

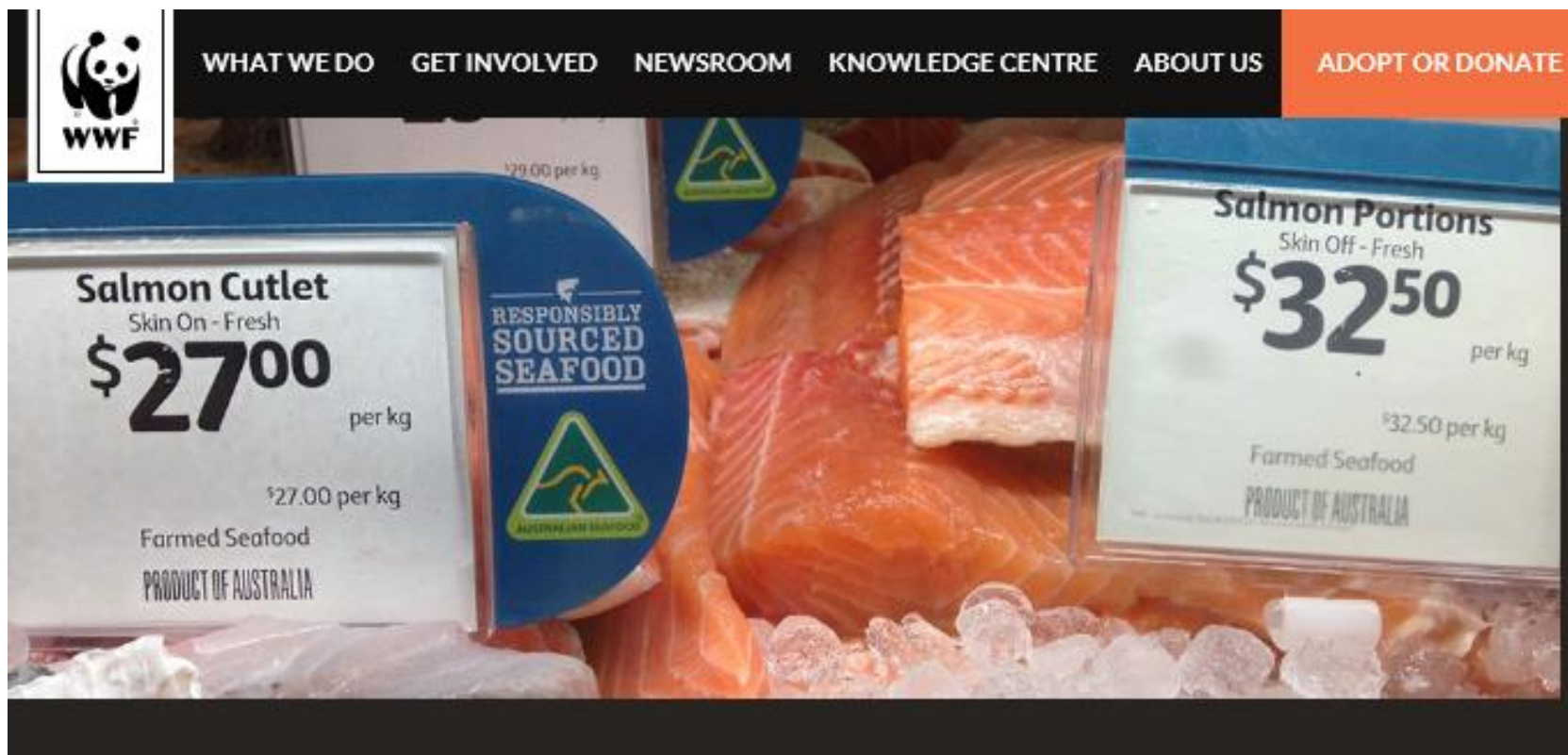


eNGO views of the Commercial Seafood Industry

Queensland Seafood Industry Association



WWF Australia: Fishing for facts about seafood – 31 October 2014





‘Over-fishing and irresponsible practices can also threaten the wider marine environment. If used incorrectly, fishing gear can also damage reefs and other sensitive ecosystems, as well as the marine species living there’ – Joshua Bishop, WWF Australia.

QSIA Response

- No recognition of changes to gear type – e.g. the introduction of bycatch reduction devices and turtle excluder devices.
- No recognition that trawling is not undertaken in green zones and does not occur amongst coral reefs.
- Commercial fishing is recognised as a legitimate use of a multiple-use marine park.



WWF Australia: Net free fishing zones a boost for marine life – 21 August 2015



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‘They will be safe in these zones from the danger of being caught in commercial nets and held underwater until they drown – a truly horrific death’ he said (quote WWF-Australia spokesperson Nick Heath).

QSIA Response

- Net free zones (NFZs) based on no scientific evidence or any data suggesting any issues with the commercial species in Cairns, Mackay or Rockhampton.
- WWF happy to support politically motivated fisheries management to the detriment of consumers and industry.
- An environmental argument for the zones was only pushed after the zones were supported by the state ALP in late 2015.



WWF Australia: What's the catch? Conservation group buys commercial shark fishing license – 13 Jul 2016



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‘We’re seeking donations to buy and retire a shark fishing licence. It’s a new approach to conservation’ said WWF-Australia conservation director Gilly Llewellyn.

QSIA Response

- WWF entry into the net fishery in Queensland is a distortion of the commercial seafood market.
- WWF has not surrendered the licenses to Fisheries Queensland – why is this the case?
- Under the current fisheries reform process eNGOs may buy quota if certain fisheries become quota managed – another distortion of the market.



Queensland's rare snubfin dolphins and dugongs drown in Great Barrier Reef fishing nets – 18 November 2017





‘Gillnets are invisible walls of death for some of Queensland’s precious marine wildlife. We should be moving away from these deadly fishing methods towards more sustainable fishing, particularly within the Reef’s World Heritage waters’ – Tooni Mahto, AMCS Senior Marine Campaigner.

QSIA Response

- Ms Mahato was a member of the inshore working group managed by Fisheries Queensland. The release of the ‘invisible walls of death’ comment during the 2017 state election demonstrated AMCS’ views of commercial net fishing.
- Commercial fishing groups in Queensland sought her removal from the inshore working group and were successful.