Ocean Trawl - Deepwater Prawn

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the deepwater prawn share class.

1. Minimum shareholding
You must hold the minimum shareholding of 25 deepwater prawn shares in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish.

2. Catch quota
You must hold Silver trevally quota to be able to keep any amount of this species.
New Silver trevally quota shares will be issued to relevant shareholders by November 2018.
Catch quota is allocated to owners of Silver trevally quota shares at the beginning of each fishing period.
The number of quota shares you own determines the amount of catch quota you are allocated for each fishing period.

3. Share and quota transfer
Deepwater prawn shares, Silver trevally quota shares and quota can all be transferred independently of each other.
Quota shares can only transfer between owners of an existing fishing business (other than a Lobster, Abalone, Sea Urchin and Turban Shell or Inland fishing business).
Catch quota for Silver trevally can transfer between owners of Silver trevally quota shares, inshore, offshore and deepwater prawn shares or fish northern zone shares.
Catch quota can only transfer or be used within each fishing period.

4. Fishing period
The first fishing period is from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020.

5. Total Allowable Catch
A Total Allowable Catch determination of 26.8 t for the 2019/20 fishing period has been made for Silver trevally.

6. FisherMobile – quota reporting
From 1 May 2019, fishers must report all quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.
If you have taken Silver trevally, you must make a FisherMobile pre-land report before any of the catch is:
1. removed from the boat, or
2. taken out of NSW,
whichever occurs first.
The FisherMobile pre-land report will require you to report:
1. the date
2. your registration number
3. fishing business number
4. estimated weight of Silver trevally taken
5. landing location
If you have taken Silver trevally, you must report the total weight of the catch to one decimal place by completing a FisherMobile post-land report:
1. before any of the catch is taken out of NSW by land, or
2. within 6 hours of making a FisherMobile pre-land report,
whichever occurs first.
You must remain in possession of the catch until you make a FisherMobile post-land report.
The FisherMobile post-land report will require you to report:
1. your registration number
2. fishing business number
3. total weight of Silver trevally taken
4. manner (if any) in which the catch was processed

7. 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.

8. Catch limits
You must not take Blue swimmer crabs, Mud crabs, Longfin and Shortfin river eels or Eastern Sea Garfish.

A daily and possession limit of 50kg applies to Gemfish.

From 1 May 2019

- You must not take Tiger or Bluespotted flathead, Australian sardine, Eastern school or Stout whiting, Bass groper, Hapuku, Blue-eye trevalla or Pink Ling.
- A daily and possession limit of 500kg applies to Bigeye ocean perch.

9. Other rules
This guide provides information on some rules. You must 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