

Table 1. Catch and stock indicators until the end of March in the 2017 Fishing Period and in 2016. Assessment data compares standardised values over the last 6 months to the same 6 months a year ago.

Area	Assessment data		2017 fishing period			2016	Comment
	Catch rate	Mean size	Catch (t)	Target	Target $\pm 15\%$		
Northern point						Catch (t)	
01-07 Tweed A-R			0.0	9.0		2.3	Catch rate down and mean size larger across SMU, with catch well below target.
Total SMU 1			0.0 t	9 t	8-10	2.3 t	
07 Tuross S			0	0.5		0.9	Catch rate higher in north and lower in south compared to same time last year, but catch rate and mean weight stable across SMU. Catch increased at Narooma in 2016, behind target at Bermagui, and ahead of target north of Tathra. Catch below target in 2017.
08 Narooma T	+7%	+2%	0.9	5.0		5.4	
09 Bermagui U1-3	+8%	-2%	0.2	8.0		4.1	
10 Bunga U4-V2	-18%	-3%	1.5	11.0		11.5	
11 Moon Bay V3-W1	-7%	-1%	1.0	9.0		12.2	
12 Turlingal W2-X1	-12%	-2%	1.5	7.0		7.8	
13 Long Beach X2	-12%	+2%	0.9	5.0		5.2	
Total SMU 2			6.0 t	45 t	38-52	47.1 t	
14 Eden Y11-21	-20%	+1%	1.3	10.0		9.6	Catch rate down but mean weight stable compared to same time last year, with catch below target in 2016 and 2017.
15 Saltwater Y22-23	-12%	+1%	1.5	10.0		9.5	
16 Bittangabee Y24	-11%	0%	0.9	12.0		9.1	
17 Greencape Y31	0%	0%	3.6	11.0		10.8	
18 City Rock Y32	-13%	-2%	2.4	6.0		6.7	
Total SMU 3			9.7 t	49 t	42-56	45.7 t	
19 Wonboyn Z1-3	-25%	+2%	2.3	7.0		6.5	Catch rate lower and mean weight larger, except on Saltlake where mean weight lower compared to same time last year. Catch above target in 2017 and 2016, particularly on Cape Howe.
20 Saltlake Z4	-26%	-2%	0.6	10.0		9.4	
21 Howe Z5	-6%	+2%	2.3	14.0		18.5	
Total SMU 4			5.2 t	31 t	26-36	34.3 t	
Total			20.9 t			130 t TAC	