

# OCEAN HAULING – GARFISH HAULING NET

## Profile

| Total no. of Fishing Businesses (FBs) with shares | Total no. of shares | Reported annual catch (avg.) | No. of FBs accounting for 80% of the catch value |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 46                                                | 2,800               | 35 tonnes                    | 7                                                |

## Draft share linkage recommendation

All of the linkages in the table below are recommended.

- The first change is, from July 2016, to enforce the current minimum shareholding.
- From July 2016, new species shares for eastern sea garfish will then be allocated in proportion to the number of existing garfish hauling net shares held by each shareholder. These new species shares will be additional to the existing garfish hauling net shares so that the limit of the number of fishers per region will remain but the catch quota can be traded and used throughout the state.
- From 2018, the catch quota for eastern sea garfish will start.

| Linkage                                       | July 2016                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | July 2018                        | By July 2020<br>(at the latest)      |       |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
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| MINIMUM<br>SHAREHOLDINGS                      | Enforce the current minimum shareholding of 10 shares in Region 1 and 40 shares in Regions 3-7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  |                                      |       |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
| CATCH QUOTA<br><br>For eastern sea<br>garfish | <p>New species shares for eastern sea garfish issued in proportion to the garfish hauling net shares held at the time. Total catch limit (ITCAL) of 31,600kg will apply. The resulting kg allocations for garfish hauling net shares will be:</p> <table><tr><th>Kg per garfish hauling net share</th><th>Kg per 40 garfish hauling net shares</th></tr><tr><td>11.28</td><td>451.2</td></tr></table> <p>Species shares freely transferable throughout the State.</p> | Kg per garfish hauling net share | Kg per 40 garfish hauling net shares | 11.28 | 451.2 | <p>Catch quota for eastern sea garfish commences.</p> <p>Quota transfers (leasing) not permitted.</p> | <p>Total Allowable Commercial Catch is set as soon as possible, following TAC Committee advice.</p> |
| Kg per garfish hauling net share              | Kg per 40 garfish hauling net shares                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                  |                                      |       |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
| 11.28                                         | 451.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                  |                                      |       |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |

## Other proposed measures

From July 2016:

- Remove requirement for boats under 20m to be licensed.
- Provide for the use of unendorsed assistance.
- Remove requirement for a minimum of 2 endorsement holders to operate the net.
- Remove requirement for nets to be registered.

## What does the recommendation deliver for fishers?

- Enforcing the current minimum shareholding in Regions 3 to 7 will reduce a small proportion of the excess fishing capacity that exists in the fishery.

- Catch quotas will:
  - provide the strongest form of access right and improve security for operators
  - allow shareholders to secure their portion of access to the stock
  - encourage fishing at times when it is most profitable (for example, when catch rates are good and when market demand/price is strong)
  - provide more certainty that the management arrangements can address any future resource sharing or resource sustainability issues, which is crucial for a long term viable fishery.
- Removing the need to use licensed boats and registered nets will take away an unnecessary ongoing burden on fishers.
- Prioritising the setting of a scientifically based Total Allowable Commercial Catch will ensure robust quotas are put in place as soon as possible to ensure the long-term sustainability and viability of the fishery.

## **Things to consider**

- By July 2016: If you currently have less than the minimum shareholding (as indicated above) and wish to remain endorsed to fish, you will need to get hold of enough shares to get up to the minimum. You can buy shares from someone else or put in a bid to buy shares in the exit grant program. If you already hold the minimum, you may consider buying additional shares, if needed, in preparation for the changes to come in 2018 and beyond.
- By July 2018: You will need to hold enough species shares/catch quota to cover your desired level of fishing.
- If you no longer wish to be endorsed to fish in this share class, you can put in an offer to sell shares in the exit grant or you can sell shares with someone else at any time.
- The exit grant program offers a good opportunity to buy or sell shares at a subsidised rate without having to find buyers or sellers yourself.
- By July 2020 at the latest: A Total Allowable Commercial Catch will be set. At this time, you will need to hold enough shares to cover your desired level of fishing.