

Information Paper

Total Allowable Catch Determination- Red Sea Urchin

Red Sea Urchin – 1 January to 31 December 2021

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination for Red Sea Urchin in the NSW Sea Urchin and Turban Shell Fishery for the fishing period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The Department of Primary Industries will allocate quota to shareholders prior to 1 January 2021.

Quota species	TAC determination (kg)	Fishing period
Red Sea Urchin	60,000	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

The Committee determined that the commercial catch of Red Sea Urchin should be allocated and controlled by two separate measures:

1. The TAC of 60 tonnes, allocated equally to sea urchin endorsement holders
2. Regional Catch Limits totalling 19 tonnes across five specified regions

Region	Regional Catch Limit 2021
1	2.35
2	4.90
3	6.13
4	5.62
5	0

The TAC of 60 tonnes is the same TAC than has been in place since 2002. The RCLs are a reduction from the current fishing period RCLs that total 22.5 tonnes.

These RCLs have been recommended at levels consistent with historical biomass estimates, recent harvest levels and distribution in respective regions.

Restraining catch under the nominal TAC maintains current quota allocations for the limited number of Red Sea Urchin fishers to support fishery socio-economics whilst supporting regional and broader stock sustainability.

When the TAF Committee makes a TAC determination, the Committee provides a Determination Report that explains the reasons for their determination. A copy of the Reports

and Determinations are available on the NSW DPI website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>

Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations – <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline: 1300 726 488