

You must check for set net prohibitions and restrictions in the area where you plan to fish – *before* you go fishing.

Penalties apply

Penalties apply for breaching the prohibitions to protect Hector's and Maui's dolphins. These include fines of up to \$20,000 and forfeiture of vessels and fishing gear.



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Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

Recreational set net prohibitions for Hector's dolphins

South Island - west coast

(including areas in the Challenger Fishery Management Area)

FROM 1 OCTOBER 2008



[New Zealand Government](http://NewZealandGovernment)

Hector's dolphins are among the world's rarest dolphins. The species is found only in New Zealand waters. The Department of Conservation classifies the South Island Hector's dolphin sub-species as "nationally endangered".

Fishing is the greatest-known threat to Hector's dolphins. They can become entangled in set nets and drown.

From 1 October 2008 there will be a new prohibition on set nets on the South Island's west coast between Farewell Spit and Awarua Point to protect Hector's dolphins.

New recreational set net prohibition

Set netting is prohibited between Farewell Spit Lighthouse in the north and Awarua Point north of Fiordland – offshore to two nautical miles.

There are other set net prohibitions and restrictions in the Challenger Fishery Management Area – including a new prohibition to protect Hector's dolphins on the east coast of the South Island offshore to four nautical miles.

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Go to fish.govt.nz or call your nearest Ministry of Fisheries office.

A set net includes a gill net or other sort of net that acts by enmeshing, entrapping, or entangling fish; but does not include a fyke net or hinaki.

Disclosure

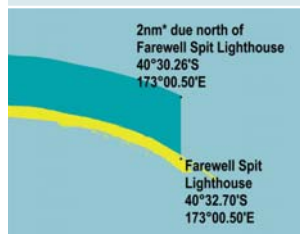
This brochure is only a guide to the new set net prohibition in the Fisheries (Challenger Area Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986. You can purchase the regulations from most bookshops.

CHALLENGER FISHERY MANAGEMENT AREA

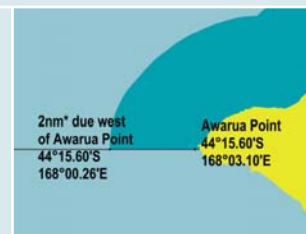
Set net prohibition maps



Set net prohibition on the South Island's west coast between the Farewell Spit Lighthouse and Awarua Point.



Boundary of the set net prohibition at the Farewell Spit Lighthouse.
*nautical miles



Boundary of the set net prohibition at Awarua Point.
* nautical miles

Important

Unless specified, the new prohibition does not apply to rivers, estuaries, lagoons and inlets – subject to any other fisheries restrictions, you can use set nets in these areas inside a straight line joining the natural entrance points of the waterway. The regulations define these points in some cases because they are not always clear.