

To The Public Aquarium Licensee

Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* (the Act), it is a **requirement that you submit catch and market returns to the Director of Fisheries** for each commercial fishing licence you hold. The manner and form for the required return(s) is outlined, with examples, on the following pages. These must be read in conjunction with this notice.

The information on the return form is used by Fisheries to monitor stocks and assist in the sustainable management of the fishery. The accuracy of data is, therefore, very important.

The return forms request the minimum information necessary. Any additional information, such as fish numbers, size or condition that you may wish to add will be very useful.

The information you provide is CONFIDENTIAL to Fisheries, subject to Section 36 of the *Fisheries Act 1988* and the *Information Act 2002*. Information Privacy Principles apply to the information collected through catch and market returns.

Any interaction with Threatened, Endangered and Protected Species (TEPS) (and other species as may be listed on the return form) **must** be recorded in the area provided on the return form or in the comments section. In addition, any interaction with TEPS that occurs within **Territory waters** should be reported to the NT Wildlife Incident Reporting number, 1800 453 941. Please note that as long as operators are fishing in accordance with fisheries legislation, it is not an offence to interact with protected species. It is however an offence NOT to report these interactions.

The Australian Government *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* requires the reporting of any interaction with listed TEPS within **Commonwealth waters**. Any interaction that occurs within Commonwealth waters must be reported to the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts within 7 days on telephone 1800 641 806 or email protected.species@environment.gov.au

Your co-operation and contribution to the monitoring of our fisheries is greatly appreciated.

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Director of Fisheries

Department of **Primary Industries and Fisheries**

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The purpose of the Public Aquarium licence is to permit the display of aquatic life in a public aquarium.

Harvesting of display stock directly from the wild is strictly limited.

Pursuant to Section 34 of the Act, it is a requirement that the holder of a Public Aquarium licence submit returns within twenty-eight (28) days after the end of each month. This person, pursuant to the Act, is known as the “**licence holder**” but may be a nominated person, temporary transferee or short term operator.

The original (white) copies should be forwarded to the Returns Officer and you should retain the pink copies in the logbook for your personal records.

A sample return and instructions are on the following pages to assist you in completing your returns.

Returns must be filled out to the satisfaction of the Director of Fisheries and lodged with Fisheries. If returns are incomplete, inaccurate or late then proceedings for a prosecution may be commenced.

If no activity takes place within any month, a ‘**NIL**’ return must still be lodged.

If you believe that your returns may be late in reaching Fisheries it is your responsibility to notify the Returns Officer.

Returns are to be lodged with the:

Director of Fisheries
Department of Resources
GPO Box 3000
DARWIN NT 0801

ATTENTION: Returns Officer

or deposited in the 'returns' box located at the reception desk of Fisheries, Goff Letts Building, Berrimah Farm, Makagon Road, Berrimah or fax on (08) 8999 2057.

Business reply postage paid envelopes have been provided for your convenience and no postage stamps are required for the envelopes, if posted within Australia.

All correspondence relating to your licence and returns will be directed to the address stated on your licence application. If this address is no longer correct please notify Fisheries of any changes.

Any further information on the completion of returns can be obtained from the RETURNS OFFICER, phone (08) 8999 2148 or (08) 8999 2189 or by email logbookreturns@nt.gov.au

PUBLIC AQUARIUM LOGBOOK PROCEDURES

For instructions on completing the return form please refer to the following:

There is one (1) Public Aquarium return form which is divided into two (2) sections:

Stock In:

- (a) Harvest From Wild – to record capture details from the wild; and
- (b) Purchases - to record purchase details, including imports.

All licensees are required to complete each month the ‘stock in’ part of the return. Invoices will suffice as returns, so long as they contain all information required on the return forms.

‘NIL’ returns are to be completed where no harvest of stock from the wild or purchases from another licensee have occurred for a given month.

Fill in the name, licence number, month, year, vessel registration number, total days harvesting and the number of assistants. The licensee must sign the return forms in the area provided on the return form.

DEFINITIONS

- Total Days Harvesting:** Record the total number of days harvesting for the month.
- Number of Assistants:** Record the number of assistants, not their names.
- Harvest:** Each column refers to a specific fishing method (eg. cast net, scoop, etc) within a specific grid, within a specific area for those number of days harvesting, not the total number of days harvesting for the month.
- Latitude and Longitude:** Enter the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates in degrees, minutes and seconds (**to two (2) places**) relevant to the start of the fishing session, as shown on GPS e.g., **12°35’25”** and **129°52’25”**
- Species:** This column applies to both ‘stock in’ and ‘stock out’. List the common name of the species.
- Quantity:** Specify the number or weight (kg) for each species.
- Maturity:** Specify age using the following codes:
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| 1. Adult | 3. Larval Stage | 5. Mature |
| 2. Juvenile/Fingerlings | 4. Broodstock | |
- Total Mortalities:** Indicate the total number of mortalities of each species between point of capture to point of sale.
- Licence Number or Trading Name of Supplier:** Indicate the licence number and/or trading name of the Supplier (if applicable).
- Code:** The following are codes to show where species were purchased from:
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| 11. New South Wales | 20. Overseas (specify country) | 36. Groote Eylandt |
| 12. Queensland | 31. Darwin & Region | 37. Borroloola & Region |
| 13. Victoria | 32. Jabiru & Region | 38. Gove & Region |
| 14. South Australia | 33. Katherine & Region | 39. Other NT Regions (specify) |
| 15. Western Australia | 34. Tennant Creek & Region | |
| 16. Tasmania | 35. Alice Springs & Region | |
- Total Value:** Record the total value for each species.