

## **Nautilus Fishing Pty. Ltd.**

### **Submission - Review of Commonwealth Fisheries Management Legislation**

Our submission is in dot point form for your consideration and is as follows:

- Quota is usually leased from a non-fishing owner. A 'use it or lose it' policy should apply to quota owners and applicants.
- We own a SESS Scalefish Hook licence and this year AFMA increased the annual levy from \$7,000 to \$14,000 which has impacted financially on many small fishing businesses. The Hook licence fees should be dependant on the number of hooks used ie. up to 500, up to 1000 etc.
- AFMA, this year, employed a consultant to review the Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) because of the 100% increase in levy fees. His recommendation was to re-structure the CRIS as AFMA spends more hours on quota management than levy fees.
- It is generally felt that AFMA has no appreciation or policy to assist small isolated regional fishermen to earn a living. We believe also, there is no recognition of the sustainability of hook fishing compared to trawl fishing and would welcome discussion and assistance on isolated regional area fishing.

Yours faithfully,

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