

**DEPARTMENT of PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, PARKS, WATER
and ENVIRONMENT**

WILD FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BRANCH



Tasmania
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LIVING MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1995

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:

Title

Surname

Given Name

Organisation:

Business Address:

Postal Address:

Work Phone #: ()

Mobile #:

Email:

Fax #: ()

LICENCE DETAILS – Fishing and Marine Farming Only

List the licences and vessels that will be used in conjunction with the proposed activities:

Licence Type: Ent. #: Vessel: D/Mark:

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Marine Farming Licence #: Species:

Other details (eg. special endorsements):

PREVIOUS PERMIT DETAILS

Have you or your organisation previously held any other permits? YES NO

If so, please record permit numbers and years issued:

PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Briefly describe your proposed activity (specific details are required overleaf)

DATES - Give the dates of your proposed activity: FROM: TO:

OTHER PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED

Provide details of persons that you may need to act on your authority (eg. agents, employees)

Privacy Statement

Personal information will be collected from you for the purposes of maintaining a register of persons holding authorisations and fishing certificates pursuant to the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* and will be used by DPIPWE for purposes permitted by this Act. Failure to provide this information may result in the inability to process your application or provide the service requested.

Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary or if required by law. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIPWE. You may be charged a fee for this service.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY DETAILS

MARINE SPECIES

- Specify species you propose to take, possess, sell etc.
- Include specific requirements eg. quantity, size, quality, season.

EQUIPMENT AND METHODS

- Provide details of equipment and methods proposed (include design details, diagrams or photographs for new or modified equipment and methods).
- Include details of any known trials.

AREA DETAILS

- Detail the areas for your activities. Provide coordinates/maps where appropriate.
- Indicate the depth range, bottom type, position in the water column.

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER USERS AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- Describe the potential impact on the marine environment.
- Describe how you will deal with non target, by-catch species.
- Describe potential interactions with any other marine users or fishing activities.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Give reasons you want to undertake these activities-attach other relevant information.
- Commercial activities should include details such as business development plan, estimated catch/production, product value, marketing information.
- Researchers should include project details and other approvals, eg. animal ethics.

WHERE TO SEND THE COMPLETED FORM:

Post: Wild Fisheries Management Branch
Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment
GPO Box 44, Hobart TAS 7001

Fax: Wild Fisheries Management Branch (03) 6223 1539

Email: Grant.Pullen@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au

In person: Wild Fisheries Management, 1st Floor, Marine Board Building, 1 Franklin Wharf, Hobart.

DECLARATION (you will need to print this form before signing it)

I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ Date: _____



INFORMATION REGARDING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE *LIVING MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1995*

Why permits are issued

Permits allow people to undertake fishing activities that are otherwise prohibited under the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*. Purposes for which permits can be issued include:

- scientific research;
- the promotion of fishing or fish products;
- the development of fisheries;
- the development of fishing technology;
- educational and community awareness programs;
- fish stock depletion or enhancement;
- the collection, keeping, breeding, hatching or cultivating of rare or endangered fish;
- sport or recreation purposes by a person who would otherwise be unable by reason of disability to engage in fishing;
- Aboriginal cultural and ceremonial activities;
- the development of marine farming;
- law enforcement;
- environmental monitoring; and
- bioprospecting.

Many factors are considered when assessing permits, including resource sustainability, environmental interactions, legislative requirements, and the costs and benefits to all extractive and non-extractive users of Tasmania's marine resources.

Any access given under a permit cannot be guaranteed. *Permits should not be used for the establishment of a business or a long term fishing operation, and the permit holder should be cautious about making any investment into such an operation on the basis of access provided under a permit.*

Who can apply

Any person can apply for a permit under Section 12 of the Act. Typically, they are issued to commercial fishers, scientific researchers, community groups, individuals, fish processors, marine farmers and educational institutions.

How to apply

Applicants need to lodge an application form providing relevant details about their proposed activities. Allow 21 days for processing – no guarantee can be given that late applications will be processed. Some applications may take longer should consultation with fishing associations be necessary or expert scientific advice required.

Your application should include:

- a brief description of your proposed fishing activity;
- the species and quantity of fish involved;
- fishing gear and methods;
- areas to be fished;
- the dates you wish to undertake the activity;
- any potential impact on the marine environment;
- any supporting information and copies of relevant documents or maps; and
- your signature and the date.

Prior to submitting a written application to the Wild Fisheries Management Branch, it is strongly recommended that your proposed activities be discussed with staff of the Wild Fisheries Management Branch (contact name and number given below). Should your application be granted, a permit will be forwarded to you authorising certain fishing activities. Some applications are not successful, and the Department will advise you in writing if this is the case, explaining the reasons why.

Conditions

Where the Minister grants an application for a permit, the permit holder is authorised to undertake certain activities in accordance with specified conditions. These conditions vary for each permit but often include restrictions on species, quantities, fishing area and gear used. They may also include minimum licence criteria, research and reporting requirements.

Duration of Permit

Permits can be issued for a period of up to 12 months. The expiry date is written on the permit and the Department does not notify permit holders when permits expire. You will need to apply for a new permit if you wish to continue fishing beyond the date of expiry.

Consultative Process for Permits

Under the Act, the Minister is required to consult with relevant fishing bodies prior to issuing certain permits. Applicants should be aware that whilst Departmental confidentiality guidelines apply, fishing associations, community groups, Government agencies and scientific advisers may be consulted where appropriate.

Reporting

Generally, the permit holder is required to provide a report on their fishing activities at the end of the permit period. The information provided is used in making decisions about fisheries management and to assist the Department to meet its responsibilities under the Act. Consideration of future permit applications may be affected if reporting procedures are not met.

Fees

Fees apply for the issue of some permits. These must be paid to the Department before the permit will be issued. The fee will be determined by estimation of costs associated with administration, research, monitoring and compliance activities required.

Further Information:

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