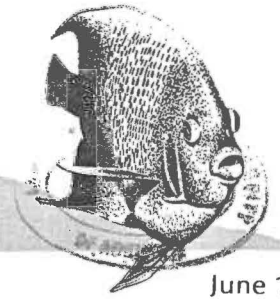


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## NORTH REEF IS RE-OPENING BUT BOULT REEF REMAINS CLOSED TO FISHING

North Reef and Boulton Reef in the Capricorn/Bunker Groups of the Capricornia Section have been closed to fishing and collecting since July 1983.

North Reef will be re-opened to fishing from 1 July 1986. Collecting will also be allowed on North Reef providing a permit has been obtained.

Boulton Reef will not be re-opened to fishing until 1 December 1986. The reason for extending the closed period is to allow preliminary work to proceed for an experimental study. The major phase of the study will coincide with the re-opening of Boulton Reef in December.

Underwater surveys and fish tagging will be undertaken around Boulton Reef. When this reef is re-opened, fishermen will be invited to help with the experiment by fishing in the area and recording and reporting their catch. In this way, it is hoped, information will be gained about the effectiveness of Replenishment Areas.

Replenishment Areas are declared with the intention of allowing stocks of fish and other marine animals to increase free from the pressure of fishing and collecting.

Boulton Reef Replenishment Area extends to one kilometre seaward of the reef edge. Fishing and collecting are prohibited. Vessels may enter the area but all fishing and collecting gear must be stowed or secured at all times. Trolling for mackerel is allowed between 1 May 1986 and 31 August 1986.

While there has been general support from fishermen for the closure, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations provide for fines of up to \$5,000 for fishing or collecting within the closed area. Further information may be obtained from:



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# CAPRICORNIA SECTION

Replenishment Area declared as at 1 July 1986

