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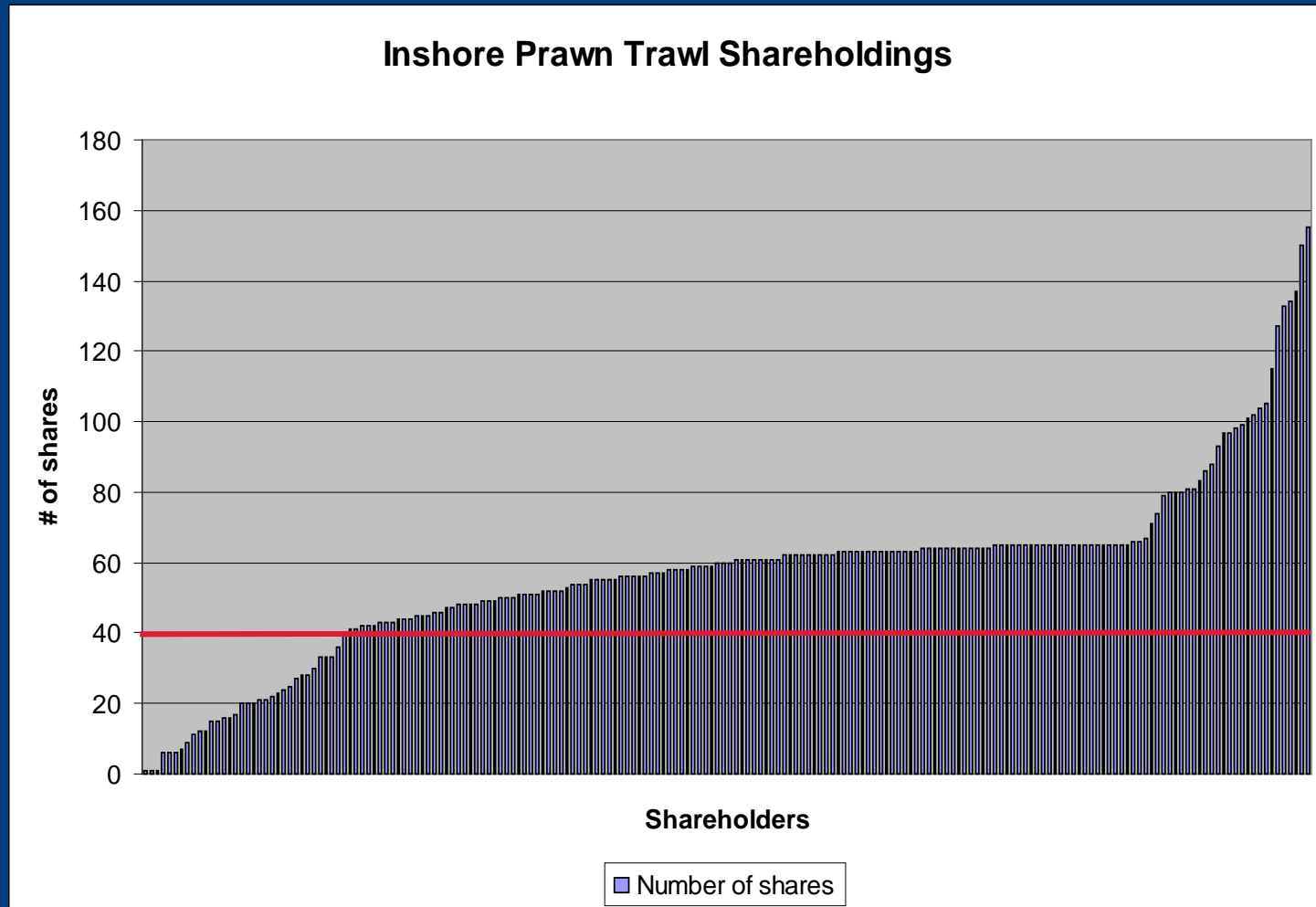
NSW Commercial Fisheries Reform

First meeting of the Ocean Trawl Fishery
Share Linkage Working Group

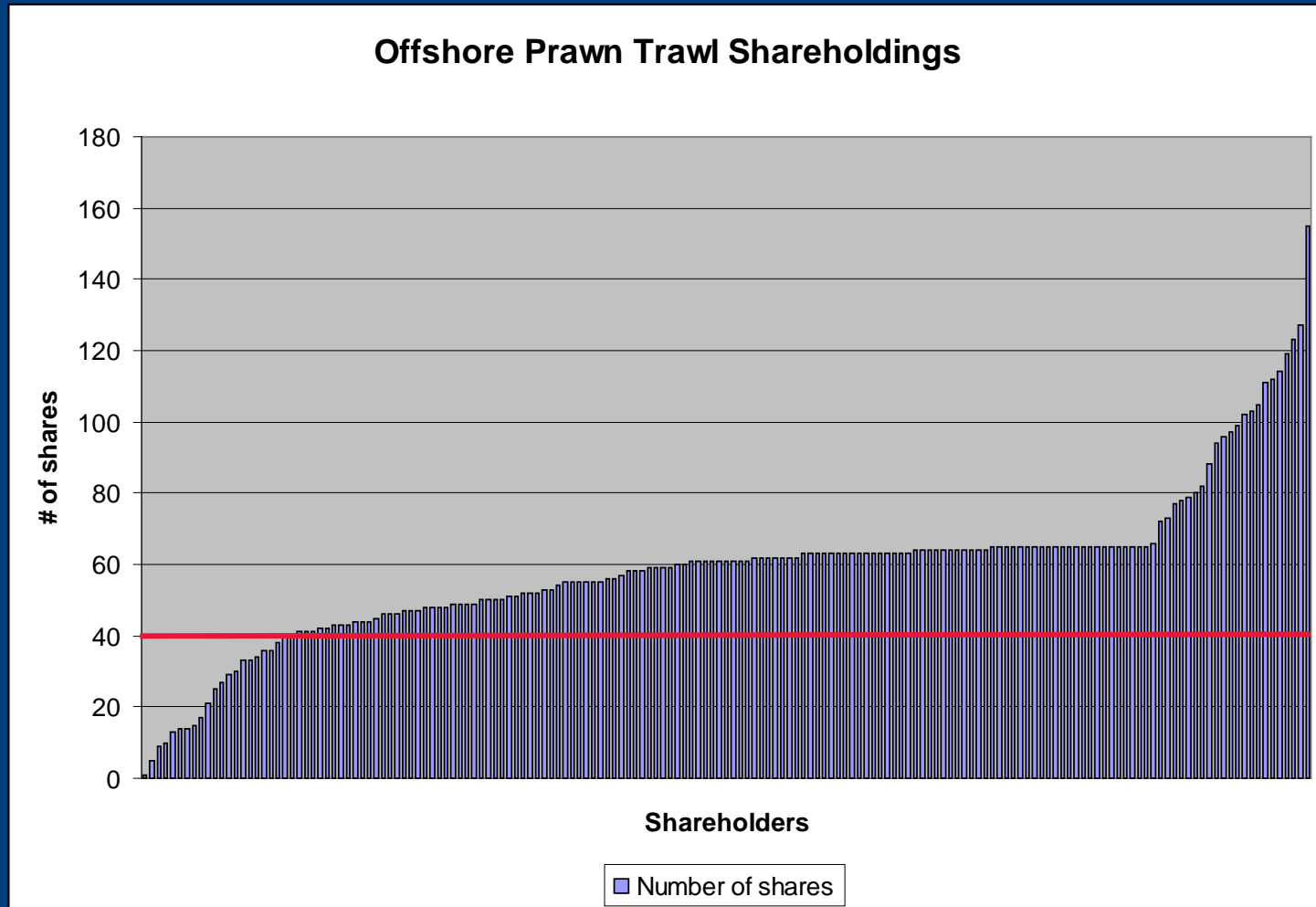
Fishery information – shares & endorsements

	Total number of shares	Number of shareholders	Number of endorsements
Inshore prawn	11,035	194	161
Offshore prawn	9,798	176	147
Deepwater prawn	656	41	16
Northern fish	2,169	45	38

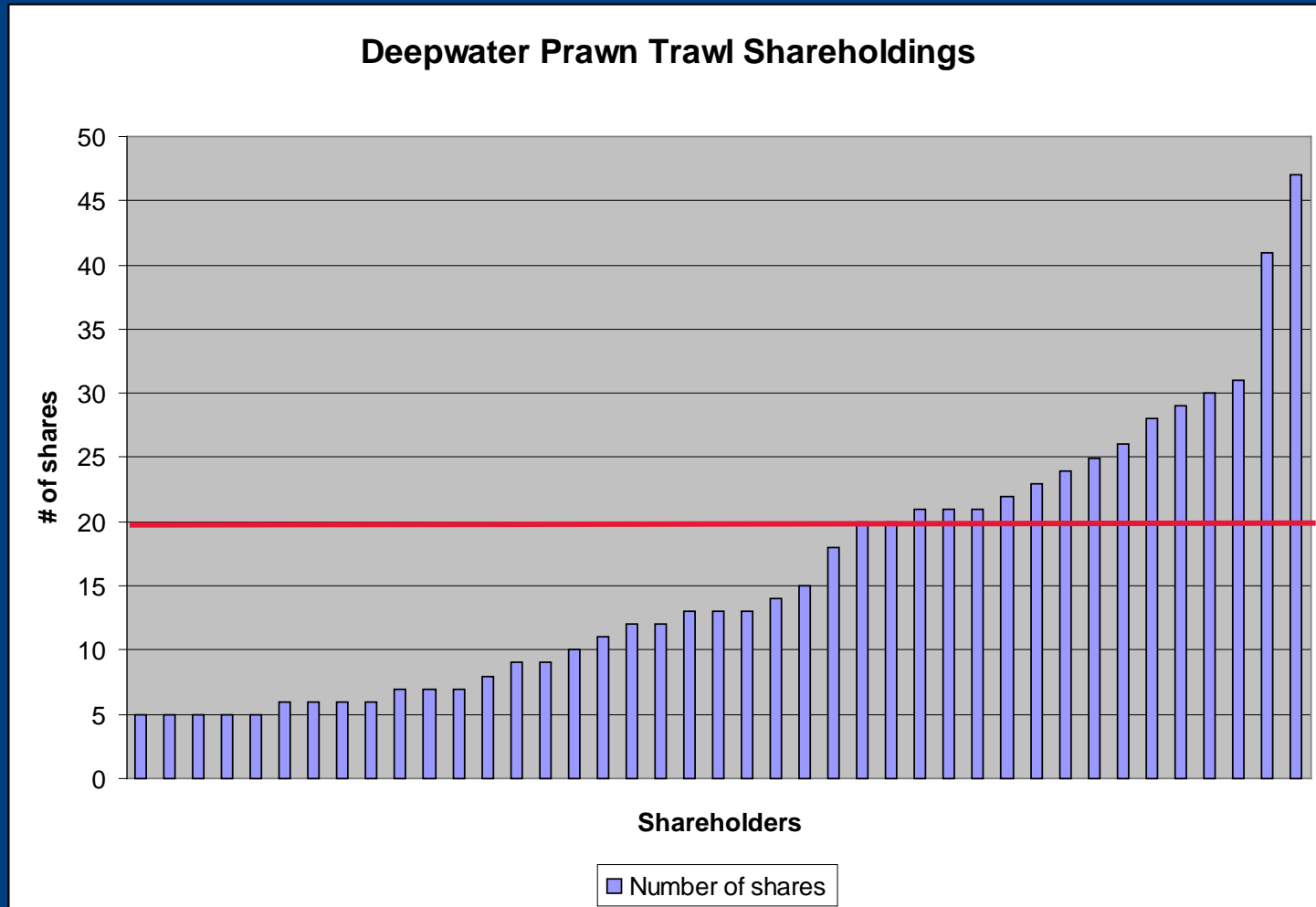
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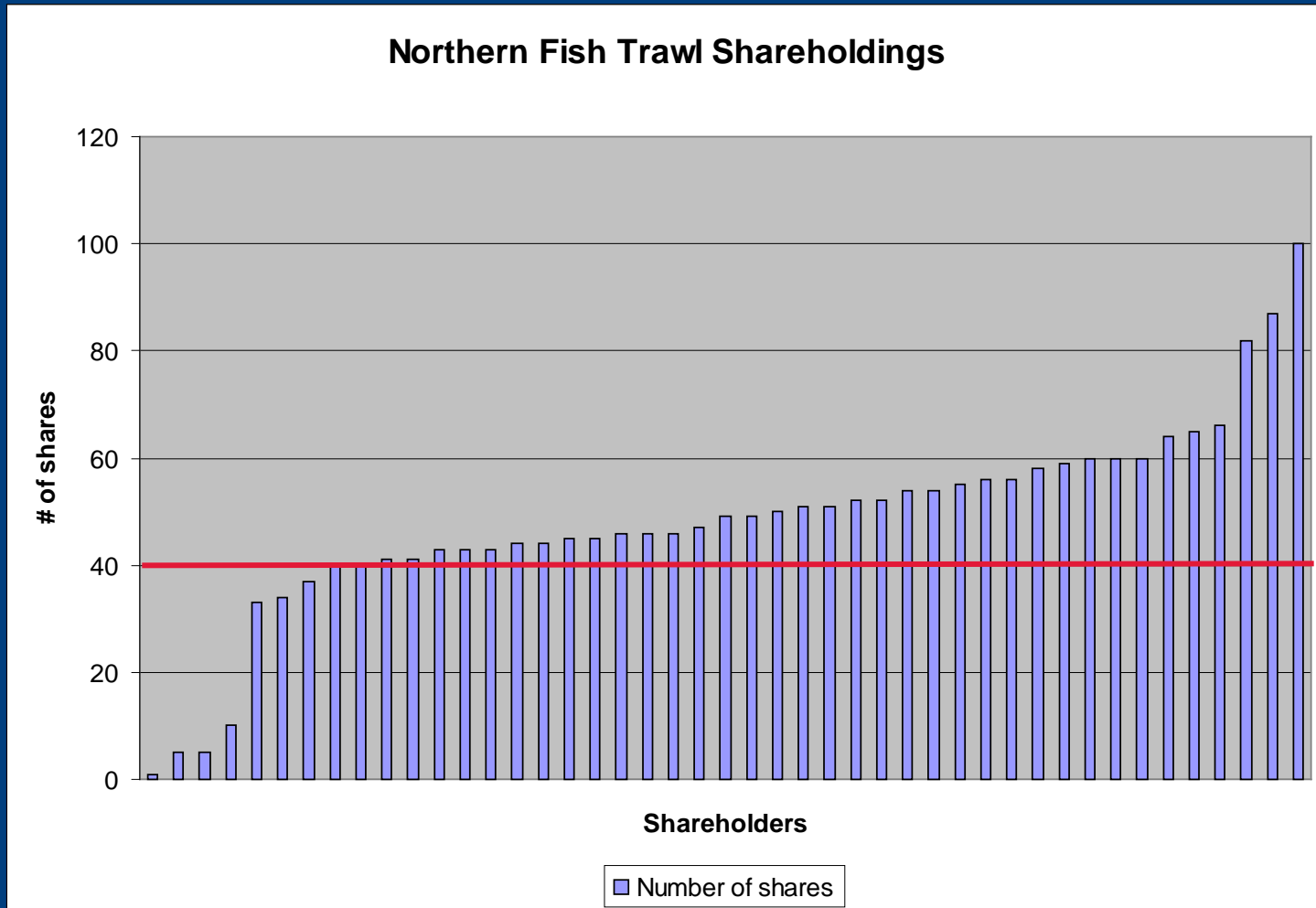
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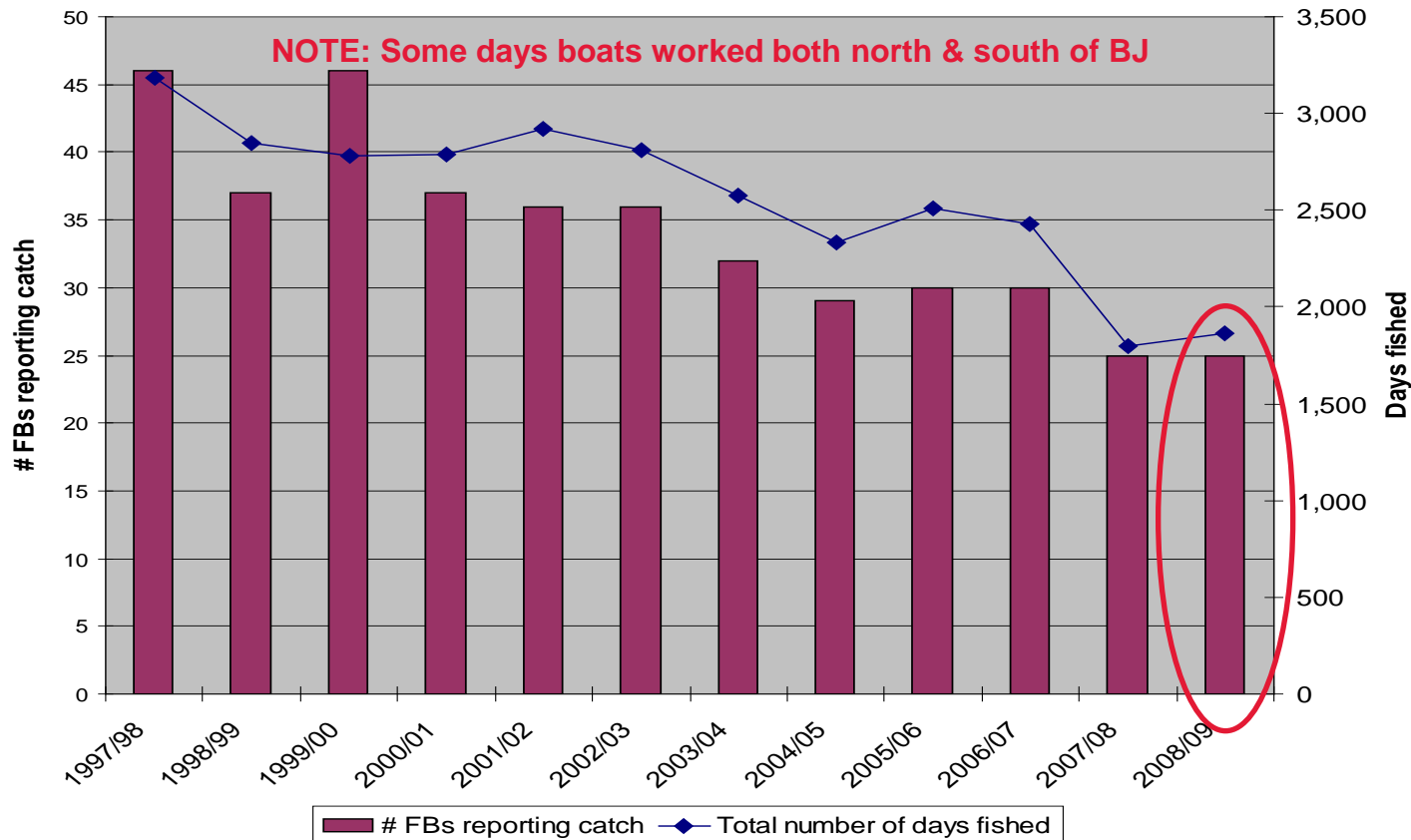


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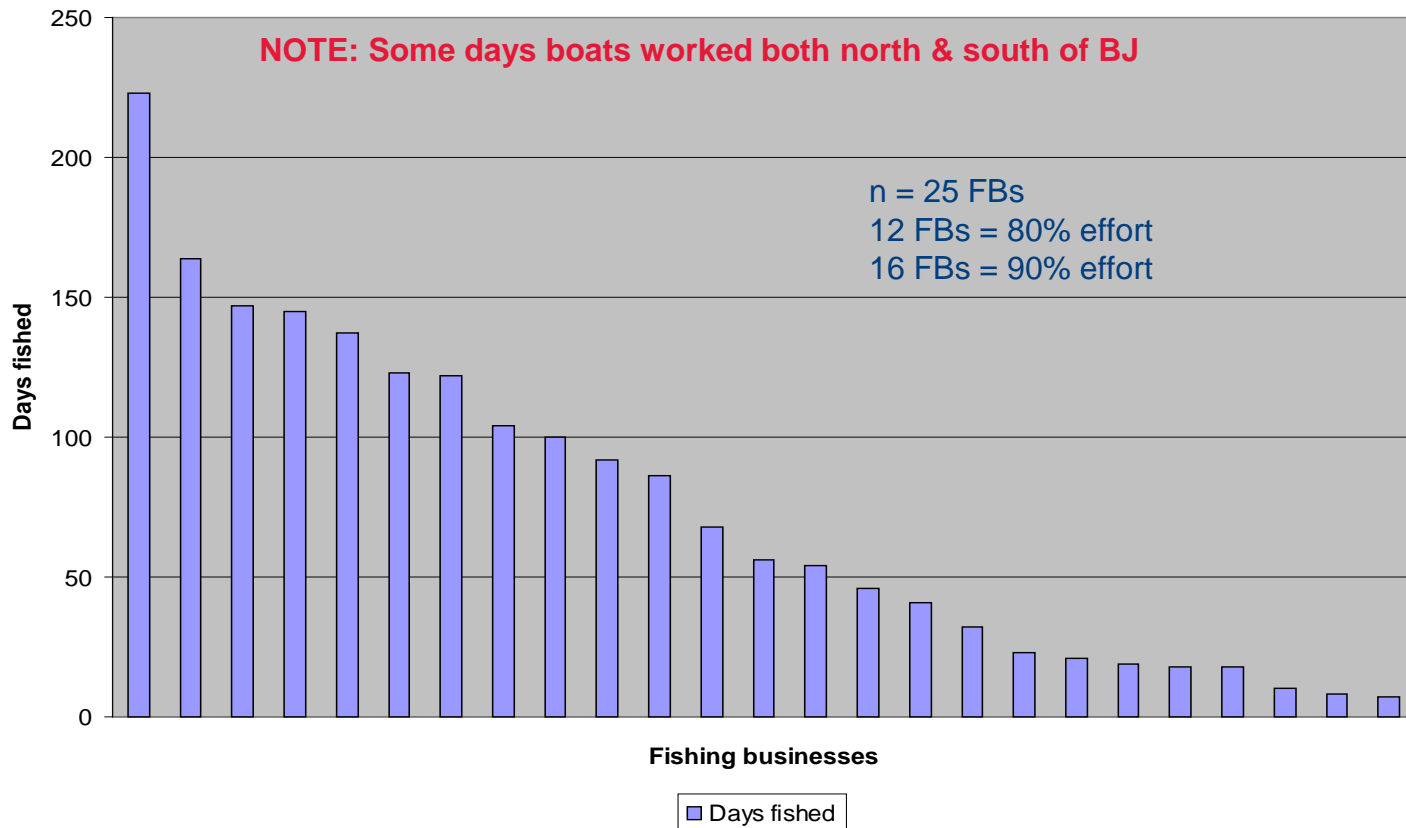
Fishery information – effort

Ocean Fish Trawl - Numbers of FBs reporting catch and total numbers of days fished each fiscal year

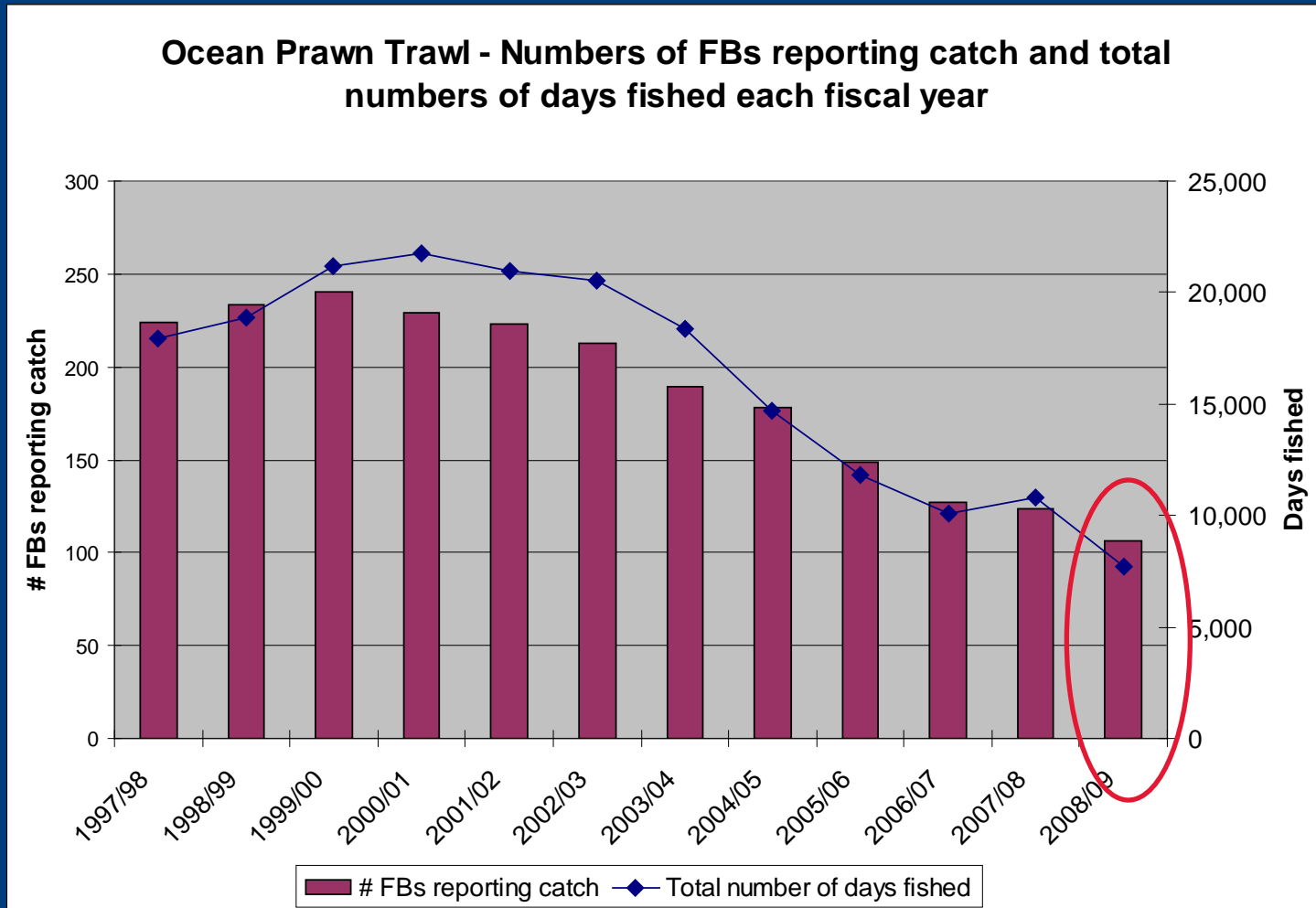


Fishery information – effort

Number of days fished by each fishing businesses in the Northern Fish Trawl Fishery in 2008/9

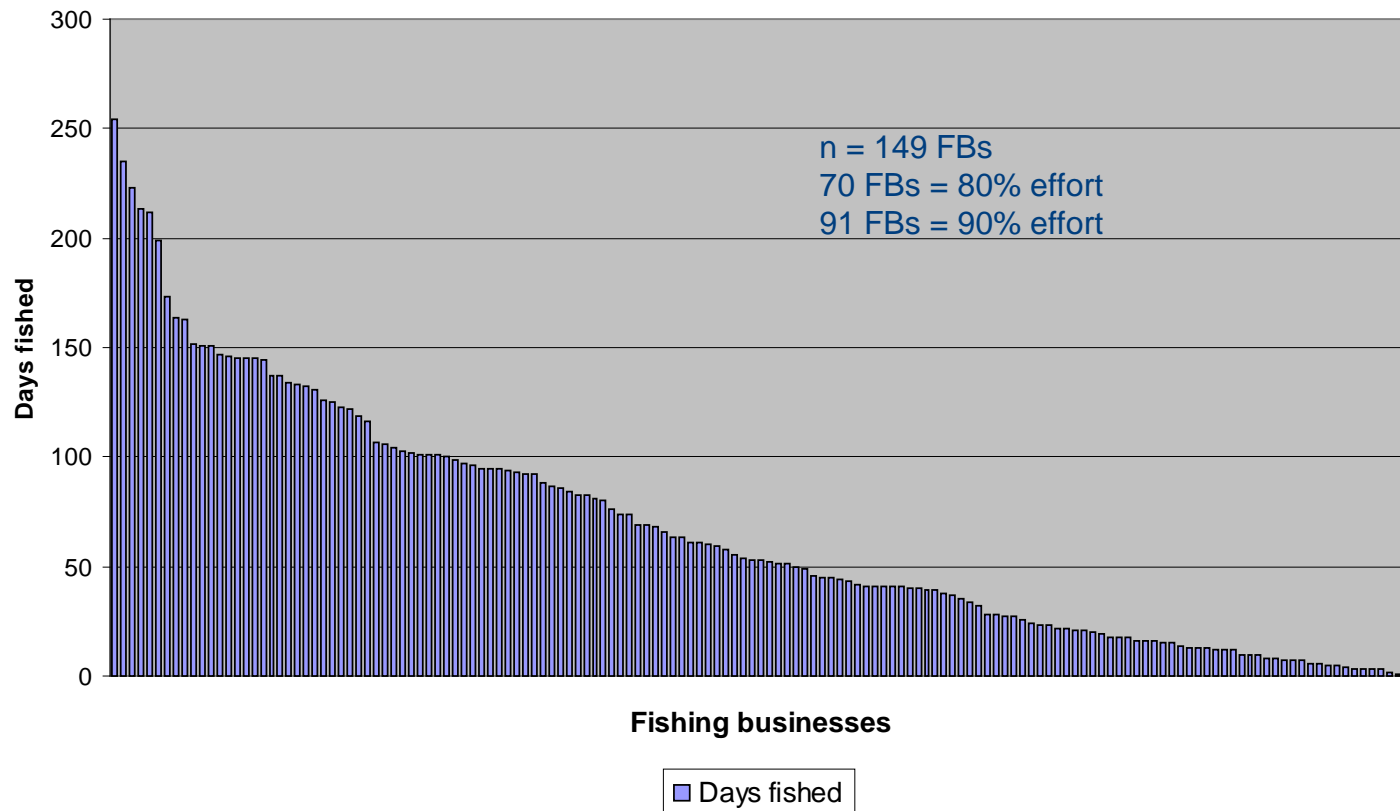


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Number of days fished by each fishing businesses in the Ocean Prawn Trawl Fishery in 2008/09



Shareholder ideas

- 4 submissions in total
- Fish Trawl:
 - 1 days regime
 - 1 minimum shareholdings
- Prawn Trawl:
 - 2 days regime
 - 2 minimum shareholdings
- Restrictions to review
 - Rationalise prawn trawl net length (two 6 fathom nets inside 3nm and three 7 fathom nets outside 3nm)
 - Introduce a maximum shareholding

Were did the OTMAC get up to...?

Two 'trains of thought'...

1. Minimum shareholdings to remove latent businesses before moving to a days regime (separate programs for prawn & fish).
2. Minimum shareholdings to reduce numbers of businesses to a viable level and if major issues arise implement species specific controls (TAC/quota):
 - Sustainability issues (e.g. gemfish, trevally)
 - Resource sharing issues (e.g. school whiting)

Rationalising input controls etc

■ Prawn trawl

- Rationalise net length restrictions (33m, NU, 60m)
- Rationalise boat capacity restrictions (engine, HU, length)
- Increase size of king prawn harvested to “medium” (modify gear)
- Allow two lobsters for personal consumption
- Address dumping of flathead south of Smoky Cape
- Review Forster & Port Stephens JKP closures
- Resolve square- diamond-mesh codend requirements

■ Fish trawl

- Alternate arrangements for silver trevally to reduce dumping (growth overfished)
- Alternate arrangements for gemfish to reduce dumping (overfished)
- Review / rationalise trip limits to reduce dumping
- Increase size of ‘rollers’ to compliment C/W arrangements
- Legislate agreed changes to fish trawl nets (whiting and standard) - Sydney meeting

■ Prawn trawl and fish trawl

- Review need for boat licences (including OG1s)

Short list of linkage options

- For next meeting DPI can:
 - Design one or more schemes
 - Identify issues requiring further WG discussion
 - Provide information on relative costs etc
- Need 'short list' from the Working Group...

Issues and linkage options – prawn trawl

Issue		Catch quota	Effort quota	Number of endorsements
Competition with other sectors (school prawn, school whiting etc)	Resource sharing	✓	✓	✓
Competition between OPT fishers	Resource sharing	✓	✓	No
Difficulty replacing boats (satisfying restrictions)	Sustainability / resource sharing	Restrictions may be relaxed or removed ✓	Relax or incorporate into property right ✓	✓
Unenforceable engine power restrictions	Sustainability / resource sharing	Restrictions may be removed ✓	Restrictions may be removed ✓	Restrictions may be removed ✓
Harvesting sub-optimal size prawns	Resource sharing / economics	✓	✓	No
Discarding flathead south of Smoky Cape	Sustainability / resource sharing	✓	No	No

Issues and linkage options – fish trawl

Issue		Catch quota	Effort quota	Number of endorsements
Competition with other sectors (school whiting, flathead etc)	Resource sharing	✓	✓	✓
Competition between NFT fishers	Resource sharing	✓	✓	No
Difficulty replacing boats (satisfying restrictions)	Sustainability / resource sharing	Restrictions may be relaxed or removed ✓	Relax or incorporate into property right ✓	✓
Size limit on trevally (and dumping)	Sustainability / resource sharing	Restrictions may be removed ✓	No	No
Trip limits (and dumping)	Sustainability / resource sharing	✓	No	No