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Information Paper

Total Allowable Catch Determinations – Ocean Hauling

Ocean Hauling Fishery 1 May 2025 – 30 April 2026

The Deputy Secretary Fisheries and Forestry and Executive Director Fisheries, as delegates of the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW, have made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determinations for the Ocean Hauling Fishery for the fishing period 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026.

Quota species	TAC Determination (t)
Blue Mackerel	1010.1
Australian Sardine	2,744
Yellowtail Scad	864

The Blue Mackerel (East) stock is assessed as Sustainable, with stock status based on a Commonwealth assessment and the stock shared with the Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF). The AFMA Commission recently approved amendments to the SPF Harvest Strategy that provided an increase to the exploitation rate from 15% to 20% of the estimate of spawning biomass for Blue Mackerel, with a 33.3% increase to the Recommended Biological Catch, and therefore NSW TAC considered appropriate.

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