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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

At which beaches will the net trial take place and what type of nets will be used? Eg length, depth, where will they be sunk?

Answer:

As specified in the *Management Plan for the NSW North Coast Shark Meshing Trial November 2016*:

- The trial is to be conducted at coastal beaches and other tidal waters in the Ballina Shire and Richmond Valley Council Local Government Areas.
- The nets will be deployed initially at five beaches: Evans Heads, Lighthouse, Shelly, Sharpes, and Lennox main beaches.
- The trial will use bottom-set synthetic filament mesh nets, 150m in length, with 60cm mesh size and 4m or 6m in depth, set in a generally parallel direction off the coastal beach or other tidal waters, anchored in 7-10m depth of water (not more than 12m) with a weighted bottom line (leadline) and a floated top line (floatline).