

Requirements for all commercial fishers

To take fish for sale in New South Wales you will need to do each of the following things:

1. **Carry your plastic commercial fishing licence at all times when you are fishing or landing the catch**

It is unlawful to fish without a current licence (unless working as crew under a licensed fisher in a fishery other than lobster and abalone) and the plastic licence must be carried while you are fishing so it can be produced for inspection by DPI NSW Officers.

2. **Check that you are recorded as the endorsement holder for the business you intend to operate**

You must be recorded by DPI NSW as the endorsed fisher for the business you intend to operate. A fishing business owner must register one or more 'eligible fishers' against their business. This list of eligible fishers are people who currently hold a commercial fishing licence and may potentially be chosen by the fishing business owner to take fish for sale on their behalf. An eligible fisher may not take fish for sale until a fishing business owner nominates them, the nomination is received by DPI NSW and the fishing business card is handed to the endorsed fisher.

Forms to register or nominate an eligible fisher can be downloaded from the website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

You must return the fishing business card to the owner of that business if you are no longer the nominated fisher.

3. **Carry the plastic fishing business card which includes endorsements covering the type of fishing you are doing, at all times when you are fishing or landing the catch**

Each plastic fishing business card lists the endorsements held by the fishing business. Please check the condition codes on the back of the card as the conditions apply to the person using the card. A list of condition codes with the full wording of the conditions is included in the information kit or can also be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Fishing business cards are issued to the owners of fishing businesses. If you are not the owner of a fishing business, you will need to obtain the correct plastic business card from a business owner in order to fish

4. **Carry the plastic fishing boat licence for any boat you use, at all times when you are fishing or landing the catch**

Any boats used to take fish for sale must be licensed and the plastic licence must be carried while you are using a boat so it can be produced for inspection by DPI NSW Officers.

5. **Check that any licensed fishing boats (LFBs) you use are within the length rules for the fishery you will be working in**

You can use any LFB that is smaller in length than the 'maximum length' for that fishery, or, you can use any LFB where the boat's licence includes an 'exemption code' for the fishery concerned.

The maximum lengths and exemption codes are included in the table below. If an exemption code applies to a boat licence, it will appear on the front of the licence.

Only boats with maximum hull units, maximum engine power and a maximum head rope length appearing on the boat licence can be used in the offshore prawn trawl sector of the Ocean Trawl Fishery (ie. in ocean waters between 3 nm and the 150 fathom or 280 metre depth contour).

Fishery / Method	Maximum boat length (in metres)	Exemption code
Estuary General	10	EG
Estuary Prawn Trawling	10	EPT
Ocean Hauling (general purpose haul net)	6	-
Ocean Hauling (other than general purpose haul net)	20	OH
Ocean Trap and Line	16	OTL
Ocean Trawl	20	OT
Lobster	-	-
Abalone	-	-

6. **Report illegal or suspect fishing activity to your nearest Fisheries Office or use the Fishers Watch Phonenumber on 1800 043 536.**

7. **Report any interaction with threatened species**

A Threatened and Protected Species Identification Guide for Fishers and a Threatened Species Interaction Reporting Form has been included with this kit and may also be found on the website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

For any further information, please refer to the website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or call the DPI NSW Share Management Information Line on 1300 720 662.