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## Information Paper

# Total Allowable Catch Determinations – Estuary General Hand Gathering Fishery

### Estuary General Hand Gathering Fishery 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determinations for the Estuary General Hand Gathering Fishery for the fishing period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Quota species	TAC determination (kg)	Fishing period
Pipi	156,000	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Cockle	35,000	
Beachworm	8,500	
Ghost nipper	5,600	

For the 2023/24 fishing period, the TAC for Pipi, Ghost nipper and Beachworms remains the same. The TAC for Cockle represents a reduction of 10 tonnes in comparison to the TAC of 45 tonnes for the 2022/23 fishing period.

When the TAF Committee makes a TAC determination, the Committee provides a Determination Report that explains the reasons for their determination.

In their Determination Report, the TAF Committee noted that the status of the NSW Cockle stock is undefined and, there being evidence that the fishable stock is being serially depleted, a reduction in total fishing mortality (i.e. a reduction to the TAC) is required for precautionary purposes.

A copy of the Report and Determination for the 2023/24 Fishing Period for the Estuary General Hand Gathering Fishery is available on the NSW DPI website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>

### Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations – <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline – 1300 726 488

The Department of Primary Industries will allocate quota to the corresponding Estuary General Hand Gathering species quota shareholders prior to 1 July 2023.