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WILD FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BRANCH

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## Banded Morwong Fishery Update

Dear licence holder,

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Guy Barnett MP, has determined that the total allowable catch (TAC) for the 2021/22 quota period for the Banded Morwong Quota Fishery will be set at 35,760 kilograms (35.76 tonnes). This TAC equates to 30 kilograms per quota unit. A copy of the public notice is enclosed for your information.

The Minister made his decision having considered the advice of the DPIPWE, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), the Scalefish Fishery Advisory Committee and the outcomes of the Industry forum. The increase in quota unit value is applies to the 2021/22 season only.

Your new licence certificate with the increased unit value will be sent out this week. If you elected to receive your licence certificates via email you will receive them on the day they are updated and reissued. If you receive your licence certificates via mail, then your receipt will be subject to Australia Post delivery times.

The 2019/20 stock assessment is available for download on the [IMAS website](#). The 2020/21 stock assessment should be available later this year.

### Operational Guide for the commercial Banded Morwong Fishery

The 2021 version of the *Operational Guide for the commercial Banded Morwong Fishery*—which provides plain English information on the fishery—is available for download from the [DPIPWE website](#). This document contains information on the following:

- Industry representation
- Communication with DPIPWE etc
- Area of the fishery
- Closed season
- Licence requirements
- Quota management
- Telephone reporting
- Fish caufs and holding tanks
- Commercial catch, effort and disposal records

- Quota docketts
- Interactions with protected species
- Infringements and penalties
- Frequently asked questions.

Please ensure that any supervisors operating under your licence are aware of these requirements.

### Banded Morwong Fishery Forum

The 2021 Forum was held at DPIPWE, Hobart on Friday, 26 March 2021. There were 13 industry members present, including one who had joined via video conference.

These forums are an opportunity for industry members to hear about the performance of the fishery—including biological information—directly from researchers (the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies [IMAS]) and to provide their own feedback. It is also an opportunity for industry to discuss management issues directly with DPIPWE Fishery Managers.

You will be advised via email when the next forum will be held. We strongly encourage all licence holders and supervisors to attend future forums.

### Catch Updates

Catch updates for the Banded Morwong Fishery are available on the [DPIPWE website](#). The landings data for the current quota year are updated on a regular basis—particularly towards the end of the season.

If you have any questions, please contact the Commercial Scalefish Section of the Wild Fisheries Management Branch on (03) 6165 3044 or via email to [fishing.enquiries@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:fishing.enquiries@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au) and include “commercial scalefish enquiry” in the subject line.

Yours sincerely



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