

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

# Ocean Hauling - Hauling Net (General Purpose)

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the hauling net (general purpose) share classes.

## 1. Minimum shareholding

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

Region	Minimum Shareholding
1	80
2,4,6	50
3	120
5	70
7	160

## 2. Crew numbers

The number of hauling net (general purpose) and general ocean hauling shares you hold determines the number of unendorsed crew you can use.

For a single fishing business holding shares in the same region, you can use:

- one crew for the first 80 hauling net (general purpose) shares you hold, plus
- one additional crew for each 40 hauling net (general purpose) shares in excess of 80 shares, plus
- one crew for the first 100 general ocean hauling shares you hold, plus
- one additional crew for each 40 general ocean hauling shares in excess of 100 shares

## 3. Crew arrangements

Unendorsed crew do not need to hold a commercial fishing licence.

Unendorsed crew must:

- be engaged in the same fishing activity at the same time as you

- remain in your immediate vicinity when assisting you

When using crew you must not use more than one net at any one time, and must remain in possession of all fish taken until the fish are disposed of lawfully.

A hauling net (general purpose) must be operated with at least one other person, which may be an unendorsed crew member.

The minimum crew number to hold priority on an ocean beach is 4 commercial fishers. A crew of 4 commercial fishers may consist of relevant endorsement holders or unendorsed crew.

## 4. Boat licences

You do not need to hold a commercial fishing boat licence if your boat is less than 6m in length (see *Boat licensing arrangements fact sheet for details*). You must continue to display 'LFB' on any boat you use.

## 5. Net registration

Net registrations are not required.

## 6. Net length

A maximum length of 400m applies to a hauling net (general purpose) all year.

## 7. Catch limits

You must not take Blue swimmer or Mud crabs, or Long or Shortfin eels.

From 1 May 2019, you must not take Australian sardine, Bass groper, Hapuku, Bigeye ocean perch, Blue-eye trevalla, Pink ling, Tiger or Bluespotted flathead, Gemfish, Eastern school or Stout whiting.

## 8. 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](http://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](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

### More information

Commercial Fisheries Hotline - 1300 726 488

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