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Draft Taxation Determination

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- 1. No.
- 2. An abalone license issued under subsection 13(1) of the Fisheries Act is a personal licence which entitles the holder to take abalone for sale. Under this Act only the licence holder is permitted to sell abalone taken.
- 3. In these circumstances income derived from the sale is assessable to the license holder. This income cannot be assessed to a company, or trust.

Example

John Shuck is a Victorian licensed abalone diver. Income from the sale of abalone he takes is included in income tax returns lodged for the John Shuck Family Trust.

This is incorrect. The income is assessable to John Shuck and must be included in his personal income tax returns.

Commissioner of Taxation

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