Submission Form

Fishing Business No/s.:

Reform Options for the NSW Ocean Trawl 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? For each share class you are commenting on please add relevant option numbers.

Share class	Most satisfactory	Satisfactory	Least satisfactory
Northern Fish Trawl (NFT)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Inshore Prawn Trawl (ISP)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Offshore Prawn Trawl (OSP)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Deepwater Prawn Trawl (DPT)	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____

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

	FTN	ISP	OSP	DPT
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				
Other				

Other comments:

New share classes

The commitment to deliver 'final ITCALs' that result in shareholders being eligible to work (at a minimum) the number of days expected as a result of the announcement on 'preliminary ITCAL' is based on an assumption that shares and hull units are equally important when creating the new 'effort shares'. This issue is explained in detail in the options paper.

Q3. Please provide feedback on this issue, by indicating which statement you agree with most.

Please circle A, B or C below.

A.	Shares and hull units are equally important and should be treated that way when creating new effort shares?
B.	Shares are more important than hull units and should be treated that way when creating new effort shares?
C.	Hull units are more important than shares and should be treated that way when creating new effort shares?

Q4. If you circled B or C, please also indicate the importance (weighting or %) that you consider appropriate to shares and hull units (for example - 60% for shares:40% for hull units, 30% for shares:70% for hull units, etc.).

	Weighting for **shares** (%)	Weighting for **hull units** (%)
Please indicate in the importance (weighting) that you consider appropriate to shares and hull units (total should equal 100% when added together).		

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

For Ocean Trawl specific information please contact Darren Hale on (02) 6645 0503.

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