



## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Catch quota reporting – Ocean Trawl

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of catch quota in the Ocean Trawl fishery requires new arrangements to monitor quota usage. DPI has developed a secure mobile application called *FisherMobile* which enables fishers to report their fishing activity in real time using a smart phone, tablet or iPad.

Real time quota reporting has been in use in NSW since 2015. It helps to maintain the integrity of the quota management regime, protect the value of fishers' shares and support the management of fish stocks.

Endorsement holders that take the corresponding quota species listed in the table below must hold the required amount of quota to cover the catch. The unit of quota will be kilograms of fish taken.

Quota species	Endorsement type
Eastern school whiting	Inshore prawn
Stout whiting	Offshore prawn
Tiger flathead	Fish northern zone
Bluespotted flathead	
Silver trevally	Fish northern zone
Gemfish	

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### Pre-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* pre-land report prior to landing any quota species. The endorsement holder must not remove the catch from the boat before the *FisherMobile* pre-land report has been made.

The *FisherMobile* pre-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The date on which the report is being made;
3. The number of the fishing business being used;
4. The fishing activity (i.e. the quota species taken); and
5. The estimated total weight of each quota species taken on that trip; and
6. The landing location (you can select your current location).

An endorsement holder will be required to remain in the immediate vicinity of the catch quota species until a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made.

## Post-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report within 3 hours of making a *FisherMobile* pre-land report or prior to moving any quota species interstate, whichever occurs first.

The *FisherMobile* post-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The number of the fishing business being used;
3. The total weight (rounded to 0.1 kg) of each quota species taken on that trip; and

Once a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made, the weight of quota species taken is deducted from the fishing business' quota of kilograms.

## More information

For fishers that are interested in learning more about *FisherMobile* there is a range of information, including video demonstrations about how fishers currently use *FisherMobile* on their devices, on the DPI website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/fishermobile](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/fishermobile).

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Note: The reporting requirements in this paper are in addition to the reporting requirements proposed in the paper 'Effort quota reporting – Ocean Prawn Trawl'.

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Catch quota reporting – Line East

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of catch quota in the Ocean Trap and Line – line fishing eastern zone fishery requires new arrangements to monitor quota usage. DPI has developed a secure mobile application called *FisherMobile* which enables fishers to report their fishing activity in real time using a smart phone, tablet or iPad.

Real time quota reporting has been in use in NSW since 2015. It helps to maintain the integrity of the quota management regime, protect the value of fishers' shares and support the management of fish stocks.

Endorsement holders who take the corresponding quota species listed in the table below must hold the required amount of quota to cover their catch. The unit of quota will be kilograms of fish taken.

Quota species	Endorsement type
Bass groper	
Blue-eye trevalla	
Gemfish	
Hapuku	
Pink ling	Line fishing eastern zone
Big eye ocean perch	
Ocean reef perch	
Orange perch	

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### Pre-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* pre-land report prior to landing any quota species. The endorsement holder must not remove the catch from the boat before the *FisherMobile* pre-land report has been made.

The *FisherMobile* pre-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The date on which the report is being made;
3. The number of the fishing business being used;
4. The fishing activity (i.e. the quota species taken); and
5. The estimated total weight of each quota species taken on that trip; and
6. The landing location (you can select your current location).

An endorsement holder will be required to remain in the immediate vicinity of the catch of quota species until a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made.

## Post-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report within 3 hours of making a *FisherMobile* pre-land report or prior to moving any quota species interstate, whichever occurs first.

The *FisherMobile* post-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The number of the fishing business being used;
3. The total weight (rounded to 0.1 kg) of each quota species taken on that trip.

Once a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made, the weight of quota species taken is deducted from the fishing business' quota of kilograms.

## More information

For fishers that are interested in learning more about *FisherMobile* there is a range of information, including video demonstrations about how fishers currently use *FisherMobile* on their devices, on the DPI website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/fishermobile](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/fishermobile).

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Catch quota reporting – Purse Seine

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of catch quota in the Ocean Hauling – purse seine net fishery requires new arrangements to monitor quota usage. DPI has developed a secure mobile application called *FisherMobile* which enables fishers to report their fishing activity in real time using a smart phone, tablet or iPad.

Real time quota reporting has been in use in NSW since 2015. It helps to maintain the integrity of the quota management regime, protect the value of fishers' shares and support the management of fish stocks.

Endorsement holders who take the corresponding quota species listed in the table below must hold the required amount of quota to cover their catch. The unit of quota will be kilograms of fish taken.

Quota species	Endorsement type
Australian sardine	
Yellowtail scad	Purse seine net
Blue mackerel	

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### Pre-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* pre-land report prior to landing any quota species. The endorsement holder must not remove the catch from the boat before the *FisherMobile* pre-land report has been made.

The *FisherMobile* pre-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The date on which the report is being made;
3. The number of the fishing business being used;
4. The fishing activity (i.e. the quota species taken);
5. The estimated total weight of each quota species taken on that trip; and
6. The landing location (you can select your current location).

An endorsement holder will be required to remain in the immediate vicinity of the catch of quota species until a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made.

### Post-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report within 3 hours of making a *FisherMobile* pre-land report or prior to moving any quota species interstate, whichever occurs first.

The *FisherMobile* post-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The number of the fishing business being used; and
3. The total weight (rounded to 0.1 kg) of each quota species taken on that trip; and

Once a FisherMobile post-land report is made, the weight of quota species taken is deducted from the fishing business' quota of kilograms.

## More information

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Catch quota reporting – Hand Gathering

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of catch quota in the Estuary General – hand gathering fishery requires new arrangements to monitor quota usage. DPI has developed a secure mobile application called *FisherMobile* which enables fishers to report their fishing activity in real time using a smart phone, tablet or iPad.

Real time quota reporting has been in use in NSW since 2015. It helps to maintain the integrity of the quota management regime, protect the value of fishers' shares and support the management of fish stocks.

Endorsement holders who take the corresponding quota species listed in the table below must hold the required amount of quota to cover their catch. The unit of quota will be kilograms of fish taken.

### Quota species

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## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### Quota units

For pipis and cockles the unit of quota will be kilograms of fish taken. For beachworms and nippers the unit of quota will be numbers of fish taken.

### Post-landing reporting requirements

An endorsement holder will be required to remain in attendance and possession of all quota species until a *FisherMobile* post-land report is made.

An endorsement holder that takes pipis or beachworms will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report within 50 metres of the high water mark of the beach where the pipis or beachworms were taken and prior to transferring any quota managed fish into another boat, vehicle or a premises, whichever occurs first.

An endorsement holder that takes nippers or cockles will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report prior to moving more than 50 metres from the point of landing, within 30 minutes of landing and prior to transferring any quota managed fish into another boat, vehicle, or a premises, whichever occurs first.

If cockles are to be stored in the water for the purpose of depuration, they must be stored in a holding pen that is marked with a buoy positioned above it that:

1. measures at least 10 cm in all dimensions;
2. has a height above water of at least 5 cm;
3. displays the Fishing Business number followed by the letter “P” in clearly visible figures at least 5 cm in height of a colour that contrasts to that of the buoy; and
4. has no rope floating on the surface of the water.

An endorsement holder that takes cockles and stores them in a holding pen for the purpose of depuration will be required to make a *FisherMobile* post-land report prior to placing the cockles in the holding pen.

The *FisherMobile* post-land report will require an endorsement holder to report the following information:

1. The registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. The number of the fishing business being used;
3. The fishing activity (i.e. the quota species taken);
4. The total weight (rounded to 0.1 kg) or number of individuals (where relevant) of each quota species taken on that trip; and
5. The landing location (you can select your current location).

## More information

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Effort quota reporting – Ocean Prawn Trawl

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of effort quota in the Ocean trawl – inshore and offshore prawn sectors requires new arrangements for monitoring quota.

DPI has developed a secure mobile App called *FisherMobile* which allows fishers to report fishing activity in real time using a smart phone, tablet or iPad.

Real time quota reporting has been in use in NSW since 2015. It helps maintain the integrity of quota management regimes and protect the value of fishers' shares.

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### When to report: if in possession of a prawn trawl net

Inshore and offshore prawn endorsement holders  a prawn trawl net on-board a boat must make a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report before entering ocean waters. The Government has already agreed to set the Fishing Determination at a level that accounts for days when a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report is made but fishing does not occur.

### When to report: if in possession of a prawn trawl net and a fish trawl net

If an endorsement holder is in possession of both a prawn trawl net and a fish trawl net on-board the boat and did not make a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report before entering ocean waters, they must:

1. stow and cover the prawn trawl net, whether on a net drum or elsewhere;
2. make a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report prior to shackling and deploying the prawn trawl net; and
3. not be in possession of prawns if a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report has not been made.

“Shackling” a prawn trawl net would be defined as attaching the net (sweeps/bridles) to the otter boards.

### When to report: if at sea for more than one day

If an endorsement holder is at sea for more than one day, they must make a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report:

1. within 24 hours of the previous pre-fish report, if in possession of a prawn trawl net only; or
2. prior to shackling and deploying the prawn trawl net, if in possession of a prawn trawl net and a fish trawl net and the prawn trawl will not be retrieved within 24 hours of a previous pre-fish report.

“Shackling” a prawn trawl net would be defined as attaching the net (sweeps/bridles) to the otter boards.

### What to report

The *FisherMobile* pre-fish report will require an endorsement holder to report:

1. the registration number of the commercial fishing licence of the endorsement holder;
2. the date on which the report is being made;
3. the number of the fishing business being used; and
4. the fishing activity (i.e. prawn trawling).

*FishOnline* will automatically deduct quota equivalent to the hull capacity<sup>1</sup> of the boat that is being used.

### Registering boats with DPI

Fishing business owners will be required to register with DPI the boat that is being used by each fishing business. This will enable *FishOnline* to automatically deduct the correct amount of quota. The boat registered against a business may be changed from time to time.

When registering a boat, a survey certificate detailing the length, depth and breadth of the boat may be required so that the hull capacity of the boat can be calculated.

### What is a 'day'?

A day will be a 24 hour period from the time a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report is made. For example, a *FisherMobile* pre-fish report made at 5pm Monday covers the fisher for fishing activity until 5pm Tuesday.

### More information

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<sup>1</sup> The hull capacity of the boat will be the *hull units* of the boat or the *standardised hull units* of the boat. The Government will decide which one it will be following advice from the Independent Allocation Panel.



## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Transfer rules for effort quota shares and quota – Ocean Prawn Trawl

May 2018

## Background

The NSW Government has approved the implementation of an effort quota for the Ocean trawl - inshore and offshore prawn sectors. This will require a new class of 'prawn effort quota share' to be created and allocated. Shareholders will be able to customise their operation by buying or selling prawn effort quota shares.

Holding prawn effort quota shares will give the owner a permanent and ongoing right to an allocation of prawn effort quota each year. Shareholders will also be able to adjust their access on an annual basis by buying or selling prawn effort quota.

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the regulations needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

### Transfer of prawn effort shares

It is proposed that prawn effort quota shares may be transferred to owners of an existing NSW fishing business (other than a Lobster, Abalone, Sea Urchin and Turban Shell or Inland fishing business).

This is consistent with the approach approved by the Government last year for quota shares, including those to be issued later this year following the Independent Allocation Panel process.

Note: To meet implementation timeframes DPI proposes to progress regulations to provide for the transfer of prawn effort quota shares as proposed above. The regulations can be adjusted should any issues be identified as a result of feedback.

### Transfer of prawn effort quota

It is proposed that prawn effort quota may be transferred to the holders of:

- Ocean trawl – inshore prawn shares
- Ocean trawl – offshore prawn shares
- Ocean trawl – prawn effort quota shares

### Additional requirement

It is proposed that if a shareholder applies to transfer the last of their inshore prawn, offshore prawn and prawn effort quota shares, the shareholder must first transfer any remaining prawn effort quota to someone who is eligible to hold the quota, before the share transfer will be approved.

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Managing catches of quota species in share classes not subject to quota

May 2018

## Background

The introduction of catch quotas in the Ocean Trap and Line, Estuary General, Ocean Hauling and Ocean Trawl fisheries requires new arrangements to be introduced in other fisheries or share classes to help maintain the integrity of the quota regimes and protect the value of fisher's shares. This is in line with the approach taken last year when catch quota management was implemented for some species.

In developing the proposed approach DPI considered many matters including the operation of the fishery, selectivity of the fishing gear used, discard mortality and the risk of fishers misreporting catches to evade quota usage.

For most of these species and share classes, if the species is not subject to catch quota, it is proposed that a either daily and possession limit will apply or the taking of the species will be prohibited.

- A daily take and possession limit is proposed for some share classes that have reported taking the species on a reasonable number of occasions since 2009. These catches may have been targeted or incidental. The limits proposed cover the reported catch taken on the vast majority of occasions.
- A prohibition is proposed to apply to some share classes where there has been nil or negligible reported catch of the species in that share class since 2009. In some share classes the taking of the species is already prohibited.

These proposed arrangements will not apply to the Southern Fish Trawl restricted fishery, given that it is proposed to be transitioned to Commonwealth management.

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the proposed arrangements detailed in the table on the next page.

Your input will help DPI develop the rules needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view.

Feedback will be considered by DPI and CommFish NSW prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

Quota species	Share classes subject to catch quota	Share classes in which a new daily take & possession limit will apply*	Share classes in which a new rule will prohibit take*
Pipi, beachworm, nipper and cockle	Hand Gathering	Nil	All other Estuary General share classes
Australian sardine	Purse Seine net	Nil	All other share classes apart from OHPAB
Blue mackerel and yellowtail scad	Purse Seine net	Nil	Nil
Eastern school and stout whiting	Inshore prawn Offshore prawn Fish northern zone	Nil	All other share classes
Bluespotted and tiger flathead	Inshore prawn Offshore prawn Fish northern zone	Line fishing western zone (if no fish or prawn trawl net onboard): 50kg combined	Line fishing western zone (if a fish or prawn trawl net onboard) All other share classes
Bass groper, blue-eye trevalla, hapuku and pink ling	Line fishing eastern zone	Nil	All other share classes
Big-eye ocean, ocean reef and orange perch (combined)	Line fishing eastern zone	Fish northern zone: 100kg combined Deepwater prawn: 100kg combined	All other share classes
Gemfish	Line fishing eastern zone Fish northern zone	Nil	All other share classes
Silver trevally	Fish northern zone	Nil	Deepwater prawn Inshore prawn Offshore prawn Demersal fish trap, line fishing western and eastern zone (if a fish trawl net onboard)

\*For share classes where no further restrictions are proposed, DPI will monitor reported catches and initiate a review of the management arrangements if required.

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## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Priority determinations - prawn running nets

May 2018

## Background

In May 2016 the NSW Government announced that each additional 100 prawning shares held above the minimum shareholding would allow an additional prawn running net nomination. As a consequence, DPI is proposing changes to the rules regarding how prawn running net priority determinations are conducted and priority is determined.

Currently, Fisheries Officers run priority determinations in some estuaries in region 7. Once the new changes are implemented, industry will self-manage these priority determinations because it should not be the responsibility of Government.

Industry responsibilities	Government responsibilities
Provide feedback on how priority works	Establish legislative framework
Manage priority determinations	Enhance FishOnline so that industry can produce reports to self-manage priority determinations

*FishOnline* will be enhanced so that endorsement holders can produce a report to help run the priority determination process. For each fishing business, the report will show the name of the endorsement holder and the number of shares and nominations held.

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the rules needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Feedback will be considered by DPI and CommFish NSW prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

## Priority determination process

### Priority determinations to be held at a central location

Endorsement holders will no longer need to attend a net site to nominate for priority at that net site. The priority determination will be held at a central location. For example, this could be the local Fisheries Office, otherwise at a location decided by endorsement holders.

The priority determination will take place at a designated time. For example, this could be 4 pm on the relevant day, otherwise at a time decided by endorsement holders.

### Identifying net sites for priority

When they meet for a priority determination, endorsement holders will identify the preferred net sites on a map.

### Endorsement holders to attend priority determination

The endorsement holder for a fishing business must attend the priority determination to nominate for priority at a net site.

## Priority determination rules

### Priority determined on fishing business by fishing business basis

Priority will be determined for each individual fishing business.

### Nominating for priority

Endorsement holders may place all of a fishing business's nominations against one net site or spread them across multiple net sites. The multiple net sites can be in different estuaries.

### Multiple fishing businesses nominated against a site

If two or more fishing businesses are nominated against the same net site, the fishing business with the most nominations receives priority at that net site.

If two or more fishing businesses that have nominated for a net site have the same number of nominations, a coin toss will decide who holds priority at that site.

If a fishing business is unsuccessful in securing priority at a net site, the endorsement holder can nominate the business for another net site where priority is yet to be determined.

## Operating a net site

### Ability to change endorsement holders

If the endorsement holder on a fishing business changes, the new endorsement holder may use the net site allocated to that fishing business.

## More information

Commercial Fisheries Hotline 1300 726 488.





## INDUSTRY CONSULTATION

# Priority determinations - prawn set pocket nets

May 2018

## Background

In May 2016 the NSW Government announced that each additional 100 prawning shares held above the minimum shareholding would allow an additional prawn set pocket net nomination. As a consequence, the rules regarding how prawn draws are done and priority is determined are proposed to change.

Currently, some prawn draws are done by Fisheries Officers and others by industry. Once the new changes are made, industry will self-manage all priority determinations because it should not be the responsibility of Government.

Industry responsibilities	Government responsibilities
Provide feedback on how priority works	Establish legislative framework
Manage prawn draws	Enhance FishOnline so that industry can produce reports to self-manage prawn draws

*FishOnline* will be enhanced so that endorsement holders can produce a report to help run prawn draws. For each fishing business, the report will show the name of the endorsement holder and the number of shares and nominations held.

## Industry input

DPI is seeking your feedback on the following proposed arrangements. Your input will help DPI develop the rules needed to support the changes. When providing feedback, please include the reasons for your view. Views will be considered by DPI and CommFish prior to decisions being made by the Minister.

## Priority determination process

### Endorsement holders to attend priority determination

The endorsement holder for a fishing business must attend the prawn draw to nominate for priority at a net site.

## Priority determination rules

### Priority determined on fishing business by fishing business basis

Priority will be determined for each individual fishing business. If endorsed for more than one fishing business, an individual may nominate one net site for each fishing business.

### Minimum number of endorsement holders required per net site

The minimum number of endorsement holders to nominate for a net site and operate a set pocket net at all net sites will be one.

## Operating a net site

### Ability to change endorsement holders

If the endorsement holder on a fishing business changes, the new endorsement holder may use the net site allocated to that fishing business.

### Ability to be assisted by other endorsement holders

An endorsement holder at a net site may be assisted by other endorsement holders with the same endorsement.

An endorsement holder with at least 250 prawning shares may be assisted by unendorsed crew.

## Draw specific examples

### ➤ Clarence River prawn draw

1. All nominations are entered into the draw.
2. As each nomination is drawn, the endorsement holder selects an available site for that fishing business.
3. Once an endorsement holder for fishing business has selected a net site, any subsequent nominations drawn for that business are discarded.

### ➤ Myall River prawn draw

1. Endorsement holders nominate their preferred net site.
2. All nominations for a net site are entered into the draw.
3. Nights are allocated in order from first night to last night for each net site.
4. As per the current draw - nights will alternate between the top and backup shot for Tamboy. If a nomination for a fishing business is drawn for a night on the backup shot and that fishing business has already been allocated the top shot on the same night, that nomination is discarded and a new nomination is drawn.
5. As per the current draw - where there are more nights than nominations in the draw, the draw order will be repeated until all nights have been allocated. For Tamboy, a fishing business cannot be allocated the top shot and backup shot on the same night.

### ➤ Queens Lake, Lake Innes, Cathie Creek, Wallis and Smiths Lake, Tuggerah and Lake Illawarra prawn draws

1. Endorsement holders present at the prawn draw agree on net sites to include in the draw.
2. All nominations are entered into the draw.
3. Net sites on each night are allocated in order from first site and night to last site and night until all nominations are drawn (i.e. first site night 1, second site night 1, etc).
4. If a nomination for a fishing business is drawn for a site on a night and that fishing business has already been allocated a site on the same night, that nomination is discarded and a new nomination is drawn.
5. If all nominations are drawn and there are remaining sites or nights, a majority of endorsement holders present may elect to:
  - i) return all nominations and redraw until all sites and nights have been allocated, or
  - ii) repeat the draw order until all sites and nights have been allocated.

In any case a fishing business cannot be allocated more than one site on any night.

## More information

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