Submission Form

Fishing Business No/s.:

Reform Options for the Ocean Trap and Line 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**
Demersal Fish Trap (FT)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Line fishing western zone (LW)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Line fishing eastern zone (LE)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
School & gummy shark (S&G)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Spanner crab (northern zone) (SCN)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Spanner crab (southern zone) (SCS)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____

Further comments:

Q2. Why do you consider the option identified above (as most satisfactory) to be the better option? Tick box/s.

	FT	LW	LE	S&G	SCN	SCS
Most secure rights (and best potential value of shares over longer-term)						
Like the improved flexibility (can increase/decrease access to meet needs)						
Prefer the proposed changes to current restrictions/ controls under this option						
Most affordable/lowest cost option						
Most workable in short-term						
Other						

Further comments:

Spanner crab sector

Q3. For a catch quota regime, shareholders are asked to provide feedback on the best starting date option for the fishing period in any given year. Please circle one of the following options to indicate your preference:

A. 1 July

B. 1 August

C. 1 February

Minimum shareholdings

Q4. If minimum shareholdings is your preferred management option for one or more of the OTLF share classes, please provide feedback, for each share class, on the following:

Whether using the 97% GVP values are appropriate for guiding the target maximum numbers of endorsements?	YES or NO
Whether a two stage approach to reaching the required minimum shareholding is preferred over one direct jump to the new minimum shareholding requirement from 1 July 2015?	YES or NO

Further comments:

Fish trapping

Q5. For fish trapping, consideration is being given to allowing fishers to use a block of additional traps if they hold a block of additional shares, in excess of the minimum shareholding level, please indicate:

How many additional shares should be needed to be able to use additional traps?	________shares
How many additional traps would should entitle a shareholder to use?	_________traps

Line fishing eastern zone

Q6. For LE, consideration is being given to allowing fishers to use an additional 1,200 hooks if they hold a block of additional shares. Please indicate:

How many additional shares over and above the minimum shareholding level should be needed to be able to use an additional 1,200 hooks?	________shares

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: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/commercial/reform

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