holder. Aboriginal people engaged in <u>Aboriginal fishing</u> are exempt from holding a recreational fishing licence but must comply with all other rules.

Recreational scallop dive licences can be purchased at Service Tasmania or online at www.fishing.tas.gov.au/licence

The Easter break is a wonderful time to relax and spend time fishing with family and friends.

I hope you get the opportunity to get out on the water over the coming break and catch some of our fantastic Tasmanian scallops.

For more information about the recreational scallop season, go to the NRE Tas website: https://nre.tas.gov.au/sea-fishing-aquaculture/recreational-fishing/scallop-fishing