

Small Pelagic Fishery (Total Allowable Catch) Determination 2023

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority makes the following determination in accordance with a decision made by the Commissioners under section 23 of the *Fisheries Administration Act 1991*.

Dated 17 March 2023

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for and on behalf of the Commission of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Small Pelagic Fishery (Total Allowable Catch) Determination 2023*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislation.

3 Cessation

This instrument ceases on 1 May 2024.

4 Authority

This instrument is made pursuant to subsection 17(6)(aa) of the Act for the purpose of subsections 10(1) and 17(1) of the Management Plan.

5 Definitions

(1) In this instrument:

***Act*** means the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

***Management Plan*** means the *Small Pelagic Fishery Management Plan 2009*.

(2) A term used in this instrument that is defined for the purposes of the Management Plan has the same meaning in this instrument as it has in that Management Plan.

Note: Terms defined in the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* have the same meaning in this instrument (see paragraph 13(1)(b) of the *Legislation Act 2003*).

6 Determination of total allowable catch

1. This section applies to the 2023-24 fishing season commencing on 1 May 2023 and ending on 30 April 2024.
2. The total allowable catch determined in column 3 of the table is the total allowable catch of whole weight of fish listed in column 1.

| Item | Column 1  Species of fish | Column 2  Sub-area of the fishery | Column 3  Total allowable catch |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Australian sardine | Australian sardine | 8 060 tonnes |
| 2 | Blue mackerel | Eastern | 11 610 tonnes |
| 3 | Blue mackerel | Western | 3 240 tonnes |
| 4 | Jack mackerel | Eastern | 18 720 tonnes |
| 5 | Jack mackerel | Western | 2 100 tonnes |
| 6 | Redbait | Eastern | 5 380 tonnes |
| 7 | Redbait | Western | 6 680 tonnes |