

## FACT SHEET – DECEMBER 2018

# Prawn set pocket net priority - Myall River

This guide provides information on the new prawn set pocket net priority determination (also known as prawn draw) rules for the Myall River.

### 1. Number of ballots

Each additional 100 prawning shares held in a fishing business above the minimum shareholding allows an additional ballot (nomination or vote) to be cast in a priority determination (prawn draw).

The number of ballots available is printed on each fishing business determination certificate.

### 2. Priority

Priority is determined for each fishing business.

The endorsement holder of the business holds priority.

A fishing business can only hold priority at one site.

If the endorsement holder on a business changes, priority is held by the new endorsement holder.

The endorsement holder may be assisted by any other region 4 prawning endorsement holder, or by one unendorsed crew if at least 250 region 4 prawning shares are held in the fishing business.

### 3. Draw process

Endorsement holders must attend the draw on the date and time set out in the preliminary determination with their fishing business card (or digital authority) to nominate for priority at a net site.

- The draw organiser records the endorsement holders present, and the net site nominated by the endorsement holder for each fishing business.
- A draw is conducted for each net site that has been nominated by more than one endorsement holder.
- For each site, all ballots available for each fishing business that have nominated for that site are assigned a number and entered in the draw.

- As each number is drawn, a night is allocated to the relevant fishing business, in order from first night to last night.
- For Tamboy, numbers alternate between top and backup (for each night) in the order drawn. If a number is drawn for the backup shot and that fishing business has already been allocated the top shot on the same night, that ballot is discarded and a new number is drawn.
- Where there are more nights than ballots in the draw for a net site, the draw order will be repeated until all nights have been allocated. For Tamboy, if a fishing business is allocated priority for the top shot and the repeat order would allocate priority for that business to the backup shot on the same night, the ballot is discarded and the next fishing business in the order is allocated priority for the backup shot.

Once the draw is completed, the draw organiser must post a copy of the determination at the draw location and provide a copy to the District Fisheries Officer by the close of business on that day.

The draw organiser may determine that if Tamboy top shot is not attended by the setting start time, the priority holder for Tamboy backup may move to that site.

### 4. Prawn draw reports

To assist industry with running prawn draws, a report is available in FisherDirect.

The report lists the number of ballots available for each fishing business, and a section to record the ballot number for the draw.

### 5. More information

Prawn Net (Set Pocket) Determination Guidelines 2018 and preliminary determinations – [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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