

## Submission template for feedback on the proposed 2023/24 TACC for the Ocean Scallop Fishery

Please return submissions by Tuesday 14 February to Michelle Wenner, Fishery Manager,  
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### Proposed 135 tonne TACC

- ☐ Supported
- ☒ Not supported

### Proposed Alternative

We propose 4 tonne per licence as an incentive to search for new scallop beds.

### Evidence to support proposal

In previous years when scallop TACC was at its lowest, there was no incentive for vessel operators to go searching for new scallop beds as the quota owned by the vessel was not able to cover costs involved and leasing quota just added to the costs. For many vessels not permanently located in Lakes Entrance or Welshpool this was an enormous deterrent as the travel time was up to 24 hours before starting the search for scallops. Our company would not be able to search for new scallop beds with a low TACC.

### Other Comments

With nominated areas being closed to commercial fishing, a higher TACC would not be detrimental to the scallop fishery as we would be looking for new scallop beds. If new scallop beds were not to be found, the scallop quota caught would be quite low as vessels would move on to fishing in Tas or Commonwealth fisheries.

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