

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Ocean Hauling - Garfish Net (Hauling)

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the garfish net (hauling) share classes.

1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding in a region in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish.

Region	Minimum shareholding
1	10
2 - 7	40

2. Catch quota

You must hold Eastern sea garfish quota to be able to keep any amount of Eastern sea garfish.

Catch quota is allocated to owners of Eastern sea garfish quota shares at the beginning of each fishing period.

The number of quota shares you own determines the amount of catch quota you are allocated for each fishing period.

Garfish net (hauling) shares, quota shares and quota can all be transferred independently of each other.

Quota shares can transfer between owners of an existing fishing business (other than a Lobster, Abalone, Sea Urchin and Turban Shell or Inland fishing business).

Quota can transfer between owners of Eastern sea garfish quota shares or garfish net (hauling) shares.

Quota can only transfer or be used within each fishing period.

3. Fishing period

The fishing period is the financial year.

4. FisherMobile - quota reporting

You must report all quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.

If you have taken Eastern sea garfish, you must make a FisherMobile pre-land report:

1. prior to leaving ocean waters
2. prior to moving more than 50 metres from the point of landing
3. within 30 minutes of landing
4. prior to removing your catch from your boat

The FisherMobile pre-landing report requires you to report:

1. your registration number
2. the date
3. fishing business number
4. estimated weight of Eastern sea garfish taken

If you have taken Eastern sea garfish, you must report the total weight taken to one decimal place by completing a post-land report using FisherMobile within three hours of making a pre-land report.

You must remain in the immediate vicinity of your catch until you make a FisherMobile post-land report.

The FisherMobile post-land report requires you to report:

1. your registration number
2. fishing business number
3. weight of Eastern sea garfish taken
4. landing location

5. Interim Fishing Activity Report

If the FisherMobile system is not available, you must complete an Interim Fishing Activity Report (IFAR) using the IFAR logbook supplied for this purpose.

An IFAR must be completed and submitted in accordance with the instructions in the IFAR logbook.

You still need to submit your catch and effort records through FisherMobile, FisherDirect or the NSW DPI Commercial Fisheries Catch and Effort Logbook.

6. Crew arrangements

You can use any number of unendorsed crew to assist you. Unendorsed crew do not need to hold a commercial fishing licence.

Unendorsed crew must:

1. be engaged in the same fishing activity at the same time as you
2. remain in your immediate vicinity when assisting you

When using crew you must not use more than one net at any one time and must remain in possession of all fish taken until the fish are disposed of lawfully.

You do not need another endorsement holder or person to assist you to use a garfish net (hauling).

The minimum crew number to hold priority on an ocean beach is 4 commercial fishers. A crew of 4 commercial fishers may consist of relevant endorsement holders or unendorsed crew.

7. Boat licences

You do not need to hold a commercial fishing boat licence if your boat is less than 20m in length (see *Boat licensing arrangements fact sheet for details*). You must continue to display 'LFB' on any boat you use.

8. Net registrations

Net registrations are not required.

9. Catch limits

From 1 May 2019, you must not take Bass groper, Hapuku, Bigeye ocean perch, Blue-eye trevalla, Pink ling, Gemfish, Australian sardine, Eastern school or Stout whiting.

10. Existing rules

This guide provides information on some rules. You need to be aware of all of the rules that apply to your fishery.

Fisheries management legislation can be found at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

Other information such as some endorsement conditions, fishing closures and permits can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

More information

Commercial Fisheries Hotline - 1300 726 488

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