

Submission Form

Fishing Business No/s.:

Reform options for the netting component of the Estuary General Fishery

Seeking Feedback

DPI, in consultation with working groups, has developed option packages for consideration by shareholders for each of the fisheries involved in the reform process. Several fisheries specific options papers are available.

Some of the key objectives of the commercial fisheries reform program are to:

- improve the long-term viability of the NSW commercial fishing industry;
- improve the strength and value of shareholders' access rights (i.e. shares); and
- provide shareholders with improved opportunities and flexibility to tailor their access.

Your feedback and comments on the options including those that will best deliver the reform objectives are sought.

This form has been provided to assist you in commenting on the merits of the reform options presented, including both the share linkage options and the proposed changes to current restrictions.

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FEEDBACK ON OPTIONS

Q1. Which of the linkage options presented is most satisfactory through to least satisfactory for the share class you are interested in? Circle the relevant share class you are commenting on and add option numbers.

Share class (circle relevant share class)	Most satisfactory	Satisfactory	Least satisfactory	Unworkable
Meshing				
Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Category 1 Hauling				
Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Category 2 Hauling				
Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Prawning				
Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Handline & Hauling Crew				
Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____

The maximum allowable number of meshing and flathead nets that an endorsement holder would be able to set at any one time; and

The maximum allowable length of a meshing and flathead net that an endorsement holder would be able to use at any one time.

Crewing arrangements – meshing, category 1 and 2 hauling and prawning share classes

Q5. Please provide comment on the proposed changes to crewing arrangements.

Potential changes to current restrictions

Q6. Please provide comment on the potential changes to current restrictions including gear and closure amendments. In your comments for each please indicate why you support or reject them, and if any alternatives are suggested why these may be appropriate.

GENERAL COMMENTS

If you have further comments (e.g. proposed reporting arrangements, fishing periods, transferability of quota, minimum shareholding requirements or ways to enhance any of the options), please use the space provided below or attach additional pages if required.

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR FEEDBACK

The closing date for comments is 5pm, Friday 30th May 2014.

Send your response to:

Mail: PO Box 4291, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450

Fax: 02 6391 4726

Email: commfish.wg@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Following the closing date a summary of the submissions will be prepared and made available on the DPI website. In arriving at a decision on linkages, the Minister will consider the issues raised, the views of the Share Linkage Working Groups, DPIs advice and final recommendations from the independent Structural Adjustment Review Committee (SARC).

For more information on the NSW Commercial Fisheries Reform Program visit:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/commercial/reform>

For Estuary General Fishery specific information, contact Darren Reynolds on 02 6691 9682.

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