

Table 1. Catch and stock indicators until the end of July in the 2016 Fishing Period and in 2015. Assessment data compares standardised values over the last 6 months to the same 6 months a year ago.

Area	Assessment data		2016 fishing period				2015	Comment
	Catch rate	Mean size	Catch (t)	Catch if 130 t	Target	Target $\pm 15\%$		
Northern point								
01-07 Tweed A-S	-	-	1.8				4.3	Catch rate stable, or up south of Bermagui, and mean size larger compared to same time last year, with catch below target except at Narooma.
08 Narooma T	-2%	+4%	4.5				1.3	
09 Bermagui U1-3	+8%	+3%	1.7				6.6	
Total SMU 1			8.0 t	12.8 t	21 t	18-24	14.6 t	
10 Bunga U4-V2	+11%	+3%	6.8				11.7	Catch rate variable, with increases south of Bunga and Turingal, and mean size larger compared to same time last year, with catch slightly above target.
11 Moon Bay V3-W1	-2%	+1%	5.8				8.7	
12 Turingal W2-X1	+11%	+3%	5.3				6.2	
13 Long Beach X2	-6%	+4%	3.9				5.0	
Total SMU 2			21.9 t	35.3 t	33 t	28-38	31.6 t	
14 Eden Y11-21	-9%	+2%	6.2				10.8	Catch rate variable, although mostly lower and mean size larger on Green Cape, compared to same time last year, with catch slightly below target.
15 Saltwater Y22-23	+6%	+2%	6.6				10.0	
16 Bittangabee Y24	-14%	+2%	7.0				12.1	
17 Greencape Y31	-9%	-1%	6.5				10.5	
18 City Rock Y32	-4%	+1%	3.2				6.1	
Total SMU 3			29.5 t	47.6 t	50 t	43-58	49.4 t	
19 Wonboyn Z1-3	-17%	+1%	3.8				10.4	Catch rate lower, except on Cape Howe where higher, and mean size larger compared to same time last year, with catch slightly above target.
20 Saltlake Z4	-18%	+10%	6.9				10.6	
21 Howe Z5	+10%	+8%	10.7				12.7	
Total SMU 4			21.3 t	34.3 t	32 t	27-37	33.8 t	
Total			80.6 t	130 t				

