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**DETERMINATION OF FISHING CAPACITY**

***Fisheries Management Act 1991***

Subsection 17(6)(aa)

***Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2010***

Subsection 3.2(1)

 **EASTERN TUNA AND BILLFISH FISHERY TOTAL ALLOWABLE COMMERCIAL CATCH AND UNDERCATCH/OVERCATCH DETERMINATION 2017**

The **AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY** makes the following Determination pursuant to subsection 17(6)(aa) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* under subsections 3.2(1) and 3.2(2) of the *Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2010.*

**Dated:** 10 January 2017

In accordance with a decision taken to have been made without a meeting of the Commissioners under s25 of the *Fisheries Administration Act 1991*, this instrument is accepted on behalf of the Commission by:

**Andrew Pearson**

Executive Secretary

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

**Citation**

1. This Determination may be cited as the *Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery Total Allowable Commercial Catch and Undercatch/Overcatch Determination 2017*.

**Commencement**

2. This Determination commences on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

**Cessation**

3.This Determination ceases as if revoked on 1 March 2018 unless earlier revoked.

**Interpretation**

4. Terms used in this Determination that are defined for the purposes of the *Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2010* (‘the Plan’) have the same meanings in this Determination as they have in that Plan.

**Notes**: 1. Terms defined in the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* have the same meanings in this Determination.

**Determination of total allowable commercial catch**

5. The total allowable commercial catch for quota species for the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery fishing season commencing on 1 March 2017 and ending on 28 February 2018 is:

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| ***Quota species*** | ***Total Allowable Commercial Catch*** |
| Albacore Tuna | 2500 tonnes | Whole weight |
| Bigeye Tuna | 1056 tonnes | Whole weight  |
| Broadbill Swordfish  | 1285 tonnes | Whole weight |
| Striped Marlin | 351 tonnes | Whole weight |
| Yellowfin Tuna  | 2400 tonnes | Whole weight |

**Determination of overcatch and undercatch**

6. The determined percentage and determined weight, for section 4.5 of the Plan (Obligations relating to overcatch), and the determined percentage for section 4.6 of the Plan (Obligations relating to undercatch) for each quota species for the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery fishing season commencing on 1 March 2017 and ending on 28 February 2018 are:

| ***Quota Species*** | ***Determined Percentage (Overcatch – s4.5)*** | ***Determined Percentage (Undercatch – s4.6)*** | ***Determined weight (s4.5)***  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Albacore Tuna  | 10% | 10% | 2,000 Kg |
| Bigeye Tuna | 10% | 10% | 2,000 Kg |
| Broadbill Swordfish  | 10% | 10% | 2,000 Kg |
| Striped Marlin | 10% | 10% | 2,000 Kg |
| Yellowfin Tuna | 10% | 10% | 2,000 Kg |