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## Information Paper

# Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations – Ocean Trawl

### Ocean Trawl Fishery 1 May 2024 – 30 April 2025

The Deputy Director General, DPI Fisheries, as the delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Regional NSW, has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determinations for the Ocean Trawl Fishery for the fishing period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

Quota species	TAC Determination (kg)
Tiger Flathead	166,900
Trawl Whiting	1,066,000

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following TAC determinations for Bluespotted flathead and Silver Trevally in the Ocean Trawl Fishery fishing period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025<sup>1</sup>.

Quota species	TAC Determination (kg)
Silver Trevally	12,000
Bluespotted Flathead	108,100

The TAF Committee also made a Total Allowable Effort (TAE) determination for Ocean Trawl – Prawning for two successive fishing periods, 1 May 2024 – 30 April 2025 and 1 May 2025 – 30 April 2026. Making the TAE determination for two successive fishing periods aims to support stability for industry in their business operations and planning.

Quota	TAE Determination
2024/25 Ocean Trawl – Prawning	487,800 standardised hull unit days
2025/26 Ocean Trawl - Prawning	487,800 standardised hull unit days

<sup>1</sup> The TAF Committee also recommended that the TAC for Ocean Trawl - Bluespotted flathead remain at 108,100 kg for the 2025/26 fishing period. DPI Fisheries will undertake consultation with industry on the level of TACs in the Ocean Trawl Fishery for the 2025/26 fishing period late 2024.

The TAE determinations for Ocean Trawl – Prawning reduces the TAE by 10% of the current 2023/24 fishing period (from 542,000 standardised hull unit days) and the 2025/26 TAE determination maintains the TAE at that level.

The Minister has requested the TAF Committee reconsider the TAE determinations for Ocean Trawl – Prawning and the economic impacts of reducing the TAEs. Pending the outcome, the 2024/25 and 2025/26 TAE determinations may remain the same or be revoked, and a new determination made.

### **Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?**

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations – <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline - 1300 726 488