

Vessel tracking unit malfunction interim procedure when in port

Purpose of the interim procedure

Fisheries Queensland has developed this interim procedure in response to industry concerns raised during the vessel tracking review. The interim procedure enables fishers to apply to Fisheries Queensland for temporary permission to start a fishing operation if a vessel tracking unit has malfunctioned on a primary boat.

This interim procedure will operate from 17 December 2021 until June 2022 or until the vessel tracking post implementation review is completed.

Vessel tracking unit on a primary boat malfunctions in port

Process for fishers

- If a vessel tracking unit on a primary boat malfunctions and reasonable troubleshooting does not resolve the malfunction, fishers must contact Fisheries Queensland to request for temporary permission to start a fishing operation without a working vessel tracking unit.
 - Phone 13 25 23, and
 - Provide information outlined in Appendix 1.

Assessment of temporary permission requests

- Fisheries Queensland may provide a temporary permission up to 48 hours for fishers to start a fishing operation without a working vessel tracking unit on a primary boat where:
 - a vessel tracking unit has failed on the primary boat
 - the fisher has conducted reasonable steps to have the unit repaired or replaced.
 - fishers have provided information requested in Appendix 1.
- Fisheries Queensland may provide a temporary permission greater than 48 hours however, these requests will only be processed during business hours and be assessed based on additional supporting evidence, for example:
 - email confirmation from the provider about the malfunction and timeframe required to repair / replace the unit
 - other evidence to support the request e.g. postage receipt to demonstrate that the unit has been returned to the provider for assessment / repair.

Conditions

- The temporary permission will be in effect until the earlier of the following:
 - end date of the temporary permission given by Fisheries Queensland, or
 - such time when the fishers receive a replacement unit from the provider.
- Fishers must **manually record or report** the position (latitude and longitude) of the primary boat:
 - at the start of the fishing operation
 - while fishing or steaming
 - every hour for the east coast trawl fishery
 - every 4 hours for all other fisheries
 - at the end of the fishing operation.

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- Manual reporting of positions can be completed using one of the following means:
 - commercial fishing app (if available for your fishery) – **preferred method**
 - Automated Interactive Voice Response (AIVR) system – (07) 3017 0083
 - If positions have been recorded during the operation (Appendix 2), email vesseltracking@daf.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23 at the end of fishing operation.
 - Where fishers are landing individual transferable quota (ITQ) or competitive quota species, a **prior notice** must be submitted 1 hour before landing.
 - Fishers operating in the east coast trawl fishery must not cause the relevant trawl boat to enter the Major Scallop Area (MSA) while operating under a temporary permission.

Vessel tracking unit on a tender boat malfunctions in port

- The tender boat cannot be used to start a fishing operation.
- Fishers must have operational vessel tracking units on tender boats before starting a fishing operation.
- If the vessel tracking unit on the primary boat is working, you may move the unit onto the tender boat and request temporary permission for the primary boat.

More information

Failure to comply with the conditions of the interim Malfunction Procedure may result in enforcement action being taken.

For more information about the vessel tracking unit malfunction procedure, email vesseltracking@daf.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23.

Revision to interim procedure

Fisheries Queensland may review the interim Malfunction Procedure at any time to address any operational or compliance risks identified during implementation.

Appendix 1: Request for temporary permission to start a fishing operation without a working vessel tracking unit

1. Licence and contact details

Full name of commercial fisher in control:			
Primary commercial fishing licence number:		Boat mark:	
Phone (mobile preferred):			
Email:			

2. Details of malfunctioned vessel tracking unit

Vessel tracking unit type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Spot Trace <input type="checkbox"/> IDP800 <input type="checkbox"/> CLS Triton <input type="checkbox"/> Rockfleet / YB3i <input type="checkbox"/> IDP690 / ST6100
Vessel tracking provider:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pivotel <input type="checkbox"/> Pole Star <input type="checkbox"/> CLS Oceania
Serial number:	
Installation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Self installation <input type="checkbox"/> Professional installation
Boat with malfunctioned unit:	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary boat <input type="checkbox"/> Tender boat* *Permission to start a fishing operation without a working unit does not apply to tender boats.
Details about the malfunction, including cause of malfunction if known:	
Steps you have undertaken to address the malfunction:	

3. Details of fishing operation during temporary permission

Fishery you operate in (e.g. reef line):		Fishery symbol (e.g. L1):	
Areas you will be fishing in (e.g. Gladstone) :			
Length of temporary permission requested:			
Fishing operation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Day trip <input type="checkbox"/> Extended trip (days)		
For T1, T2, M1 or M2 fishers, include the trawl management region for effort deduction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Offshore A <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Offshore B <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Inshore <input type="checkbox"/> Moreton Bay		

4. Supporting evidence*

Do you have email confirmation from the provider about the malfunction and timeframe required to repair / replace the unit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide a copy to Fisheries Queensland.
Do you have postage receipt or other evidence to demonstrate that the unit has been returned to the provider for assessment / repair?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide a copy to Fisheries Queensland.

*Supporting evidence must be provided for temporary permission longer than 48 hours

Appendix 2: Manual reporting of positions

1. Licence and boat details

Commercial fisher in control:		Boat mark:		Fishery type:	
For T1, T2, M1 or M2 fishers, include the trawl management region for effort deduction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Inshore <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Offshore A <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Offshore B <input type="checkbox"/> Moreton Bay				

2. Positional information

Position date	Position time	Latitude Select the correct format: <input type="checkbox"/> Degrees, minutes, seconds <input type="checkbox"/> Decimal degrees <input type="checkbox"/> Degrees, decimal minutes	Longitude Select the correct format: <input type="checkbox"/> Degrees, minutes, seconds <input type="checkbox"/> Decimal degrees <input type="checkbox"/> Degrees, decimal minutes	Notes Please indicate <u>start</u> and <u>end</u> of fishing operation (if applicable)

Appendix 3: Summary workflow

