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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

How often will the nets be monitored for by catch?

Answer:

The trial involves an observer program to monitor the trial operations to quantify and maximise the accuracy of information arising from captures. As specified by the *Management Plan for the NSW North Coast Shark Meshing Trial November 2016*:

- The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) will provide an appropriately qualified and trained observer for net inspections (i.e. setting, checking and/or retrieving a net) during the trial.
- Nets must be inspected no earlier than 4 hours and within 24 hours of the previous inspection, weather permitting.
- The observer will identify and record all fauna taken in net catches. Data on catches will be reported at least monthly on the NSW DPI website.