

## FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

# Ocean Trawl - Inshore and Offshore Prawn

This guide provides the information you need to operate in the inshore and offshore prawn share classes.

### 1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding of 50 inshore shares in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish in the inshore prawn trawl fishery and 50 offshore prawn shares in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish in the offshore prawn trawl fishery.

### 2. Allocation of new quota shares

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

- Tiger flathead
- Bluespotted flathead
- Trawl whiting
- Prawn effort

The number of quota shares you own will determine the amount of catch or effort 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:

- Tiger flathead – 166.9 t
- Bluespotted flathead – 108.1 t
- Trawl whiting – 1,189.1 t
- Silver trevally – 26.8 t

### 4. Total Allowable Effort

A Total Allowable Effort determination of hull unit days will be made by the end of 2018.

### 5. Fishing period

Catch and effort 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 Tiger or Bluespotted flathead, Silver trevally or Trawl whiting (Eastern school or Stout whiting).

### 6. FisherMobile – effort quota reporting

From 1 May 2019, you must report all quota usage in real time using the FisherMobile App on a mobile device.

You must make a FisherMobile pre-fish report before any part of your prawn trawl or try net is placed in the water.

The FisherMobile pre-fish report requires you to report:

1. the date
2. your registration number
3. fishing business number
4. the type of endorsement
5. the identifying number of the boat you are using (LFB number if the boat is licensed or AMSA number if the boat is not licensed).

You must not take king or school prawns from NSW or possess king or school prawns taken from NSW unless you have made a FisherMobile pre-fish report that covers the period during which the prawns were taken.

You will be sent a form that requests you to provide information on the boat you will be using to take fish in the fishery.

You must complete this form and return it to DPI prior to going fishing from 1 May 2019.

### 7. FisherMobile – catch quota reporting

If you have taken Tiger or Blue spotted flathead, Silver trevally, Eastern school or Stout whiting, 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 Tiger or Blue spotted flathead, Silver trevally, Eastern school or Stout whiting, 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 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 each quota species taken

## 8. 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.

## 9. Share and quota transfer

Inshore and offshore prawn shares, quota shares and quota can all be transferred independently of each other.

Quota shares can 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 Tiger and Blue spotted flathead, Silver trevally, Eastern school and Stout whiting can transfer between owners of the relevant quota shares, inshore, offshore and deepwater prawn shares or fish northern zone shares.

Effort quota can transfer between owners of prawn effort quota shares or inshore and offshore prawn shares.

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

## 10. Catch limits

The following daily and possession limits apply;

- Blue swimmer crab – 25kg
- Gemfish – 50kg

You must not take Mud crabs, Longfin and Shortfin river eels or Eastern sea garfish.

From 1 May 2019, you must not take Australian sardine, Bass groper, Hapuku, Bigeye ocean perch, Blue-eye trevalla or Pink ling.

## 11. Size limits

The Blue swimmer crab size limit is 6.5cm.

## 12. Engine power restrictions

Engine power restrictions have been removed.

## 13. Boat licences

From 1 May 2019, you will not need to hold a commercial fishing boat licence if your boat is less than 20m in length (*see Boat licensing arrangements fact sheet for details*). You must continue to display 'LFB' on any boat you use.

## 14. Headline length

From 1 May 2019, the current maximum headline lengths will be replaced with a standard maximum headline length of 55m.

## 15. 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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