8 February 2023

**INFORMATION FOR AUTHORITY HOLDERS**

Please take the time to read the following information relating to your recently issued authority.

**Fisheries Legislation**

Fisheries in Queensland are operated under the Fisheries Act 1994, Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019, Fisheries (General) Regulations 2019 and relevant Declarations. Authority holders should familiarize themselves with the above legislation to ensure they hold the relevant authorities with Fisheries Queensland to take and sell Fisheries resources from Queensland waters. For example, there must be one person in charge of a primary commercial fishing licence that holds a commercial fisher licence. In quota managed fisheries a primary commercial fishing licence holder may also require quota units or trawl effort units to operate in a fishery.

Operations detected as contrary to the legislation, may carry penalties including the suspension and/or cancellation of the authority/s. The Department also has the right under the legislation to suspend or cancel an authority, in certain circumstances.

Copies of the legislation are available through:

* Free downloads from the government website at “[www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/OQPChome.htm)” ,or
* ‘LitSUPPORT”, by emailing to legislation@litsupport.com.au, or phoning 07 3223 9203.

You can find further information on the types of authorities you may require to commercially fish in Queensland on <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/fisheries/commercial-fishing-qld>

**Fee Notice Payments – (Note, this only applies to licences and individual transferable quota units/trawl effort units i.e. does not apply to permits)**

Your authority/s are ongoing providing you continue to pay the annual fees on your authority/s when they are due. You will be sent fee notices in early June and early December, paying 6 monthly fees in advance, for all licences, quota units & trawl/effort units held in your name at those times.

The legislation provides for the suspension/cancellation of authorities where the fees are not paid within a specified time, so you should ensure payments are made promptly. Where these authorities are suspended for non-payment of fees, further fees will continue to accrue until the Department cancels the authorities, or you surrender them. Therefore, once you decide that you no longer want to keep the authorities, you should formally surrender them with this Department to avoid accumulating fees.

**Reporting Requirements**

You should be aware there are various reporting requirements when commercially fishing in Queensland waters. For further information on reporting requirements, please visit the following web pages on the department’s website.

Information on vessel tracking can be found at: <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/sustainable-fisheries-strategy/vessel-tracking>

Information on quota reporting can be found at: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/fisheries/monitoring-reporting/requirements/catch-reporting>

For information on logbook requirements, you can contact logbooks@daf.qld.gov.au.

**Fisheries Queensland online systems for authority holders**

The department offers two online systems Fishnet and QLD eFisher App, these systems allow authority holders to monitor their authorities and complete a range of online transactions.

**Fishnet**

[FishNet Public](http://fishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au/) is an on-line system that allows the public to view information on authorities held on the Register of Authorities. It provides information normally searchable like authority holders’ names, authority details (licence numbers, fishery symbols, conditions etc), as well as general information such as quota usage, the number of fishery symbols in the industry etc, all of which can also be printed in hard copy.

[FishNet Secure](https://itpauth.b2clogin.com/itpauth.onmicrosoft.com/b2c_1_signin_fishnet/oauth2/v2.0/authorize?client_id=e904a8f9-5607-4075-a97c-a37508b73f40&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Ffishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au%2F&response_type=id_token&scope=openid%20profile%20offline_access&state=OpenIdConnect.AuthenticationProperties%3D_f7tsDFPxUjzVZvoBcH-5d6Fkwpo8QZC_Oa4LVMq8BnJPAhSjRjt4ltDSF2GoiLmdLSf3BprMFBGrlYuU7O5glBEeuDZHalWChptdg-SfZ4xpRAkVCAMgTRzOiFITHrT7LMRuA-7vL0HPJNw8EzfWgDOxaV-LCdvwfswOulLmCcAcWUHs0Aozm9LKNx6ItIgyzW0cNCrTjv3DQlrntUq18kruB0&response_mode=form_post&nonce=638109958386373202.ZTZkNjg4MWEtNWJiZS00YWE0LWI4ZGMtY2VkYjllODllMGQ4MjA3ZTRmNzMtZjY0MC00ZjRmLWE4MGItMTJhMmEyOWUxNmMw&x-client-SKU=ID_NET461&x-client-ver=5.5.0.0) – allows an authority holder to sign into their own account and perform a range of online transactions. This site allows you to:

* View and change your personal contact details
* View your fee notices, account balance and pay a fee notice by credit card
* View your quota balances and quota activity
* Apply to temporary transfer quota to another licence holder
* Register your vessel tracking unit or apply for a vessel tracking exemption
* View your pin numbers and generate new pin numbers
* View reports relating to authorities

[How to use FishNet Secure (fisheries.qld.gov.au)](https://fishnet.fisheries.qld.gov.au/Content/Public/How%20to%20use%20FishNet%20Secure%20on%20a%20computer.pdf) is a guide on how to access and use Fishnet.

**QLD eFisher app**

QLD eFisher app allows the commercial fisher licence holder in control of a primary commercial fishing licence to lodge quota reports, logbook reports, monitor quota balances and check the status of their vessel tracking units.

You can visit [Qld eFisher app | Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland (daf.qld.gov.au)](https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/commercial/qld-efisher-app) for further information on using this app.

**Investment and increased fishing effort warnings - as at 6 March 2014**

Investment and increased effort warnings are formal notifications issued by Fisheries Queensland to let potential investors, current fishers and boat owners know that any increases in fishing effort, catch or investment in a fishery made after the release of an investment warning may not be recognised in any future management arrangements for that fishery. Further information on investment warnings can be found at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/fisheries/warnings>

Regards

**Fisheries Licensing Unit**