

## **Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program Independent Allocation Panel**

### **NSW Government response – September 2018**

The NSW Government welcomes the reports from the Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program Independent Allocation Panel (IAP).

The IAP was tasked by the Government to provide advice on how best to allocate new species and effort quota shares to existing fishers in a number of NSW fisheries, and has prepared five reports:

- Ocean Trawl - Southern Fish Trawl Fishery
- Ocean Trawl – Fish Northern Zone and Inshore and Offshore Prawn
- Ocean Hauling – Purse Seine Net
- Ocean Trap and Line – Line Eastern Zone
- Estuary General – Hand Gathering

The species quota shares will determine the quantity of each species that commercial fishers may catch and effort quota shares will determine the number of days that ocean prawn trawlers can fish.

The preparation of these Reports has been informed by face-to-face consultations and written submissions from across the commercial fishing industry in NSW, and we recognise the insights and time provided by industry members.

The NSW Government supports all recommendations in the reports. Further detail on the application of quota shares will be made available to all affected fishers shortly.

The IAP report on the Ocean Trawl - Southern Fish Trawl Restricted Fishery will be referred to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority for their consideration.