

FACT SHEET – 1 MAY 2019

Interim Fishing Activity Reports & Oral Reporting

This guide provides information you need to know to continue reporting your quota usage if the FisherMobile App is unavailable

Quota Reporting

Commercial fishers must report all quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.

Reporting requirements vary by fishery and are contained in relevant legislation, and summarised in share class fact sheets.

You still also need to submit your Catch and Effort records through FisherMobile, FisherDirect, or by completing your issued Catch and Effort logbook.

What happens if FisherMobile is unavailable?

In the case that the FisherMobile App is unavailable, quota usage (effort, kilograms or numbers) may be reported via an Interim Fishing Activity Report (IFAR) or an oral report.

If you require technical assistance using FisherMobile, please call FishOnline Support on 1300 720 662 during business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Endorsement holders should also refer to the FisherMobile Technical Troubleshooting Guide to resolve any technical

issues prior to making an alternative report.

What is an oral report?

An oral report is verbal communication between an endorsement holder and NSW DPI to report quota usage deductions, in the event that FisherMobile is unavailable.

Oral reports are permitted where:

1. You are a registered FisherMobile user.
2. FisherMobile is unavailable and you have tried to resolve any technical issues.
3. You contact NSW DPI and make an oral report to a staff member.
4. The oral report is made within the time and distance specified in the relevant regulations.
5. All information required for FisherMobile reports (pre-fish, pre-land, post-land fishing activity reports) is provided to the DPI staff member.

To complete an oral report:

To make an oral report, contact Catch Records by calling 1800 994 850 during business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Your quota usage will be deducted in real time.

If you are unable to make an oral report, an IFAR must be completed.

Where an oral report is successfully made, NSW DPI Fisheries officers will receive notification that the fisher has complied with the reporting requirements.

NOTE: You must speak with a staff member personally to make an oral real time report. Voice messages will not be treated as a real time report and will not be used to complete quota deductions.

Oral reporting has only been approved as a back-up, in the event that FisherMobile is unavailable, until 30 June 2020.

This is to support fishers during the transition to new management arrangements.

What is an Interim Fishing Activity Report?

An IFAR is a form completed by endorsement holders to report quota usage (pre-fish, pre-land, post-land reports), in the event that FisherMobile is unavailable.

Completing an IFAR

Detailed instructions are included in the IFAR book outlining how to complete the form. These instructions must be followed.

An electronic copy of the IFAR must be submitted to NSW DPI by emailing a clear photograph or faxing a legible copy of the completed page/s within 24 hours of completing (or cancelling) the report.

Send the completed report via email to: catch.records@dpi.nsw.gov.au, or fax to: (02) 6391 4709.

NSW DPI Fisheries officers may require commercial fishers to produce their IFAR book.

How can I get an IFAR book?

The new IFAR book will be distributed to registered FisherMobile users, prior to 1 May 2019.

If you require another IFAR book contact the Catch Records Team by phone 1800 994 850 or email: catch.records@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Other rules and information

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

Fisheries management share class fact sheets can be found at: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/commfish/shareclasses

FisherMobile information and videos, and Trouble Shooting Guide can be found at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/fishermobile>

More information

Catch Records Hotline – 1800 994 850

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