

FACT SHEET – DECEMBER 2018

# Prawn set pocket net priority

## Queens Lake, Lake Innes, Cathie Creek, Wallis and Smiths Lake, Tuggerah Lake and Lake Illawarra

This guide provides information on the new prawn set pocket net priority determination (also known as prawn draw) rules for the relevant waters.

### 1. Number of ballots

Each additional 100 prawning shares held in a fishing business above the minimum shareholding allows an additional ballot (nomination or vote) to be cast in a priority determination (prawn draw).

The number of ballots available is printed on each fishing business determination certificate.

### 2. Priority

Priority is determined for each fishing business.

The endorsement holder of the business holds priority.

A fishing business can only hold priority at one site on a given night.

If the endorsement holder on a business changes, priority is held by the new endorsement holder.

The endorsement holder may be assisted by any other prawning endorsement holder for the relevant region, or by one unendorsed crew if at least 250 prawning shares for the relevant region are held in the fishing business.

### 3. Draw process

Endorsement holders must attend the draw on the date and time set out in the preliminary determination with their fishing business card (or digital authority) to nominate for priority at a net site.

- The draw organiser records the endorsement holders present, and the number of ballots available for each fishing business.
- The net sites to be included in the draw are determined by agreement of endorsement holders.

- Each ballot is assigned a number and entered in the draw.
- As numbers are drawn, net sites and nights are allocated for each fishing business in order from first site and night to last site and night until all ballots are drawn (i.e. first site night 1, second site night 1, etc).
- If a number for a fishing business is drawn and that fishing business has already been allocated a site on the same night, that ballot is discarded and a new number is drawn.
- If all numbers are drawn and there are remaining sites or nights, a majority of endorsement holders present may elect to:
  - return all numbers and redraw until remaining sites and nights have been allocated, or
  - repeat the draw order until all sites and nights have been allocated, or
  - repeat the draw order to rotate businesses through sites until all sites and nights have been allocated.
- If the draw order is repeated and a fishing business would be allocated more than one site on a night, the next business in the order is allocated that site.
- The draw organiser may determine that if a site is not attended by the setting start time, the endorsement holder with priority for the next attended site may move to that site.

Once the draw is completed, the draw organiser must post a copy of the determination at the draw location and provide a copy to the District Fisheries Officer by the close of business on that day.

### 4. Prawn draw reports

To assist industry with running prawn draws, a report is available in FisherDirect.

The report lists the number of ballots available for each fishing business, and a section to record the ballot number for the draw.

## 5. More information

Prawn Net (Set Pocket) Determination Guidelines 2018 and preliminary determinations – [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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