

Netting Permit Byelaw

Policy & clarification on the use of multiple Category Two permits on a single vessel

Section 5 of the Netting Permit Byelaw specifies that the Authority may authorise the use of a net by issuing a Category Two permit to:

- a) the owner of a named vessel that is not a relevant fishing vessel; or
- b) a named person without a vessel

Section 14 of the Netting Permit Byelaw specifies that the permit holder or a named representative must be present when fishing is being undertaken under the authority of the permit.

The permit conditions specify catch, gear, spatial and time restrictions that are applicable per permit holder.

Explanation

The interpretations used within the Netting Permit Byelaw explain the criteria required to qualify as a relevant fishing vessel that is issued with a Category One permit. Relevant fishing vessels are commercial vessels. Recreational fishers qualify for Category Two permits.

Section 5 (a) and (b) of the Netting Permit Byelaw makes it possible for more than one person to have a Category Two permit to use on a single vessel. One person or more may be the owner of the vessel, but it is also possible that others with no vessel may conduct netting from this same vessel. This is possible where family members or a group of friends all fish with nets together.

The conditions of use within each netting permit are for each permit holder.

Individual nets can be combined to form longer nets providing they are set and hauled while all individual permit holders are present.

All individual tags must be fitted to the combined net and the combined net must be marked with all the relevant permit numbers that have been assigned to individual permits.

The catch restrictions within the permit specify the total individual catch per person per calendar day. Total catch can also be combined if more than one permit holder is present.

Netting permit holders may also have a valid permit for other fishing methods such as potting. Netting permit holders should be aware that the catch entitlement per calendar day specified in a Category Two netting permit can't be combined with catch entitlement per calendar day from other permits that may have been issued.