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Dear Queensland Seafood Industry

We are at the halfway point of the so-called fisheries reform process. This questionnaire has been developed to understand the effects of the reform process on your business. Industry deserves an opportunity to assess the impacts on industry at the individual and business level.

Please send your responses:

- To Eric Perez at eo@qsia.com.au; or
- By mail to PO Box 3856, Victoria Point West Qld 4165.

Question Instructions

- Please respond to the questions you believe are most relevant to you.
- The survey has a commercial fisher and post-harvest sections.
- If you have any concerns or questions regarding the survey, please send them to eo@qsia.com.au

Name	
Fishery or Fisheries in which you operate (e.g. crab, line, net, trawl)	
Email:	
Mobile:	

The information you provide in this survey may be used for industry advocacy or a quote from industry feedback. Your name will never be published or shared with a third party. Do you allow your information to be used for advocacy purposes?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1a) Vessel Tracking Implementation

Implementation of vessel tracking is one of many elements of the reform process.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views regarding the implementation of vessel tracking.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Seamless implementation	Predominantly hassle free	Some concerns with implementation	Poor implementation	Completely inadequate implementation	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1b) Vessel Tracking Business Impacts

Commercial fishers have indicated the implementation of vessel tracking has had financial impacts on their businesses.

Question – Has vessel tracking had a financial impact on your businesses? Please tick the rating that best describes your views regarding vessel tracking and business expenses.

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1c) Can you provide an estimate of the costs for your business in the first 3 years of vessel tracking?

	Response	
No of units you have replaced?		
The cost of replacing those units.		
No of days lost through unit malfunction.		
Estimated loss of income		
Did you install the vessel tracking on your vessel?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you paid for a VMS and not received the unit?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other costs (examples - Fuel, ice etc)		

2a) Business Diversification

The reform process has introduced zoning, new quota managed fisheries and new fisheries legislation. These changes may have impacted on your ability to diversify your business.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Created new opportunities to diversify my business	Enhanced my ability to diversify my business	No impact on my ability to diversify my business	A negative impact on my ability to diversify my business	Undermined my ability to diversify my business	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2b) Business Impacts

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement – ‘The reform process has given me a sense of security that my business will be profitable into the future’.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3a) Coastal Zoning

The reform process introduced coastal zoning.

Do you support the introduction of zoning in your fishery?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3b) Coastal Zoning

Has your opinion changed since zoning was announced in the fisheries reform green paper in 2016?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Can you explain your views?

4a) Stock Assessments

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement – ‘*The stock assessment process provides accurate data to help manage your fishery*’.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4b) Reasons for your rating

Please provide the reasons for your rating.

4c) Stock Assessments

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement – ‘*Industry can trust the outcomes of Fisheries Queensland stock assessments*’.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4d) Reasons for your rating

Please provide the reasons for your rating.

5a) Mental Health

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement – ‘*The reform process has impacted your mental health*’.

Please tick the rating that best describes your views.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5b) Mental Health

If there has been mental health impacts, can you describe those impacts?

6) Introduction of the reform process

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement – ‘*I believe that Fisheries Queensland have been helpful, supportive and knowledgeable in the introduction of fisheries reform*’.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7) Final Comments

The reform has meant different things to in different fisheries. You can provide any final comments including financial impacts outside vessel tracking.

On behalf of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association, the Fishermens Portal, Moreton Bay Seafood Industry Association and the Gulf of Carpentaria Commercial Fishermens Association, I thank you for your time and participation. A final report will be shared with industry and the Queensland community.

Eric Perez, QSIA CEO on behalf of:

