



Department of
Primary Industries

NSW Commercial Fisheries Reform

Agenda Item 3: Outcome of DPI Action Items

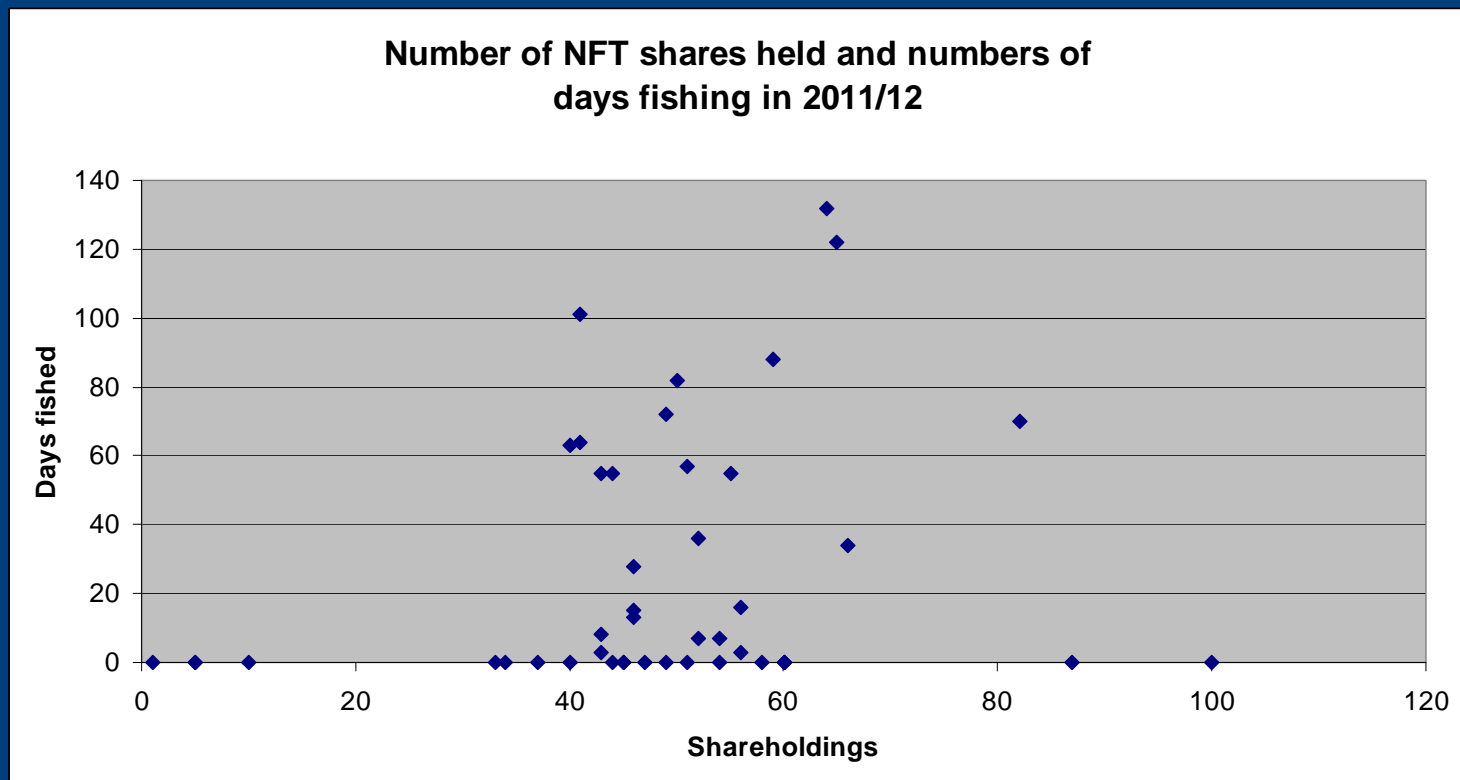
DPI Action Items from first meeting

- **Action 1:** For the linkage options to be investigated (see below) DPI to provide the working group any information that may be available on costs. **FOR DISCUSSION AT SECOND MEETING**
- **Action 2:** DPI to check/locate published Commonwealth research on four v six inch rollers. **COMPLETE (see slide 3)**
- **Action 3:** Where relevant to the linkage options to be modelled (or otherwise of particular importance), DPI to bring the following to the next meeting:
 - For fishing businesses with NFT shares, recent levels of activity (days) and the number of shares allocated – relevant to the effort quota modelling above. **COMPLETE (see slide 4)**
 - The number of businesses with prawn shares that also have NFT shares – relevant to the last linkage approach above. **COMPLETE (referred to proponents; also see slide 5)**
 - The number of businesses with NFT shares that also have a SFT endorsement. **COMPLETE (see slide 6)**

Action 2: DPI to check/locate published Commonwealth research on four v six inch rollers

- AFMA has not researched the effects of rollers on substrate...
- AFMA does not regulate the size of rollers
- Most common size @ 150 mm (2012 Oceanwatch gear survey)
- Review by Rowling (2008) indicates:
 - Difficult to make conclusions re. effects on various substrates / spp.
 - Overseas studies not relevant in the NSW context
 - 100 mm less damage to benthos than chain/combo rope, but...
 - Likely to allow access to an increased range of habitats
 - May have an effects on benthic species composition
 - Recommends improving understanding of ground gear in use, grounds worked (i.e. mapping) and habitat types and precautionary closure of representative habitat types (as per the FMS).

Action 3 (a): For fishing businesses with NFT shares, recent levels of activity (days) and the number of shares allocated – relevant to the effort quota modelling above.



Action 3 (b) The number of businesses with prawn shares that also have NFT shares – relevant to the last linkage approach above.

Prawn trawl perspective

214 prawn trawl shareholders in total (IPT, OPT,DPT)

43 prawn trawl shareholders have northern fish trawl shares

Fish trawl perspective

46 NFT shareholders in total

43 NFT shareholders have prawn trawl shares (IPT, OPT,DPT)

36 have inshore prawn trawl shares

33 have offshore prawn trawl shares

25 have deepwater prawn trawl shares

Action 3 (c) The number of businesses with NFT shares that also have a SFT endorsement.

10 of the 46 businesses with NFT shares have a SFT endorsement

