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Lake Alexandra Closed For Fish Relocation

(Above All, Your Safety Comes First)

The CEO of Darwin City Council, Mr Brendan Dowd, announced today that Lake Alexander would be temporarily closed on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 August to allow Council staff to catch and release some of the larger fish living in the lake.

This action comes after a report that a Darwin woman received minor lacerations to her foot as a result of being bitten by a large fish.

“Instances where large fish are a problem in the lake are very rare, but when they occur we must act to ensure the safety of the community, “ Mr Dowd said.

According to Mr Dowd, the incident was only reported to Council last week and Council staff have been working on a number of ways to catch and release any larger fish which may be caught.

“Temporarily closing the lake for 2 days this week is a last resort but must be done to ensure we can safely place an increased number of fish traps and lines. We do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience the 2 day temporary closure may cause but public safety must come first,” Mr Dowd said.

Council has liaised closely with the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources to gain the appropriate permits.

Mr Dowd said that while the safety of the community is paramount, Council staff will also do their utmost to ensure the fish are able to be captured alive and released into the ocean.

Mr Dowd said the lake would only be closed while long-lines were in place on Wednesday and Thursday.

“We’ll assess what needs to be done on Thursday, however I’m confident our staff can catch and release the fish in question,” he said.

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