

Fish Resources Management Act 1994

WEST COAST DEMERSAL FINFISH CHARTER TAG QUOTA STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION FOR 2023-24

I, Nathan Harrison, Executive Director, Fisheries and Agriculture Resource Management of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD):

- a) having considered the Minister for Fisheries decision of 14 February 2024 on the revised access and allocation criteria for demersal finfish species to Fishing Tour Operator Licence (FTOL) holders in the West Coast Region as set out in Schedule 1; and
- b) taking into account catch history recorded in statutory logbooks, as shown in DPIRD records;

hereby make a determination in regard to the number of quota tags allocated to FTOL holders in the West Coast Region for use during the licensing period commencing 1 July 2023 and ceasing on 30 June 2024, as set out in the table to Schedule 2.

This Statement of Determination replaces the West Coast Demersal Finfish Charter Tag Quota Statement of Determination for 2023-24 made on 29 May 2023.

Quota tags are to be used in accordance with the *Prohibition on Recreational Fishing for Demersal Finfish from Charter Boats (West Coast Zone) Order 2023*.

Schedule 1

Criteria	Description
Access criteria	<p>That access to the catch quota system is to be based on a minimum average retained catch of 140 demersal scalefish (top 15 species) taken in the West Coast Zone reported by an FTOL in statutory logbooks in 3 of the 5 licensing periods below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 1 July 2017 to 30 June 20182. 1 July 2018 to 30 June 20193. 1 July 2019 to 30 June 20204. 1 July 2020 to 30 June 20215. 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022*
Allocation model	<p>Catch quota is to be allocated between FTOL holders that meet the access criteria, proportional to catch history.</p> <p>Catch history will include the average number of demersal scalefish (top 15 species) retained in the West Coast Zone reported in statutory logbooks based on the 3 licensing periods with the highest catches out of the 5 licensing periods listed above.</p>

Schedule 2

FTOL Number	Number of West Coast Demersal Finfish Quota Tags
FT1L209	697
FT1L123	691
FT1L22	582
FT1L51	502
FT1L116	426
FT1L387	376
FT1L23	331
FT1L316	330
FT1L72	315
FT1L141	253
FT1L108	248
FT1L327	246
FT1L179	219
FT1L221	213
FT1L272	198
FT1L117	198
FT1L211	189
FT1L5	176
FT1L21	150
FT1L4	140
FT1L48	140
FT1L162	112
FT1L201	99

FT1L118	87
FT1L199	83
FT1L207	77
FT1L54	69
FT1L102	68
FT1L111	61
FT1L204	61
FT1L336	59
FT1L134	58
FT1L182	48
TOTAL	7,500



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Dated this 14th day of February 2024