

Submission Form

Fishing Business No/s.:

Reform Options for the Estuary Prawn 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 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 potential 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 options numbers.

Share class (circle relevant share class)	Most satisfactory	Satisfactory	Least satisfactory
Clarence River	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Hunter River	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____
Hawkesbury	Option _____	Option _____	Option _____

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

	Clarence River	Hunter River	Hawkesbury
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:

Hunter River

Hunter River prawn count: Feedback is sought on a proposal to change the school prawn count applying to the Hunter River from 180 school prawns per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram **to 150 per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram** to enhance yield and economic returns. If modified, the count would be applied as a 'possession count' (i.e. like a size limit) and also used to guide the adaptively manage access using closures to optimise yield.

Q3. Please indicate below whether you would like to see the above change applied by circling yes or no below.

Would like to see the school prawn count applying to the Hunter River changed from 180 school prawns per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram back to 150 per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram	YES / NO
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Comments:

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

Or contact Senior Fisheries Manager, Darren Hale, on: (02) 6645 0503.

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