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Information Paper

Total Allowable Catch Determinations – Ocean Trawl

Ocean Trawl Fishery 1 May 2025 – 30 April 2026

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

Quota species	TAC Determination (t)
Tiger Flathead	166.9
Bluespotted Flathead	108.1

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following TAC determination for Silver Trevally and Trawl Whiting in the Ocean Trawl Fishery fishing period 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026.

Quota species	TAC Determination (t)
Silver Trevally	12
Trawl Whiting	1,980

The TAF Committee applied the Trawl Whiting Harvest Strategy's decision rules to make its TAC determination. The harvest strategy relies on stock assessment information for both Eastern School Whiting and Stout Whiting. The stock assessment for Eastern School Whiting was updated in 2024 and estimated a substantial increase to the Eastern School Whiting stock, and therefore to the average projected recommended biological catch (RBC) used to calculate the TAC for the Eastern School Whiting component of the Trawl Whiting 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