

FACT SHEET – OCTOBER 2018

Ocean Trap and Line - Line Fishing Western Zone

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

1. Minimum shareholding

You must hold the minimum shareholding of 60 shares in a single fishing business for an endorsement to fish.

2. 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.

3. Share and quota transfer

Line fishing western zone shares, Bigeye ocean perch 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 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.

4. Fishing period

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

5. Total Allowable Catch

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

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 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

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

A daily and possession limit of 20 fish applies to Eastern Sea Garfish.

You must not take Blue swimmer or Mud Crabs, or Longfin and Shortfin river eels.

From 1 May 2019

- You must not take Australian sardine, Eastern school or Stout whiting.
- If you do not have an otter trawl net (fish), otter trawl net (prawns) or Danish seine net (fish) on board your boat, a daily and possession limit of 50 kg applies to Tiger and Bluespotted flathead (combined).
- If you have an otter trawl net (fish), otter trawl net (prawns) or Danish seine net (fish) on board your boat you must not take Tiger or Bluespotted flathead.
- If you have an otter trawl net (fish) or Danish seine net (fish) on board your boat you must not take Silver trevally.

9. Gear marking

Set lines or drift lines must be marked by a buoy that:

1. is positioned above the line
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

5. displays your fishing business number and the letter 'S' or 'D' for the different lines, in letters of a contrasting colour not less than 50mm in height

10. 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

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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