

FACT SHEET – NOVEMBER 2018

Prawn set pocket net priority - Clarence River

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

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.

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 region 2 prawning endorsement holder, or by one unendorsed crew if at least 250 region 2 prawning shares 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.
- Each ballot is assigned a number and entered in the draw.
- As each number is drawn, the endorsement holder selects an available site to hold priority for that fishing business.
- Once priority for a fishing business has been determined, any subsequent numbers drawn for that business are discarded.

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

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