

OCEAN HAULING – GENERAL PURPOSE 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
118	6,840	1000 tonnes	15

Draft share linkage recommendation

The linkages in the table below are proposed.

- The first change is, from July 2016, to enforce the current minimum shareholding.
- From July 2018, a new (higher) minimum shareholding requirement will apply.

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MINIMUM SHAREHOLDINGS	Enforce the current minimum shareholding of 40 shares in all regions.	New minimum shareholding to apply as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th><th>New minimum shareholding</th><th>Maximum number of endorsements</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>85</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>50</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>122</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>56</td><td>35</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>76</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>54</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>162</td><td>11</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Region	New minimum shareholding	Maximum number of endorsements	1	85	3	2	50	7	3	122	13	4	56	35	5	76	2	6	54	8	7	162	11
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Other proposed measures

From July 2016:

- Remove requirement for boats under 6 metres to be licensed.
- Remove requirement for nets to be registered.

From July 2018:

- Allow the assistance of one unendorsed crew member for the first block of 80 shares held in a FB and an additional one unendorsed crew member for every block of 40 shares held in the FB thereafter. Unendorsed crew cannot be used, however, to meet the minimum crew size rules or the crew priority rules (that is, you must have enough 'endorsed' crew members present to meet those requirements).

What does the recommendation deliver for fishers?

- Removes some of the excess capacity in the fishery.
- Reduces the risks of excess fishing capacity from becoming active and eroding profitability of active fishers.
- Changes to crewing, boat licensing and net registration requirements will provide business flexibility and take away an unnecessary and ongoing burden for fishers.
- Should provide for some improvement in asset value in the longer term.
- Should help to build a stronger social licence to operate by managing the number of hauling crews able to operate on NSW beaches.

Things to consider

- By July 2016: If you currently have less than the minimum shareholding 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 more shares, if needed, in preparation for the changes to come in 2018.
- By July 2018: You will need to hold the new minimum shareholding for the relevant share classes (as indicated in the table above) to remain endorsed.
- If you no longer want to be endorsed to fish in this share class, you can put in an offer to sell shares in the exit grant program or you can sell shares to 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.