

## FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

# Ocean Trap and Line - Demersal Fish Trap

This guide provides information you need to operate in the line fishing eastern zone share class.

### 1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding of 50 shares in a single fishing business to be eligible to fish.

### 2. Trap numbers

The number of demersal fish trap shares you hold determines how many fish traps you can use.

You can use 30 fish traps for the first 50 shares, plus an extra 10 fish traps for each additional 20 demersal fish trap shares held in the same fishing business.

You can use the combined total number of traps provided by all fishing business you are nominated as the endorsement holder on.

### 3. Catch quota

You must hold Bigeye ocean perch quota to be able to keep any amount of these species.

New quota shares will be issued to relevant shareholders by November 2018.

Catch quota is allocated to owners of the relevant quota shares at the beginning of each fishing period.

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

### 4. Share and quota transfer

Demersal fish trap 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 Bigeye ocean perch can transfer between owners of Bigeye ocean perch quota shares, line fishing eastern and western zone shares or demersal fish trap shares.

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

### 5. Fishing period

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

### 6. Total Allowable Catch

A Total Allowable Catch determination of 21 t for the 2019/20 fishing period has been made for Bigeye ocean perch.

### 7. 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 Bigeye ocean perch, 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 Bigeye ocean perch taken
5. landing location

If you have taken Bigeye ocean perch, you must report the total weight of the catch 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 3 hours of making a FisherMobile pre-land report,

whichever occurs first.

You must remain in the immediate vicinity 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 Bigeye ocean perch taken
4. manner (if any) in which the catch was processed

## 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. Catch limits

A daily and possession limit of 25kg applies to Blue Swimmer Crabs.

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

From 1 May 2019

- You must not take Bass groper, Hapuku, Blue-eye trevalla, Pink ling, Gemfish, Tiger or Bluespotted flathead, Australian sardine, Eastern school or Stout whiting.
- If you have an otter trawl net (fish) or Danish seine net (fish) on board your boat you must not take Silver trevally.

## 10. Size limits

The Blue Swimmer Crab size limit is 6.5cm.

## 11. Gear marking

Fish traps must be marked by a buoy that:

1. is positioned above the trap
2. is not less than 100mm in all dimensions
3. has a height above the water of not less than 50mm
4. is moored so that no rope is floating on the surface (a weight will no longer be required, but may be used)
5. displays your fishing business number and the letter 'F' in letters of a contrasting colour not less than 50mm in height

## 12. 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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