

Senate Environment and Communications References Committee

Inquiry into large capacity fishing vessels

Questions on Notice

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Petuna Sealord Deepwater Fishing Pty Ltd

Question 1

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Senator URQUHART asked:

CHAIR: You stated that the winter blue grenadier fishery is a clean target species fishery with a low bycatch. What has been the bycatch in the most recent fishing season?

Mr McNeill: Of the species?

CHAIR: Yes, the amount and species.

Mr McNeill: I could not tell you, but, being very clean, it would be very low levels. Sorry, I could not tell you.

CHAIR: Would you be able to take that on notice?

Mr McNeill: Yes

Response

I can advise that the percentage of by-catch to Blue Grenadier is as follows:

% by-catch of quota species relative to Blue Grenadier	0.8%
% by-catch of non-quota species relative to Blue Grenadier	0.6%
% by-catch of all bycatch species relative to Blue Grenadier	1.3%

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