

**OCEAN TRAWL– FISH NORTHERN ZONE AND INSHORE AND OFFSHORE PRAWN,  
OCEAN HAULING – PURSE SEINE NET, OCEAN TRAP AND LINE – LINE EASTERN  
ZONE, ESTUARY GENERAL – HAND GATHERING AND SOUTHERN FISH TRAWL**

**INDEPENDENT ALLOCATION PANEL**

**c/o The IAP, Grant Thornton Level 17, 383 Kent Street, Sydney 2000**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Re: Draft Reports for Ocean Trawl – Fish Northern Zone and Inshore and Offshore Prawn, Ocean Hauling – Purse Seine Net, Ocean Trap and Line – Line Eastern Zone and Estuary General – Hand Gathering**

Dear Fishing Business Owners,

A copy of this communication can be found at [www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP](http://www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP).

Please be advised that draft reports for Ocean Trawl – Fish Northern Zone and Inshore and Offshore Prawn, Ocean Hauling – Purse Seine Net, Ocean Trap and Line – Line Eastern Zone and Estuary General – Hand Gathering are now available.

Physical copies of the draft reports have been sent out via post to all Fishing Business License Owners. Electronic copies of the reports can be found at:  
[www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP](http://www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP).

The Independent Allocation Panel is now inviting comment and feedback on the draft reports. Please send all written submissions to [iap@au.gt.com](mailto:iap@au.gt.com) or Independent Allocation Panel, c/o The IAP, Grant Thornton Level 17, 383 Kent Street, Sydney 2000.

Submissions for the draft report for Ocean Trawl – Fish Northern Zone and Inshore and Offshore Prawn, Ocean Hauling – Purse Seine Net, Ocean Trap and Line – Line Eastern Zone and Estuary General – Hand Gathering will close at **5pm** on the **7<sup>th</sup> of May**.

This deadline has been set to ensure we are able to provide timely advice to the Minister of Primary Industries and allow fishermen to have more clarity on the future direction of the fisheries as soon as possible. As such, submissions provided after the 7<sup>th</sup> of May will not be considered when preparing the final report. Please ensure submissions are provided prior to 5pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

The Panel would like to thank all the Fishing Business Owners who took the time to attend consultations and provide submissions. Your input was invaluable to the drafting of the report.

A draft report will be circulated for Southern Fish Trawl on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

We have attached a copy of the timeline for the IAP process below.

For copies of the Terms of Reference for each fishery please visit  
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform/independent-allocation-panel>.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Daryl McPhee

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Brett McCallum

## Independent Allocation Panel TIMELINE

Please find below the timeline for the Independent Allocation Panel to provide advice to the NSW Government on species shares for Ocean Trap & Line – Line Eastern Zone, Ocean Haul– Purse Seine Net, Ocean Trawl - Fish Northern Zone and Inshore and Offshore Prawn, Estuary General – Hand Gathering and Southern Fish Trawl.

