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Total Allowable Catch Determinations: Estuary General Fishery

Estuary General Fishery – Mud crab, Blue swimmer crab, Eel, Pipi, Cockle, Beachworm and Ghost nipper 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determinations for the Estuary General Fishery for the fishing period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Quota species	TAC determination (kg)	Fishing period
Mud crab	185,000	1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
Blue swimmer crab	185,000	
Eel	100,000	
Pipi	156,000	
Cockle	35,000	
Beachworm	7,000	
Ghost nipper	5,600	

The 2024/25 TAC determinations maintain the TAC for Pipi, Cockle and Ghost nipper at the same level as the current 2023/24 fishing period (i.e., no change).

The TAF Committee's TAC determinations for Beachworm (7 t), Mud crab (185 t), Blue swimmer crab (185 t) and Eel (100 t) have reduced the TAC for these species by 17.7% for Beachworm, 10.3% for Mud crab, 17.8% for Blue swimmer crab and 27% for Eel compared to the current 2023/24 fishing period.

When the TAF Committee makes a TAC determination, the Committee provides a Determination Report that explains the reasons for their determination.

A copy of the Determination Reports for the 2024/25 fishing period for the Estuary General Fishery are available on the NSW DPI website at https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC

Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline 1300 726 488

The Department of Primary Industries will allocate quota to the corresponding Estuary General species quota shareholders prior to 1 July 2024.

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