

THIS WEEK:

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REALLOCATION OF QUOTA DUE TO CANCELLATION OF FORFEITED OR SURRENDERED SHARES

Due to the cancellation of commercial fishery shares that were surrendered to the Minister by the Australian Securities Investment Commission and others forfeited in accordance Court Orders (following prosecution for serious offences), shareholders will be receiving a larger share of quota annually. The quota to be distributed among relevant shareholders is for the following species or activities in the Lobster, Ocean Trawl and Estuary General fisheries:

- Lobster quota
- Trawl whiting quota
- Silver trevally quota
- Bluespotted flathead quota
- Tiger flathead quota
- Ocean trawl prawning effort (day) quota
- Meshing effort (day) quota in region 7
- Category 1 hauling effort (day) quota in region 7
- Mud crab quota
- Blue swimmer crab quota

The quantity of quota to be transferred to each relevant shareholder will be, subject to regulation, proportional to the number of corresponding shares held, rounded down to the nearest 0.1 kg. Shareholders are encouraged to keep an eye on their quota balances in FisherDirect. Given that the total amount of some types of quota to be allocated to relevant shareholders is very small, your quota balance may not change. This is because amounts of quota less than 0.1 kg cannot be transferred. <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/share-transfer-freeze,-distribution-of-quota-and-cancellation-of-forfeited-and-surrendered-shares>

Short share trading freeze

There will be a short freeze on share transfers in all fisheries between Monday 22 June and Thursday 24 June 2020 to allow for the distribution of quota. Please ensure that your current and planned share transfers are completed by midnight Sunday 21 June 2020. Any online share trade that has been initiated but not finalised by midnight Sunday 21 June 2020 will be cancelled. The transfer of quota will not be impacted during the share transfer freeze.

CONTAINER ADVICE

If a fisher has an encounter with one of the lost containers and gear or equipment is damaged, please:

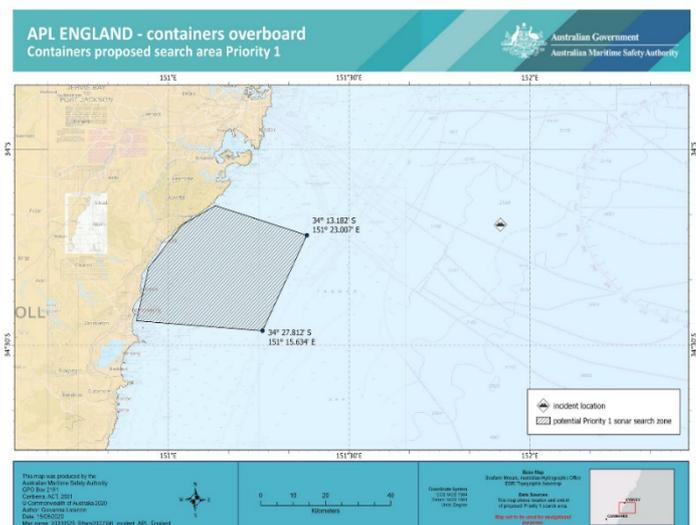
- Take photos of the incident
- Note location of interaction

The PFA is in communication with the *APL England's* Insurer Auship. We are able to seek reparation for any damages incurred but will need proof of the damage and their link to the lost containers (location etc).

Contact the PFA CEO on 0429303371.

More containers lost from the APL England were spotted off the NSW Central Coast over the weekend. This map shows the latest sightings and an AUSCOAST warning remains in effect

<http://ow.ly/houU50A3Ca3> Vessel operators should exercise extreme caution when navigating in this area. Learn more about this incident: <http://ow.ly/Ec5g50A3Ca2>



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NSW SEAFOOD RECIPES WEEK 4!

This is a simple, delicious dish to try at home. Originating in the Neapolitan area, fishermen would sauté their fish in seawater with tomatoes, chilli, and olive oil. Watch episode 7, Series 3 of ET's Seafood Escape to see Master fisher Mitch Sanders take ET out to fish for NSW Snapper. Chef Scott Fox from Pearls on The Beach then cooks up this culinary delight! www.seafoodescape.com As part of the NSW Government's Supporting Seafood Futures Program, and with additional sponsorship and support from the Fisheries Research Development Corporation and the Sydney Fish Market, the PFA was able to organise 8 episodes of Andrew (ET) Ettingshausen's Seafood Escape - a TV program on Channel 10 that had ET taking famous chefs on our NSW Fishing vessels and showcasing under-utilised species.

www.facebook.com/professionalfishersassociation. Recipes are also available online via ET's Seafood Escape website, www.andrewettingshausenseafoodescape.com.

NSW SEAFOOD RECIPE
NSW Snapper Acqua Pizza

This dish originated in the Neapolitan area. Fishermen would sauté their fish in seawater together with tomatoes, chilli and olive oil. Watch episode 7, Series 3 of ET's Seafood Escape to see Master fisher Mitch Sanders take ET on board to catch NSW Snapper. Chef Scott Fox from Pearls on The Beach then cooks up this culinary delight! www.seafoodescape.com



INGREDIENTS

- 500g NSW Snapper fillets
- 50ml olive oil
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 bird's eye chillies
- 1 punnet (375 g) heirloom tomatoes halved
- 50g olives of your choice
- 5g fresh thyme
- 5g fresh oregano leaves
- 250ml sea water
- 15g finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 10g fresh mint
- 5g fresh dill
- 50g baby spinach
- Toasted sourdough

METHOD

Heat the olive oil in a large, lidded frying pan over medium heat and fry the snapper skin side down for 2 minutes, then flip. Add tomatoes, chillies, garlic, thyme, oregano and olives. Sauté for 1 minute then add sea water. Bring to a simmer and cover. Cook for about 4 minutes, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary. Tomatoes should be partially broken down and fish just cooked. Scatter the pan with the herbs and spinach, gently stir. Serve with thick slices of BBQ sourdough.

Photo: ET with succulent NSW Snapper! Photo Credits: www.seafoodescape.com









SYDNEY FISH MARKET DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED

PFA welcome's Premier Gladys Berejiklian; Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Stuart Ayres, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western announcement that the NSW Government has approved the Development Applications for the new Sydney Fish Market.

The approval signals the commencement of early works (demolition of the existing wharves) on the new site to begin within the next eight weeks. A tender process is also underway for the major construction phase, which is expected to start in early 2021. Construction of the new market will create 700 construction jobs and more than 700 ongoing jobs once the new market opens in 2024. The new design provides more than 4,700 square metres of new public open space and paves the way for a future shared pedestrian and cycle path that will provide waterfront access all the way to Woolloomooloo. The new building will include a variety of fishmongers, restaurants, cafés, bars, and specialty food retailers in a four-storey market hall setting, as well as new public promenades and a ferry wharf. For more information visit:



<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/News/2020/Fresh-face-for-the-Sydney-Fish-Market-gets-the-final-go-ahead>

MARINE ESTATE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (2018-2028) - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE ADVICE

The NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy's nine initiatives aim to reduce the priority threats to the NSW marine estate by reducing pollution and protecting coastal habitats, planning for climate change, protecting Aboriginal cultural values of the marine estate, reducing impacts on marine wildlife, delivering sustainable fishing and boating, enhancing social, cultural and economic benefits and delivering effective governance. Stage 1, over the last two years, has invested \$45.7M on addressing the most severe threats to the health of the marine estate, particularly water pollution, which was identified as the greatest threat to the marine estate by the NSW community and through an evidence-based threat and risk assessment in 2017.

Some highlights from Stage 1 (2018 – 2020) include:

- DPI Fisheries in partnership with Local Land Services has delivered a significant on-ground works program state wide to improve estuarine water quality – including rehabilitating over 100km of riparian

vegetation and sealing over 50 unsealed gravel roads, to reduce pollutants and erosion entering coastal waterways. For more information see the [quarterly reports](#). This work has occurred in the Bega, Kiama, Shellharbour, Wollongong, Upper Hunter, Myall Lakes, Port Stephens, Port Macquarie and Ballina areas.

- DPI Fisheries has piloted the delivery of the first large scale [native oyster reef restoration project](#) in NSW to help streamline and navigate the approvals process and inform the development of guidelines for other key partners to help deliver more reef restoration projects in NSW. More than 3,000 tonnes of rock and shell substrate has been deployed in two locations in the Port Stephens-Great Lakes marine park to create a natural oyster reef area the size of a football field. Monitoring of the project, including water quality and fisheries productivity benefits, is underway and an important part of measuring the project's outcomes. More than 99 percent of natural oyster reefs have been lost in Australia, with similar losses in NSW.
- As part of the [Clean Coastal Catchments](#) project, 50 macadamia orchards on the North Coast have been assessed to improve on-farm sediment and nutrient management with 26 completed to date, resulting in incentive grants to reduce soil erosion.
- A Coastal Floodplain Study is underway involving 122 soil sample locations and 590 floodgate and other structures surveyed. This study is providing vital information for decision makers to better manage coastal floodplains and infrastructure to improve water quality outcomes and help reduce the scale and frequency of coastal fish kills. Catchments being investigated are key fish kill hot spots such as the Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, Hastings, Macleay, Manning, and Shoalhaven Rivers.
- DPI Fisheries has worked with National Parks and Wildlife Service to co-purchase 174 hectares of a property to expand the coastal wetland rehabilitation area of an existing Reserve Estate in the Clarence catchment.
- An upgrade to floodgate infrastructure has been installed at Tomago Wetlands to improve water quality and coastal habitat rehabilitation. Further steps towards achieving improved coastal wetland management is progressing at 23 locations.
- Consultation with industry representatives to inform the development of the NSW Fisheries [Harvest Strategy](#) Policy is nearing completion. The development of harvest strategies is a key action in the Strategy which aims to address threats associated with harvest and bycatch from some moderate and high risk fisheries.
- The [Sea Country School Education Program](#) has been delivered to over 200 primary school students on the NSW South Coast in December 2019. In addition, over 100 Aboriginal people were trained by Transport for NSW staff and obtained their boat licence.
- Work has progressed with OceanWatch and NSW Professional Fisherman's Association on East Coast Whale Entanglement Mitigation Program, including a full day strategic research meeting and participation in a national discussion on the issue of whale entanglements.
- Testing of a marine wildlife emergency data portal has commenced.
- The NSW Government announced \$28 million under Round 3 of the NSW [Boating Now Program](#) for maritime infrastructure and facilities needed across NSW for safe, accessible and enjoyable recreational and commercial boating.
- A draft Marine Estate Education Strategy has been developed, with targeted engagement to start in July with key educators, industry groups and other key organisations.
- The [Marine Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Framework](#) was completed in 2019 and made public, which enables MEMA to measure their success in implementing each of the actions in the Strategy and periodically inform how intended outcomes are being met.

For more information visit www.marine.nsw.gov.au.

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**Department
of Industry**

The following advice has been provided directly by the DPI for the PFA. We intend to constantly have this direct communication from DPI available to our members as we believe it is important to have these DPI statements or reminders. If you have questions re the info, please contact DPI directly.

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DPI COVID-19 update

DPI teams are continuing their work, in-line with government guidelines and advice from health authorities. Our essential services continue working across the state's primary industries sector. There may be some delays; however, we are working to minimise any disruption. For the latest advice on the NSW Government's response to COVID-19 visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

The DPI COVID-19 Advice Portal contains further information and links to assistance and resources available for primary producers including the Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture sector. You can access the Portal at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/home/covid-19>

Any fishing business owner that may be experiencing problems repaying concessional loans through the Rural Assistance Authority should contact them on 1800 678 593 to discuss repayments.

Total allowable catch and fishing effort determinations

TAC determinations for the Estuary General Hand Gathering Fishery have been set by the Total Allowable Fishing Committee for the 2020/21 fishing period commencing 1 July 2020. Quota will be allocated prior to 1 July 2020. Further information is available at the link below.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/total-allowable-fishing>

Quota usage season snapshot

The Quota Usage Season Snapshot for the current fishing period can be found at:

https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1195228/Industry-Update-15-June-2020.pdf

Catch reporting tip: End of Season reconciling Quota usage and Catch & Effort.

During, and at the end of, a fishing period the Department undertakes a number of checks on reported quota used, reported catch & effort, and records not yet received.

These checks help inform management, compliance and research, and we rely heavily on this information to ensure that NSW commercial fisheries are sustainable.

You can help to ensure the sustainable future of your industry by checking that your records are complete, accurate and submitted within the required time.

The easiest way to check is by logging into **FisherDirect**.

If you find that you have made a mistake, you should immediately contact Catch Records by email so that we can work with you to correct your records.

If you have any questions about Catch & Effort records, quota reporting, records of sale/possession, European Community Catch Certificates or registered fish receivers please contact the Catch Records team on 1800 994 850 or catch.records@dpi.nsw.gov.au

TAFE NSW fee free courses

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, TAFE NSW, in conjunction with the NSW Government, is offering a number of fee-free* short courses that can be completed in just days or weeks, offering practical skills and experiences across a range of industries.

More details can be found <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>

Seafood Innovation Fund



The Seafood Innovation Fund is an investment in the future of our seafood industry.

The fund will build industry capability and allow our seafood businesses to plan ahead with more certainty.

The low interest loans can be used by businesses to:

- Improve assets and infrastructure,
- Ensure long term productivity and sustainable use of the marine and land-based environment,
- Identify and address risks, and
- Help build resilience to changes in seasonal conditions.

Further information and applications can be made through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority via the following link [Seafood Innovation Fund](#).

Renewing your commercial fishing licence online

Did you know that licence renewals can be done online?

Commercial fishing and fishing boat licence renewals can be done online via the FisherDirect online self-service system.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register for online access. You can do this by completing the FisherDirect Application Form at https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1182445/FOL-Form-7-FishOnline-Account-Application-Form.pdf

If you are not confident with computers or prefer someone to act on your behalf, you may appoint an Agent. Agent application forms are available at https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/632535/FOL-Form-2-FisherDirect-Agent-Authorisation-Form.pdf