



## Southern Bluefin Tuna Consultation Order Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is being proposed?***

The Minister for Primary Industries is proposing to make a Ministerial Order to authorise fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) subject to compliance with the Act.

### ***What is a Ministerial Order?***

The Minister may make an Order authorising a class of persons to carry out an activity that may result in one or more of the following:

- a) harm to a threatened species, population or ecological community,
- b) damage to a habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community.

Threatened species include those species listed as endangered or vulnerable. Before the Minister can make an Order, a species impact statement in relation to the activity must be prepared, and the public given an opportunity to make written submissions on the proposed Order.

### ***Why is a Ministerial Order proposed to be implemented?***

When a species is listed as threatened, it becomes an offence to harm or possess the species without the appropriate approvals.

Southern Bluefin Tuna is listed as endangered in NSW and to allow recreational fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna a Ministerial Order must be put in place, which takes account of its endangered species classification. The Species Impact Statement and associated draft Ministerial Order have been finalised and are now available for public comment.

New regulatory arrangements are considered vital to protect Southern Bluefin Tuna while at the same time ensuring the recreational fishery can provide social and economic benefits into the future.

### ***What are the proposed arrangements for fishing?***

The proposed arrangements are:

- Daily Bag Limit per person: 1 Southern Bluefin Tuna
- Daily Boat Limit: 2 Southern Bluefin Tuna
- Charter Boat Limit: 6 Southern Bluefin Tuna

### ***How can I have my say on the proposed arrangements?***

Only written submissions will be accepted in the following ways:

Post: "Southern Bluefin Tuna Order"  
NSW Department of Primary Industries  
LMB 3020  
NOWRA NSW 2541

Email: [fisheries.threatenedspecies@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fisheries.threatenedspecies@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

***How will I know what arrangements are implemented?***

The final Ministerial Order will be published in the NSW Gazette and will be available online: <http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette>.

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***Why were Southern Bluefin Tuna listed as endangered?***

The NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee reviewed the available literature and found that Southern Bluefin Tuna is facing a very high risk of extinction in NSW in the near future.

***Where can I find more information?***

The Species Impact Statement and draft Ministerial Order can be found on DPI's webpage: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries)

Visit the DPI "Have your Say" website:  
<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/have-your-say>

The full final determination for the species can be found on the FSC's webpage:  
[www.fsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fsc.nsw.gov.au)

***How do I report illegal fishing?***

You can report illegal fishing by phoning 1800043536 or by completing the online form:  
[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/compliance/report-illegal-activity](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/compliance/report-illegal-activity)