

FACT SHEET – NOVEMBER 2018

Prawn running net priority

This guide provides information on the new prawn running net priority determination rules for the following waters:

Coila Lake	Cuttagee Lake
Lake Brou	Middle Lake (Bega)
Corunna Lake	Wallaga Lake
Tilba Tilba Lake	

1. Number of ballots

Each additional 100 prawning shares held in a fishing business above the minimum shareholding allows an additional ballot (site nomination or vote) to be cast in a priority determination (prawn draw).

The number of ballots available is printed on each fishing business determination certificate.

2. Priority

Priority is determined for each fishing business.

The endorsement holder of the business holds priority.

Priority may be held at more than one site under each fishing business.

If the endorsement holder on a business changes, priority is held by the new endorsement holder.

If the endorsement holder with priority has not arrived at a site by 7 pm (daylight saving time) or 6 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on any night, another endorsement holder is entitled to use a prawn running net at the site on that night.

3. Draw process

Endorsement holders must attend the determination on the date and time set out in the preliminary determination with their fishing business card (or digital authority) to nominate for priority at a net site.

Priority will be determined for each net site that has been nominated by endorsement holders, in as many determination rounds as are required.

The draw organiser is to determine priority for each site nominated in a round as follows:

- The draw organiser requests endorsement holders to identify on a map of relevant waters:
 - their nominated net site location,
 - the fishing business number,
 - the number of ballots placed under the business against the site.
- If more than one ballot is available under a fishing business, ballots may be placed against one or more sites.
- Endorsement holders may adjust their nominations (if required) before priority is determined in each determination round.
- The draw organiser is to determine priority for all sites nominated in the round. Ballots cannot be changed once determination has commenced.
- In a round, the endorsement holder with the highest number of ballots placed against each site holds priority under the relevant fishing business for the determination period.
- If the same number of ballots is placed against a site under separate businesses, a coin toss (or tosses) will determine priority for the successful business.
- If an endorsement holder competes for priority at a site and is successful, all of their ballots against that site expire and cannot be placed against another site.
- If an endorsement holder competes for priority at a site and is not successful, their ballots against that site may be placed against a different site in a subsequent determination round.

4. Prawn draw reports

To assist industry with running priority determinations, a report is available in FisherDirect.

The report lists the number of ballots available for each fishing business.

5. Site nominations

A net site cannot be nominated if it is:

- (a) within an area that is excluded under the preliminary determination, or
- (b) within 75m of a site for which priority has already been determined, or
- (c) within 75m of a site against which another endorsement has also nominated and priority is yet to be determined.

6. More information

Prawn Running Net Determination Guidelines 2018 and preliminary determination –

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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