



**PROPOSED ACTIVITY DETAILS**

**MARINE SPECIES**

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

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

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**In person:** Wild Fisheries Management, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Marine Board Building, 1 Franklin Wharf, Hobart.

**DECLARATION**

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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