

Recommendations to Minister Blair Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council

Issue	DPI proposal
1. Catch quota reporting – Ocean Trawl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-land report - estimated weight of catch prior to removing catch from boat or NSW. • Post-land report - weight of catch (nearest 0.1 kg) within 6 hours of pre-land report. • Remain in possession of catch until post-land report done.
2. Catch quota reporting – line east	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-land report - estimated weight of catch prior to removing catch from boat or NSW. • Post-land report - weight of catch (nearest 0.1 kg) within 3 hours of pre-land report. • Remain in immediate vicinity of catch until post-land report done.
3. Catch quota reporting – purse seine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-land report - estimated weight of catch prior to removing catch from boat or NSW. • Post-land report - weight of catch (nearest 0.1 kg) within 72 hours of pre-land report. • Remain in possession of catch until post-land report done.
4. Catch quota reporting – hand gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipis (kg) and Beachworms (nos.) – Post-land report – within 50 m of the high water mark of beach. • Cockles (kg) and Nippers (nos.) - Post-land report – within 50 m and 30 min of landing. • Post-land report - prior to transferring catch into another boat, vehicle or premises. • Remain in immediate vicinity of catch until post-land report done.
5. Effort quota reporting – Ocean Prawn Trawl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-fish report – prior to deploying a prawn trawl net. • Cannot take or possess prawns unless Pre-fish report done.
6. Transfer rules for effort quota shares and quota – Ocean Prawn Trawl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effort quota shares – can transfer to owners of an existing fishing business (other than Lob, Ab, SUTs & Inland). • Effort quota – can transfer to holders of ocean trawl inshore, offshore & effort quota shares.
7 & 8. Priority determinations – prawn running & set pocket nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry to self-manage ballots in the near future. • Fishers must attend ballot. • Priority determined on a fishing business basis (i.e. endorsement holder on FB can change and maintain priority). <p>Running nets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballots held at central location and fishers select net sites. • FB with most nominations (i.e. shares) for a net site gets priority. <p>Set pocket nets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer need to have 2 endorsement holders to enter ballot and use a net. • Fishers can be assisted by other endorsement holders. <p>More shares = more nominations = greater chance to secure priority at a net site.</p>

9. Managing catches of quota species in share classes not subject to quota

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 except OHPAB
Blue mackerel and yellowtail scad	Purse Seine net	Nil	Nil
Eastern school and stout whiting	Inshore & offshore prawn Fish northern zone	Nil	All other share classes
Bluespotted and tiger flathead	Inshore & 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	Line fishing eastern Line fishing western zone* Demersal trap*	Fish northern zone & deepwater prawn - 500kg	All other share classes
Gemfish	Line fishing eastern zone Fish northern zone Deepwater prawn* Inshore & offshore prawn*	Nil	All other share classes
Silver trevally	Fish northern zone Deepwater prawn* Inshore & offshore prawn*	Nil	Demersal fish trap, line fishing western & eastern zone (if a fish trawl net onboard)

* initial proposal changed following industry consultation. Rather than prohibit take, and similar to the arrangements that apply to quota managed species in the Estuary General fishery it is proposed to allow the retention of the species by the fishers specified if quota is held to cover the catch.