



New South Wales

Fisheries Management (General) Amendment (Bowfishing) Regulation 2021

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

ADAM MARSHALL, MP
Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to prohibit the taking of fish using a bow and arrow, except in certain circumstances.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Fisheries Management (General) Amendment (Bowfishing) Regulation 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019

[1] **Clause 52, heading**

Insert “and bowfishing equipment—the Act, s 23” after “guns”.

[2] **Clause 52(3)–(5)**

Omit clause 52(3). Insert instead—

- (3) A person must not take fish in any waters using a bow and arrow, except as provided by subclause (4).
Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.
- (4) A person may take carp from inland waters using bowfishing equipment if the person takes the carp—
- (a) during the period commencing 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes before sunset, and
 - (b) without the aid of lights, and
 - (c) at least 100 metres from another person, other than persons in the company of the person taking carp, and
 - (d) at least 100 metres from a boat ramp, dwelling, camping ground, picnic area or another vessel, and
 - (e) at least 500 metres from a caravan park.
- (5) In this clause—
- bowfishing equipment** means—
- (a) a hand held bow with a reel of no more than 30 metres of fishing line, and
 - (b) an arrow with barbs and without feathers.

carp means fish of the species *Cyprinus carpio* or *Carassius auratus* and does not include goldfish or any other species of finfish not indigenous to inland waters of New South Wales, such as redfin (*Perca fluviatilis*).

spear gun includes a spear or similar device.