

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Ocean Hauling - Purse Seine Net

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the purse seine net share class.

1. Minimum shareholding

No changes have been made to minimum shareholding requirements.

2. Allocation of new quota shares

The following new quota shares will be issued by November 2018:

- Australian sardine
- Blue Mackerel
- Yellowtail scad

The number of quota shares you own will determine the amount of catch quota you are allocated for each fishing period.

3. Total Allowable Catch

The following Total Allowable Catch determinations for the 2019/20 fishing period have been made:

- Australian sardine – 2,744 t
- Blue Mackerel – 757.8 t
- Yellowtail scad – 864 t

4. Fishing period

Catch quota will be allocated to owners of the new quota shares at the beginning of each fishing period.

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

From 1 May 2019, you must hold quota to be able to keep any amount of Australian sardine, Blue mackerel or Yellowtail scad.

5. Share and quota transfer

Purse seine shares, 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 these species can transfer between owners of the relevant quota shares or purse seine shares.

Catch quota can only transfer or be used within each fishing period.

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 Australian sardine, Blue mackerel or Yellowtail scad, 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 each quota species taken
5. landing location

If you have taken Australian sardine, Blue mackerel or Yellowtail scad, you must report the total weight of each species to one decimal place by completing a FisherMobile post-land report:

1. before any of the catch is taken out of NSW, or
2. within 72 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 each quota species taken

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

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

9. Net registration

Net registrations are not required.

10. Other 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

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

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