Table 1. Catch and stock indicators until the end of September in the 2017 Fishing Period and in 2016. Areas highlighted red are well behind target catch, and green when well ahead. 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
Northern point	Catch rate	Mean size	Catch (t)	Target (t)	Catch % Target	Catch (t)	
01-07 Tweed A-R			4.4	9.0	51	2.3	Catch rate stable and mean size larger across SMU, with catch below target.
Total SMU 1			4.4 t	9 t (8-10)	51%	2.3 t	
07 Tuross S			0.4	0.5	37	0.9	
08 Narooma T	-8%	-1%	5.0	5.0	100	5.4	
09 Bermagui U1-3	-28%	-4%	3.8	8.0	48	4.1	Catch rate and mean size lower in most areas. Catch ahead of target in most areas, except Tuross and Bermagui.
10 Bunga U4-V2	-20%	-1%	10.1	11.0	91	11.5	
11 Moon Bay V3-W1	-22%	-1%	9.3	9.0	104	12.2	
12 Turingal W2-X1	-17%	-1%	4.7	7.0	67	7.8	
13 Long Beach X2	-8%	0%	3.1	5.0	62	5.2	
Total SMU 2			36.4 t	45 t (38-52)	79%	47.1 t	
14 Eden Y11-21	-17%	0%	4.5	10.0	45	9.6	
15 Saltwater Y22-23	-18%	+2%	3.9	10.0	39	9.5	Catch rate and mean size lower in most areas. Catch behind target from Eden to the tip of Green Cape, and ahead of target inside City Rock.
16 Bittangabee Y24	+1%	0%	3.7	12.0	31	9.1	
17 Greencape Y31	-13%	-4%	8.1	11.0	74	10.8	
18 City Rock Y32	-7%	0%	6.2	6.0	104	6.7	
Total SMU 3			26.5 t	49 t (42-56)	54%	45.7 t	
19 Wonboyn Z1-3	-18%	-6%	7.6	7.0	108	6.5	Catch rate and mean size lower in most areas. Catch above target in all areas, and particularly Wonboyn and the Howe.
20 Saltlake Z4	0%	-6%	7.6	10.0	76	9.4	
21 Howe Z5	-4%	-4%	14.4	14.0	103	18.5	
Total SMU 4			29.6 t	31 t (26-36)	95%	34.3 t	
Total			96.8 t	134 t	74%	130 t TAC	