



## Call for Public Submissions

### Total Allowable Catch for Red Sea Urchin 2021

Harvest of Red Sea Urchin (*Heliocidaris tuberculata*) in the NSW Sea Urchin and Turban Shell (SUTS) Restricted Fishery is subject to an annual catch cap. This cap is determined by an independent committee known as the Total Allowable Fishing Committee (the TAF Committee), established under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

The TAF Committee invites stakeholders and interest groups to make submissions on the appropriate level of the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for Red Sea Urchin for the 2021 fishing period (January to December inclusive).

Please note that, unless requested otherwise, submissions made to the TAF Committee are public documents, and therefore subject to Government information public access law.

The TAF Committee is required to give effect to the objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*; to have regard to all relevant scientific, industry, community, social and economic factors; and to make a determination with respect to the commercial fisheries.

Legislation also requires the TAF Committee to have regard to:

- The need to ensure that the exploitation of fisheries resources is conducted in a manner that will conserve fish stocks in the long term;
- The impact of fishing activities on all species of fish and aquatic environment; and
- The precautionary principle, namely, that if there are threats of serious or irreversible damage to fish stocks, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent that damage.

Current information on the NSW SUTS fishery and Determination for Red Sea Urchin is available through [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/open-for-comment](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/open-for-comment)

Submissions should be directed in writing (preferably by email) to:

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Closing date for receipt of submissions is **21 October 2020**

For further information, please contact Fisheries Manager Nicholas Giles on 0419 185 540.

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