

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Estuary General - Category Two Hauling

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the category two hauling share classes.

1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding of 125 shares for a region in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish.

2. Effort quota

Days are a type of effort quota that are allocated to all shareholders at the beginning of each fishing period.

The number of category two hauling shares you hold determines the number of days you are allocated for each fishing period.

A 'day' is a 24 hour period from the time you make a FisherMobile pre-fish report to say you are going fishing. Each time you make a FisherMobile pre-fish report, your quota of days will reduce by one.

You can only be on the water with a net during the 24 hour period that you have already reported.

3. Share and quota transfer

Category two hauling shares and effort quota can be transferred independently of each other, subject to the fishing business transfer rules.

Effort quota can transfer between owners of the same category two hauling share class (i.e. within the same region).

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

4. Fishing period

The fishing period is the financial year.

5. FisherMobile - quota reporting

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

You must make a FisherMobile pre-fish report before being on the water with a garfish net (hauling), garfish net (bullringing) or bait net.

The FisherMobile pre-fish report requires you to report:

1. your registration number
2. the date
3. fishing business number
4. fishing activity

6. 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.

7. 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 as you
2. remain in your immediate vicinity at all times

When using crew you must remain in possession of all fish taken until the fish are disposed of lawfully.

8. Boat licences

You do not need to hold a commercial fishing boat licence if your boat is less than 10m in length (see *Boat licensing arrangements fact sheet for details*). You must continue to display 'LFB' on any boat you use.

9. Net registrations

Net registrations are not required.

10. Catch limits

From 1 July 2019, you must not take Pipi, Cockle, Beachworm or Ghost nipper.

11. Other 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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