



## Position Statement #5 Recognition of Commercial Fishing

### I. Introduction

Queensland commercial are valuable to the State economy and rarely recognised by the State Government as an important regional and coastal job creator. Typically, the value of Queensland commercial fishers is typically reported as gross value of production (GVP)<sup>1</sup>.

**The Association seeks recognition of industry as a key food producer.**

### 2. Rationale

In an industry first, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) have developed a breakdown of the economic value of commercial fisheries are outlined below.

Table 1. Queensland Economic Value Statistics – State Managed Fisheries

	<b>GVA<sup>2</sup> (m\$)</b>	<b>Employment<sup>3</sup> (FTE jobs)</b>	<b>Household<sup>4</sup> Income (m\$)</b>	<b>GVP<sup>5</sup> (m\$)</b>
<b>Direct</b>				
Fishing	100	1,082	42	189
Processing	7	70	4	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Indirect (all other sectors)</b>				
Production Induced	44	411	33	-
Consumption Induced	58	443	31	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>204</b>

Source: Australian fisheries and aquaculture industry 2017/18: Economic contributions estimates report, FRDC 30 September 2019.

<sup>1</sup> The GVP is calculated by multiplying the weight of production by the landed unit value. The landed unit value is defined as the beach price for fish species caught in wild-catch fisheries and the farmgate price for fishery and aquaculture products produced in aquaculture establishments.

<sup>2</sup> Gross value added (GVA) – GVA is calculated by subtracting non-wage business expenditure (EXP) such as fuel, trade services, professional services and transport services including taxes less subsidies (TLS and EXP) from GVP.

<sup>3</sup> Full time equivalent (FTE) – The ratio of the total number of paid hours during a period (part time, full time, contracted) by the number of working hours in that period Mondays through Fridays.

<sup>4</sup> Household income is a measure of wages and salaries paid in cash and in kind, drawings by owner operators and other payments to labour including overtime payments, employer's superannuation contributions and income tax, but excluding payroll tax. This indicator provides a measure of the wages and salaries associated with the employment contribution of fishing and processing.

<sup>5</sup> Gross Value of Production (GVP) – GVP is calculated by multiplying the weight of production by the landed unit value. The landed unit value is defined as the beach price for fish species caught in wild-catch fisheries and the farmgate price for fishery and aquaculture products produced in aquaculture establishments.

Table 2. Queensland Economic Value Statistics – Commonwealth Managed Fisheries

	<b>GVA (m\$)</b>	<b>Employment (FTE jobs)</b>	<b>Household Income (m\$)</b>	<b>GVP (m\$)</b>
<b>Direct</b>				
Fishing	74	380	27	135
Processing	5	50	3	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Indirect (all other sectors)</b>				
Production Induced	32	297	24	-
Consumption Induced	40	303	21	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>State &amp; Cmlth Grand Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>350</b>

Source: Australian fisheries and aquaculture industry 2017/18: Economic contributions estimates report, FRDC 30 September 2019.

### 3. Conclusion

#### 3.1. Course of Action

Seek a commitment from all parties in the Queensland Parliament to promote not only the value of commercial fisheries but their critical role in the provision of food and its links with the tourism sectors.

#### 3.2. Solution

Shift away from GVP measures of value alone to economic contribution indicators noted in Tables 1 and 2. A new narrative regarding the role in food production played by Queensland commercial fisheries.

### 4. Authorisation

The Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA) is the peak industry body representing the Queensland seafood industry. Our members include professional fishers, seafood processors, marketers, retailers and other business associated with the seafood industry. Our representation to members and the community at large is to promote the consumption of wild caught Queensland seafood.

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