



Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery (Transfer Weighing of fish—purse seine method of fishing) Determination 2024

I, Wez Norris, Chief Executive Officer, make the following determination.

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Australian Fisheries Management Authority

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery (Transfer Weighing of fish—purse seine method of fishing) Determination 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 December 2024.

3 Cessation

This instrument ceases on 30 November 2025.

4 Authority

This instrument is made pursuant to paragraph 17(6)(aa) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and under subclause 22B.2 of the *Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995*.

5 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in clause 3 of the Management Plan, including the following:

- (a) *farm representative*.

In this instrument:

Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

Management Plan means the *Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995*.

6 Manner of carrying out transfer weighing

- (1) For the purposes of subclause 22B.2 of the Management Plan, a transfer weighing of fish is to be carried out in the following manner:
 - (a) at least 100 fish that each weighs 8 kilograms or more must be taken from the tow pontoon and the average weight of those fish is determined to two decimal places; or
 - (b) if 150 fish have been taken from the tow pontoon and the number of fish that weigh 8 kilograms or more each is less than 100, then the average weight shall be calculated to two decimal places from the 150 fish taken regardless of the individual weight of each fish; and,
 - (c) a video recording must be made of each transfer of the fish from the tow pontoon to the farm;
 - (d) the video must depict a side view covering the opening between the tow pontoon and the farm in order that all southern bluefin tuna transferred will appear on the video recording;

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- (e) once all the transfers from that tow pontoon are complete, a farm representative and AFMA or an Agent of AFMA must view the recordings and tally the number of fish transferred.
- (2) The weight of fish in the transfer weighing is determined by multiplying the average weight determined under paragraph 6(1)(a) or 6(1)(b) by the number of fish in the tow pontoon as determined under paragraph 6(1)(e).