

Determining Registered Receiver net weights via grading of rock lobster

West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery (WCRLMF) Quota Management Review - Phase One

To support the transition of WCRLMF to a Registered Receiver quota management system the Department has introduced an interim Instrument of Exemption (EXEM251402825). This exemption allows for more flexibility in how Registered Receivers report the net weight of rock lobsters by allowing the determination of net weight for consignments by grading.

Key Changes in Phase One:

- The current “higher-of-two weights” system will remain in place. This means the greater of the two reported weights (Master’s or Receiver’s) is used to acquit quota against entitlement.
- From 1 November 2025, in addition to current methods for determining net weight of lobster, Registered Receivers will be allowed to report net weight using a graded-weight method.
- Receivers can still choose to report net weight using the existing method outlined in Schedule 10 of the Management Plan.
- Masters must continue to report their own weights.
- The water loss concession will remain in place until Phase Two is introduced.

Frequently Asked Questions

What needs to be included in the net weight determined by grading reported to DPIRD

Graded weight means the lobsters are sorted by size or quality and then weighed. When reporting graded weights for consignments to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), you must include:

- The total weight of all graded lobsters, plus (+)
- The total weight of any deductions for lobsters that are dead, damaged, or missing legs or antennae, including the legs or antennae.
- The final net weight must be rounded to one decimal place (e.g., 123.4 kg).

Graded net weight = graded weight + deductions (dead/damaged lobsters, missing legs/antennae), to 1 decimal place.

How do I report the graded weight to DPIRD?

To report that the net weight was determined by grading, tick the “determined by grading” box in Part C of the Registered Receiver Consignment Form. These forms were not changed with the previous amendments to the Plan.

PART C CONSIGNMENT DETAILS (REGISTERED RECEIVER'S PREMISES) – Complete immediately on weighing consignment			
Containers secured and tags affixed? ☒ Yes ☐ No (circle one)		Number of Containers: 1 2	
Gross Consignment Weight: 9 9 6 1 kg		Time Weighed (gross): 1 3 0 5 am / ☒ pm (circle one)	
Total Weight of Containers: 6 6 2 kg			
Net Consignment Weight: 9 1 4 6 kg		Determined by grading (tick if true): ☒	
I declare that the information given on behalf of the receiver in Part C of this consignment form is true and correct:			
Print full name: BRETT SCADDEN			
Signature: 		Date: 1 2 1 0 1 2	

What method should be used if we do not determine net weights through grading?

If you're not using the graded-weight method to determine net weight, you must use the method described in Schedule 10 of the Management Plan. This involves:

- Weighing the entire consignment (gross weight).
- Subtracting the weight of the containers used to hold the lobsters.

This gives you the ungraded net weight.

Ungraded net weight = Gross weight – container weights

If the gross weight is determined at the point of the consignment being handed to a transport truck (Part B), do we still use this as the gross weight in Part C of the Registered Receiver Consignment Form?

Yes.

If determining Registered Receiver net weight by grading, do we still need to weigh the containers of that consignment?

Yes, weighing the containers is still required when using the graded-weight method.

Are Registered Receivers required to wait the 10 minutes after determining gross weights before breaking the seals on a container?

Yes. This rule still applies; you must still wait 10 minutes after the consignment arrives at the Registered Receiver's premises before opening the containers, or from when the consignment is handed to the transport truck. This ensures consistency and compliance with the Management Plan.

Can I back date consignments to include graded weights?

No, determining net weights by grading is only permitted from 1 November 2025.