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Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

Managing our Calamari Fishery

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) is reviewing the management arrangements for the state's Calamari Fishery.

The Calamari Fishery is a component of the commercial Scalefish Fishery that operates in Tasmanian coastal waters, predominantly along the south east, east and north coasts.

General Manager of Water and Marine Resources at DPIPWE Fionna Bourne says the review will investigate alternative ways to manage catch and effort.

"This review is about delivering holistic management and sustainability objectives and providing greater certainty for licence holders," Ms Bourne said.

Ms Bourne said all options for the management of this fishery will be considered and the review does not mean any particular outcome will be pursued in the future.

Any changes to the management plan require the full statutory process for changing the rules which includes mandatory public consultation to allow input from all stakeholders and licence holders.

If any access arrangements are introduced based upon historical activity in the fishery in terms of investment or catches in the fishery, any such investment or catches made after 23 August 2018 will not be considered in that process.

Only catch and effort information recorded up to and including the 23 August 2018 in the Commercial Catch, Effort and Disposal Record book and submitted to the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment is likely to be considered in the event that access is allocated based upon historic catches in the fishery.

More information about the Calamari Fishery can be found on the DPIPWE website: dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/southernCalamari