



Blue Whiting Policy 2014

1. The RSW Pelagic segment to receive 91% of the total adjusted quota, the balance is reserved for the Polyvalent segment.
2. The Quota Management Advisory Committee (Industry Representatives) will be asked each year to nominate the number of vessels from both the RSW Pelagic segment and the Polyvalent segment to be authorised to fish in each segment.
3. Quota Management Advisory Committee (Industry Representatives) will be asked each year to nominate the names of vessels for both the RSW Pelagic segment and the Polyvalent segment to be authorised to fish in each segment.
4. The call for nominations will be placed on the Department's website.
5. Where no recommendation from the Quota Management Advisory Committee (Industry Representatives) is received in respect of the number of vessels to be authorised in either segment, the numbers will be determined taking account of the general approach that the base line for a RSW Pelagic segment vessel will be in the range 800-1100tonnes and for a polyvalent segment vessel will be 200 - 400 tonnes. Any views of industry in this regard will be taken into consideration.
6. Where there is no agreed Quota Management Advisory Committee (Industry Representatives) position, in any year, on the named vessels to be authorised in a segment, the following process will apply, that year, for that segment:
 - a. The fishery will be advertised on the Department's website seeking applications for the fishery from the relevant fleet segment.
 - b. Where the Quota Management Advisory Committee (Industry Representatives) has not recommended the number of vessels to be authorised in the relevant segment, the maximum number of polyvalent segment vessels or RSW Pelagic segment vessels that the available quota can support for the segment will be calculated with reference to the baseline at (5) above.
 - c. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of vessels to be authorised for the segment, an open draw will be used to reduce the number of applicants in each segment to the maximum number for the segment, calculated at b. above.
 - d. Applicants must confirm in writing their partner (where relevant) and their willingness to be entered into an open draw.



- e. Previous participants in the fishery will not be precluded from entering the lottery.
- f. Where less than the maximum number of vessels set for the segment apply, the segment quota will be distributed evenly between the approved applicants.
- g. A reserve list will be created.
- h. Following the draw, the successful applicants will be offered, in principle, an authorisation to participate in the fishery. However, the issue of the authorisation to the successful vessels will be subject to confirmation by the SFPA, following an inspection, that the vessel is equipped to participate in the fishery. If the vessel is not confirmed by the SFPA as being equipped within 12 working days following such notification of the offer, the offer of an authorisation will be withdrawn.
The next vessel(s) on the reserve list will be made an offer.
- i. A vessel which is granted an authorisation and which does not fish for whatever reason shall be precluded from being entered in the open draw for the following two years. A vessel which receives an offer of an authorisation but is not subsequently granted an authorisation because the necessary confirmation has not been provided by the SFPA, shall be precluded from being entered in the open draw for the following year.

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