



# Qld eFisher commercial fishing app

## Electronic catch disposal record instructions

App version 1

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## Document revision history

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# General information

This document is a guide to help fishers record and report the disposal of fish via the Qld eFisher commercial fishing app in accordance with chapter 6 of the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019.

Licence holders, commercial fishers and other persons undertaking commercial fishing activities are subject to a range of requirements under the *Fisheries Act 1994*, the Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019, the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019, the Fisheries Declaration 2019 and the Fisheries Quota Declaration 2019. To ensure you comply with all those requirements, you must be familiar with all of this legislation.

The Qld eFisher app (version 1) is an **approved catch disposal record book** (CDR) under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019. This instruction covers the Qld eFisher app version 1 including all minor and patch changes made to that version. Commercial fishers can use the Qld eFisher app (version 1) instead of paper CDRs for the eligible fisheries and parts of eligible fishing operations specified below (except where the fish taken during a fishing operation are **transhipped**) where **all records** relating to the fishing operation (pre-trip notifications; logbook entries; catch and disposal records) are being submitted electronically, unless they are advised that:

- a different version of the Qld eFisher app or another electronic CDR is approved under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019 for the relevant fishery or the part of the fishery
- the Qld eFisher app (version 1) is no longer required under the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019
- there is no longer any approved CDR (paper or electronic) for the fishery in which they operate.

**NOTE:** If both paper and electronic CDRs have been approved for a particular fishery or part of a fishery, and **no transhipping** of fish is occurring, commercial fishers can choose to use **either** the app or continue using paper CDRs. However, if a commercial fisher is not in a position to submit **all records** for a fishing operation electronically, they must use paper logbooks for that fishing operation. Paper logbooks must be used for all fishing operations with transhipped fish.

## Eligible fisheries

The Qld eFisher app (version 1) (the **electronic CDR**) can be used for the following fisheries and parts of fisheries described below and where the fish taken is not being transhipped:

- NX, N15, N10, eastern N11 area (i.e., **not** the Gulf N11 area), L1, L2, L3
- K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8
- T4
- C1, C2
- R.

# Privacy statement

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries collects information via the electronic CDRs for fisheries management and research purposes. The collection of information is authorised under the Fisheries Act 1994 and supporting regulations. Please read our privacy statement which details what happens to your personal information when using the Qld eFisher app: [Qld eFisher app privacy statement | Business Queensland](#)

Your personal information may be disclosed to the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) if you apply for financial assistance. QRIDA will obtain your authority to obtain this information from the department at the time you make an application. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any other third parties without your written consent unless authorised for the management, use, development, or protection of fisheries resources, or authorised or required by law. For more information please read our [DAF information privacy guide](#) or visit [Privacy | Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland \(daf.qld.gov.au\)](#)

## Instructions

### 1. General requirements

- 1.1 The commercial fisher in control of a fishing operation is required to keep information about how fish taken during that operation are disposed of, for operations undertaken in quota or prescribed commercial catch (total allowable commercial catch) fisheries and where fish are taken by a trawl net in the T4 fishery.
- 1.2 A catch disposal record (CDR) does not replace daily catch and effort logbooks.
- 1.3 All required fields in the electronic CDR must be completed.
- 1.4 The commercial fisher in control of the fishing operation must ensure the CDR, or a copy of it, is available for immediate inspection while the fish are in the physical possession of the commercial fisher or an assistant fisher under the direction of the commercial fisher.
- 1.5 **The electronic CDR cannot be used for transhipped fish.** If you intend to tranship fish, you must complete a paper CDR for those fish.

### 2. Who can record information in a catch disposal record

- 2.1 Each entry in a CDR must be made by the commercial fisher in control of the fishing operation.

### 3. What information must be recorded

- 3.1 The electronic CDR consists of four parts that the commercial fisher in control of the fishing operation is required to complete – fish details, consignment details (if relevant), disposal details (if relevant), and declaration.
- 3.2 A separate CDR entry must be completed for each separate method of disposal of fish during a fishing operation, other than transshipment (which must be recorded in a paper CDR).
- 3.3 Fish may be disposed of in the following ways:
  - sale to a wholesale buyer
  - sale to a retail buyer
  - fish not sold (stored) – stored by a relevant person under section 163 of the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019
  - fish not sold (personal consumption) – kept by a relevant person under section 163 of the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019

- fish not sold (spoiled).

**Note:** If you consign fish, the consignment details must be recorded in the CDR.

- 3.4 If the fish are sold to **different wholesalers (not retail buyers)**, a **separate CDR** entry must be completed for **each wholesaler**.
- 3.5 If the fish are sold to buyers (whether wholesale or retail) on **different calendar days**, a separate CDR entry must be completed for **each separate calendar day**.
- 3.6 **All retail sales for a single calendar day** must be recorded in a single CDR entry (i.e., there is no need to prepare a separate CDR entry for each individual retail sale during a single calendar day).
- 3.7 If a CDR entry has been completed for **fish put into storage**, a **new CDR entry does not need to be completed** when:
  - those fish are subsequently sold/consigned from storage – however note consignment and sale docket requirements will apply to the fish
  - those fish are taken out of storage for personal consumption or because they have spoiled.
- 3.8 A separate CDR entry must be completed for **each species of fish**, according to the **form** of that fish.
- 3.9 If you dispose of fish from a single species in multiple forms, you must complete a separate CDR entry for each form. For example, the sale of live and whole dead redthroat emperor would include one entry for redthroat emperor (L) and one entry for redthroat emperor (W).

## 4. When information must be recorded

- 4.1 Entries in a CDR must be made **before** the **first** of the following events occurs:
  - when the fish are disposed of
  - the start of the next fishing operation
  - the day that is seven (7) days after the end of the relevant fishing operation.

## 5. Line fishing

- 5.1 Forms for **line caught fish** are:

- live
- whole dead
- trunked
- gilled and gutted
- filleted.

- 5.2 You must complete a separate entry for each form of a species.

- 5.3 You must record the number of individual fish for each species in the forms live, whole dead, trunked, and gilled and gutted.

- 5.4 You must record the number of containers of fish for each species in fillet form.

For reef quota species other than red emperor, red throat emperor, saddletail snapper, stripey snapper, spangled emperor and goldband snapper that are in fillet form, the fish must be reported by the following fillet groupings:

- Fillets of coral trout
- Fillets of rosy snapper and lavender snapper
- Fillets of cod or grouper
- Fillets of tropical snappers (other than emperor species named above)
- Fillets of all other coral reef quota species (other than the species named above)

- 5.5 You must record the weight of the fish.

## 6. Net fishing

6.1 The forms for **net caught fish** are:

- whole dead
- gilled and gutted
- trunked
- fillets

6.2 **For sand whiting, tailor and sea mullet in any form**, record the number of containers of each species in the relevant form.

6.3 **For fish (other than sand whiting, tailor and sea mullet) in a filleted form**, record the number of containers of fillets for each species.

6.4 **For fish (other than sand whiting, tailor and sea mullet) in any form other than fillets**, record the number of individual fish of each species.

6.5 **For every form of fish**, record the weight for each species in the relevant form (in kilograms to one decimal place).

## 7. Crab fishing

7.1 The forms for **crab** are:

- live
- dead (whole green)
- dead (whole cooked)
- dead (meat).

7.2 **For blue swimmer crab or spanner crab**, record the number of containers for each species.

7.3 **For mud crab**, record the number of individual crabs.

7.4 **For every form**, record the weight by form (in kilograms to one decimal place).

## 8. Tropical rock lobster fishing

8.1 The forms for tropical rock lobster are:

- live
- dead (whole)
- dead (tails).

8.2 **For dead tails**, record the number of containers.

8.3 **For live and dead (whole)**, record the number of individual tropical rock lobsters.

8.4 **For every form**, record the weight by form (in kilograms to one decimal place).

## 9. Trawl fishing (fin fish)

9.1 The only form for fin fish is whole.

9.2 Record the number of containers for each species.

9.3 Record the whole weight for each fish species (in kilograms to one decimal place).

## 10. Shark and/or ray fishing

10.1 The forms for sharks and rays are:

- whole dead
- gutted
- trunked
- fillets

- 10.2 **For sharks and rays in a filleted form**, record the number of containers of fillets for each species.
- 10.3 **For sharks and rays in a form other than filleted**, record the number of individual fish for each species.
- 10.4 **For every form**, record the weight for each species by form (in kilograms to one decimal place).

## 11. Reporting consignment details

- 11.1 The commercial fisher in control of the fishing operation must complete all parts of the CDR, before the fish are consigned.
- 11.2 When consigning fish, you must record the:
  - collection address
  - delivery address
  - consignee's full and correct name and email address.

## 12. Reporting disposal details

- 12.1 Select '**Wholesale**' if the fish have been sold wholesale – Record the full and correct name, address and email address of the wholesale buyer, the date of sale and the buyer's seafood food safety scheme accreditation number (Queensland wholesalers only). Separate CDR entries are required if the fish are sold to different wholesalers or if the fish are sold on different days.
- 12.2 Select '**Retail sales**' if the fish have been sold retail – A single CDR entry is to be used to record the total retail sales for each single calendar day. Do not complete a CDR entry for each individual retail sale within a single calendar day.
- 12.3 Select '**Fish not sold – stored**' if the fish have been kept in storage – Record the full and correct name and email address of the person storing the fish and the street address where the fish are being stored.
- 12.4 Select '**Fish not sold – personal consumption**' if the fish have been kept for personal consumption.
- 12.5 Select '**Fish not sold – spoiled**' if the fish could not be kept or otherwise disposed of because they have spoiled.

## 13. Declarations

- 13.1 Each commercial fisher recording the CDR information must read the declaration and confirm that the entries are complete and accurate.

## 14. Submitting completed catch disposal records

- 14.1 Completed CDRs must be submitted by the commercial fisher in control of the fishing operation.
- 14.2 Completed CDR records must be submitted to Fisheries Queensland within 24 hours after the record is made using the eFisher app (under section 165(1)(b) of the Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019).
- 14.3 Fisheries Queensland will accept, under the Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001, returns from commercial fishers that comply with these requirements.

## More information

Email [logbooks@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:logbooks@daf.qld.gov.au) or call 13 25 23.