

## CONTAINERS

The AMSA contracted Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROUV) assessment of the containers lost from the YM Efficiency recommenced on the 12 of January. Since the previous update an additional nine containers have been located and imaged by the ROUV bringing the total targets imaged to 12. A video is available (see link below) which shows some highlights from the ROUV operations in December. Some of the containers found appear to be severely damaged with large sections of container and their contents spread around the sites. AMSA will assess the imagery collected by the ROUV to determine whether the containers can be recovered.

AMSA will be seeking to recover all costs associated with the search and any recovery operations from the ship owners Yang Ming.

The ROUV assessments will continue over the coming weeks as weather conditions permit.

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/marine-environment/incidents-and-exercises/locating-containers-lost-ym-efficiency>

## AMSA LIAISON

Couple of members have been chasing the contact details for the AMSA NSW Liaison, so here they are again for anyone else who needs them:

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## OCEAN TRAWL CALCULATOR

The Total Allowable Effort (TAE) for ocean trawl prawning has been calculated. The TAE is 542,000 effort units (or standardised hull units days). The TAE will be allocated amongst shareholders as quota, proportional to the number of prawn effort quota shares held. DPI has released calculators (go to link below) to calculate your quota, the standardised hull units of your boat and the number of days available to you.

If you do not know the hull units of your boat but you do know the length, depth and breadth of your boat, you may use the second calculator. The length, depth and breadth of your boat must be measured in accordance with the National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV), to two decimal places.

If during the fishing period (season) you decide to use a new boat that is a different size (i.e. standardised hull units), the number of days available to you will change.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fisheries/ocean-trawl/calculator>

## SEAFOOD PROMOTION GRANTS

If you need help in putting together a grant application for the NSW Supporting Seafood Futures Program, please contact the PFA – only too happy to help. Grant ideas:

- Seafood festival for your local area or pop-up events like a seafood BBQ,
- Regatta or Blessing of the Fleet

The PFA is putting together an information guide for members to use in putting together to organise a seafood celebration event.

## PIPI CLOSURE REMINDER

The Department has advised that the seasonal fishing closure will be for five months, **1 February to 30 June 2019**. **Please note:** We are still waiting for written confirmation on the approved dates.

## AMSA - float-free EPIRB consultation

AMSA is seeking feedback on alternative options to carrying a float-free EPIRB on domestic commercial vessels **less than 7.5 metres long without level flotation, operating in offshore or restricted offshore waters**. It may not be practical or feasible to carry of float-free EPIRB on these kind of vessels and have proposed several alternative options. AMSA would also like feedback on any other alternative options that operators consider will achieve an equivalent or acceptable level of safety. The options proposed include:

- Option 1: carry a float-free EPIRB (no alternative)
- Option 2: wear a personal locator beacon (PLB), in addition to carrying a manually activating EPIRB
- Option 3: carry a manually activating EPIRB and wear a lifejacket
- Option 4: carry a manually active ting EPIRB in a buoyant storage device

The consultation is open until Thursday 28 February 2019.

## SEAFOOD DIRECTIONS CONFERENCE 2019

9 - 11 OCTOBER 2019 | MELBOURNE

Register your email to receive a reminder the day before tickets go on sale, access to early bird specials, accommodation deals and more. Go to <https://www.sd2019.com.au/>

## FISH DEATHS

The NSW Department of Primary Industries interim report into fish deaths in the Lower Darling is now available online.

You can read the report here: <https://bit.ly/2RZxcuE>

With drought conditions expected to continue over the coming months it is likely more fish kills will occur without significant rainfall to generate replenishment flows.

### *Report similar incidents*

Community members are encouraged to report any similar incidents or observations: Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536.

## AUSTRALIAN NAME STANDARDS

The [FRDC Fish Names Committee](#) is seeking comment from all stakeholders on 17 applications to amend the [Australian Fish Names Standard](#).

Public consultation is a key part of the fish names procedures. The [Fish Names Committee](#) places great importance on the feedback received from stakeholders when making a final decision on these applications. The closing date for feedback is 15 April 2019

The [Fish Names Committee](#) uses a [web based procedure](#) to allow for respondents to provide feedback. Click on the [following link](#) and the data will be submitted on completion.

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