

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Ocean Trap and Line - Spanner Crab

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the spanner crab share classes.

1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding of 40 shares in a single fishing business to have an endorsement to fish, or hold an endorsement as an original entitlement holder in the spanner crab northern share class.

2. Total Allowable Catch

A Total Allowable Catch determination of 169 t for the 2018/19 fishing period has been made for Spanner crab.

3. Catch quota

You must hold spanner crab quota to be able to keep any amount of Spanner crab.

Quota is allocated to owners of spanner crab quota shares at the beginning of each fishing period (financial year).

The number of spanner crab quota shares you own determines the amount of quota you are allocated.

4. Fishing period

The fishing period is the financial year.

5. Share and quota transfer

Spanner crab (northern and southern zone) shares, quota shares and quota can transfer independently of each other, subject to the fishing business transfer rules.

Spanner crab 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).

Spanner crab quota can transfer between owners of spanner crab quota shares or spanner crab (northern or southern zone) shares.

Quota can only transfer or be used during the fishing period it has been issued for.

6. Dilly limits

You can use a maximum of 40 spanner crab dillies if you hold a spanner crab northern zone endorsement.

You can use a maximum of 30 spanner crab dillies if you hold a spanner crab southern zone endorsement.

7. FisherMobile – quota reporting

Northern and southern spanner crab endorsement holders must report all quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.

If you have taken Spanner crab, you must make a FisherMobile pre-land report:

1. prior to moving more than 50 metres from where you landed the catch, or
2. before any of the catch is removed from the boat, or
3. within 30 minutes of landing the catch,

whichever occurs first.

The FisherMobile pre-land report requires you to report:

1. your registration number
2. the date
3. fishing business number
4. quota species taken
5. estimated weight of Spanner crab

If you have taken Spanner crab, you must report the total weight taken to one decimal place by completing a FisherMobile post-land report:

1. before any of the catch is moved out of NSW, or
 2. within three hours of making a pre-land report,
- whichever occurs first.

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 Spanner crabs taken
4. landing location

8. 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.

9. Gear marking

Spanner crab dillies must be marked by a buoy that:

1. is positioned above the trap
2. is not less than 100mm in all dimensions
3. has a height above the water of not less than 50mm
4. is moored so that no rope is floating on the surface
5. displays your fishing business number and the letter 'C' in letters of a contrasting colour not less than 50mm in height.

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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