

FACT SHEET – MAY 2019

Ocean Trap and Line - Process codes and quota deductions

This information is provided to assist Ocean Trap & Line fishers understand how much quota will be deducted when process codes apply.

Conversion Factors

The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is the weight of fish that may be taken and your quota is a proportion of that based on the shares held in each fishing business.

In determining the TAC and number of quota shares your fishing business was allocated in 2018, the Secretary converted the reported weight by a process code to a catch weight (whole, unprocessed, wet weight of fish) using standard conversion factors.

The standard conversion factors are based on those used by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (where applicable) for consistency.

Further information regarding processed scale-fish weight to a whole weight, including conversion factors, is available at (See page 34):

<https://www.afma.gov.au/sites/default/files/uploads/2018/04/SESSF-Management-Arrangements-Booklet-2018-FINAL.pdf>

The information is also summarised in Table 1 & 2 below.

Table 1. Ocean Trap & Line Fishery Process Codes

| Processing description | Process code |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Unprocessed (whole) | 1 |
| Gutted | 2 |
| Gilled & Gutted | 3 |
| Headed | 4 |
| Headed & Gutted | 5 |

Table 2. Conversion factors by processing code, used to calculate whole weight quota usage

| Fishing activity | Species code | Processing code | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| OTL Bass Grouper | BGRO | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| OTL Blue-eye Trevalla | BEYE | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| OTL Hapuku | HAPU | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| OTL Pink Ling | PLING | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| OTL Bigeye Ocean Perch | BOPER | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| OTL Gemfish | LGEM | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.25 | 1.25 |

Quota deductions when using process codes

How is quota deducted?

Quota is allocated and deducted by whole weight of fish. Quota species in the Ocean Trap and Line fishery are sometimes processed before landing and, when this happens, fishers need to report a process code in addition to the weight.

When reporting quota usage, you are required to report the catch weight in kilograms to one decimal place.

For Ocean Trap and Line caught Bass Grouper, Bigeye Ocean Perch, Blue-eye Trevalla, Gemfish, Hapuku and Pink Ling, you must report the process code to allow weights to be converted to whole weight for quota usage.

The whole weight of fish will be determined to one decimal place and deducted from your quota as determined by the process codes in Table 2.

Reporting examples using process codes

If you report 4.2 kg of Blue-Eye Trevalla, that has been “Headed & Gutted” (process code 5), this weight will be automatically converted upon reporting, to deduct a whole weight of 5.9 kg (4.2 kg x 1.4 conversion factor rounded to the nearest decimal place).

Therefore, 5.9 kg of Blue-eye Trevalla will be deducted from your quota in real time. Remember, the TAC allocations were also based on these conversions to whole weights.

What happens if I report a whole weight?

If you report whole (unprocessed) weights, the reported weight will not change, as the conversion factor is 1 (process code 1).

For example, if you report 8.3 kg of Gemfish, unprocessed, then 8.3 kg of Gemfish will be deducted from your quota balance.

More Information

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