

NSW Trawl Fisheries Code of Practice

Regulatory actions

1. Be familiar with and comply with relevant fisheries legislation, closures and marine protected areas.
2. Be aware of any changes made to the legislation governing trawl fisheries.
3. Ensure that true and accurate records of fishing and catch effort are maintained and submitted in accordance with the legislation.
4. Use gear in accordance with the legislation.
5. Only take permitted species of fish.
6. Comply with all species size limits as set out in the regulations.
7. Ensure only lawful implements are used to sort catches.
8. Produce fishing business card or digital authority upon the request of a fisheries officer.
9. Comply with any by-laws or regulations of relevant authorities.



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Food quality and seafood sales

10. Ensure that all fish landed for sale are marketed in an authorised manner.
11. Comply with the requirements of the NSW Food Authority regarding the handling, icing, storage and transport of catches, to maximise quality and minimise food safety hazards.
12. Operate according to a prescribed Food Safety Plan that minimises food safety hazards associated with the harvest of seafood for human consumption.

Code review and implementation

13. Be familiar with the actions listed in the Code and implement where possible.
14. Assist with ongoing reviews of the Code, discuss amongst industry and stakeholders, and be proactive to increase community awareness of the stewardship actions listed in the Code.



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TEP and bycatch interaction minimisation

15. Be familiar with the list of and methods of identifying protected and threatened species, populations and ecological communities that might be encountered during fishing operations.
16. Conduct fishing operations in areas, at times, and in a manner that minimises the potential for interaction with protected or threatened species or ecological communities.
17. Ensure any captured individual of a threatened or protected species are returned to the water as quickly as possible and with the least possible harm.
18. Ensure catch and effort reporting is completed and submitted for any interactions with threatened or protected species.
19. Conduct fishing operations in areas, at times, and in a manner that minimises bycatch.
20. Use equipment or methods to ensure the least possible harm to any non-retained catches returned to the water.



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Environmental stewardship actions

21. Conduct fishing operations and maintain fishing vessels in a manner that minimises environmental impacts.
22. All litter and derelict fishing gear generated or collected during fishing operations is responsibly stowed onboard and disposed of using onshore facilities.
23. Inform the relevant authority of any significant pollution incident or environmental impact.
24. Appropriate spill containment materials should be stored onboard and used where required.

Personal and public safety

25. Ensure fishing operations are conducted in a safe manner for fishers and the public, including sufficient insurance cover.



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Personal and public safety continued

- 26. Ensure fishing operations are conducted with an acceptable level of safety, according to details set out in the vessel Safety Management System.
- 27. Be courteous and co-operate fairly with any public official or member of the community.
- 28. Respect the public amenity of boat ramps by avoiding cleaning fish and gear in their vicinity and ensuring that access for other users is not unduly restricted.
- 29. Be proactive and assist maritime search and rescue operations where appropriate.

Indigenous awareness

- 30. Be aware of and respect the customs of the Aboriginal people.

Fisheries research, development and extension programs

- 31. Be pro-active, cooperate and assist fisheries related research, development and extension programs.



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Personal development

- 32. Maintain records of personal training and education competencies.
- 33. Be proactive and participate in programs that help to develop training and skills where appropriate.

Community awareness and perception

- 34. Ensure that actions of the vessel master and crew do not bring the industry into disrepute.
- 35. Engage in activities designed to improve community awareness of the NSW professional fishing industry commitment to responsible and sustainable fishing practices.

