

# + Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme Guidelines

## 1. About the Scheme

- 1.1. The purpose of assistance under the Scheme is to support holders of eligible primary commercial fishing licences (PCFL), symbol holders and quota units who are affected by the closure of certain fisheries in the Great Barrier Reef region, or fisheries affected by changes under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* to zoning or management in the Great Sandy region. Eligible applicants can apply for assistance for the following under the Scheme:

*Note. There will be further schemes developed to cover additional matters in the future.*

### A. Primary commercial fishing licences and fishery symbols [Page 5]

The objective of this section is to provide a payment to the following entities affected by the closure of eligible commercial fisheries in the Great Barrier Reef or the Great Sandy region (the *closed fisheries*):

- A holder of a PCFL if one (1) or more fishery symbols held by the entity being removed from their licence (Retired fishery symbols); or
- A holder of a One (1) or more fishery symbols held by the entity being affected by the closures (Affected fishery symbols)

### B. Surrender of primary commercial fishing licences and fishery symbols (Round 1 and Round 2) [Page 7]

The objective of this section is to encourage holders of eligible PCFL's who are authorised to take fish in the Great Barrier Reef or Great Sandy region to surrender their PCFL's or particular fishery symbols.

### C. Payments for Quota Units [Page 10]

The objective of this section is to provide assistance to holders of quota authorities if the quota authority held by the entity is being retired (Retired quota units). This section is to also encourage holders of eligible quota units that take fish in the Great Sandy region to surrender the quota units (Surrendered quota authorities).

### D. Payments for loss of income [Page 12]

The objective of this section is to provide assistance to holders of eligible PCFL's to replace income the holder would have been projected to earn from fishing in the affected fisheries in the financial years starting on 1 July 2024, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026.

- D(i) Payments for loss of income in Great Barrier Reef region [Page 12]
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### E. Grant for advice related to Scheme [Page 18]

The objective of this section is to provide assistance to holders of eligible PCFL's to seek legal or financial advice about the Scheme.

- 1.2. The following guidelines provide further information relating to each of the sections listed above.

## 2. How to Apply

- 2.1. To be considered for assistance under the Scheme, please submit a completed application form, accompanied by the relevant documentation stated on the application form.
- 2.2. Application forms and related information can be accessed at [www.qrida.qld.gov.au](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au).
- 2.3. Complete applications are assessed in order of receipt, except for Round Two for the 'surrender of fishery symbols and PCFL's assistance, and QRIDA may request further information to help assess an application.

## 3. Requirements for Applications

- 3.1. An application for assistance under the Scheme must be given to the authority –
  - (a) for an application for assistance in Round 1 of section B 'Surrender of fishery symbols and PCFL's' before 30 April 2024; or
  - (b) for another application before 30 June 2024.
- 3.2. An application may be made by an applicant on behalf of:
  - (a) if more than one (1) person is a holder of the PCFL or quota unit – with the consent of each other holder of the PCFL or quota unit; or
  - (b) if a public company is the holder of the PCFL or quota unit – with the consent of a director of the public company.
- 3.3. QRIDA may request further information to determine an application.
- 3.4. Penalties apply for providing false and misleading information in accordance with the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

## 4. How applications will be assessed and decided

- 4.1. Upon receiving applications, QRIDA will acknowledge receipt by email and advise if any further information is required to commence assessment of the application.
- 4.2. QRIDA will assess applications in order of receipt, except for Round Two for the 'surrender of fishery symbols and PCFL's licences' assistance. Applications received under this Round will be assessed when the Round closes on 30 June 2024.
- 4.3. An applicant can apply under the different section separately if they wish. For example, an applicant may wish to apply for payment for advice about the Scheme, before making any applications under Sections B or C.
- 4.4. Incomplete applications will not be assessed until all required information is received.
- 4.5. QRIDA must refuse an application if the funds for the assistance are not sufficient to pay the application.
- 4.6. Approved assistance will be deposited to your nominated bank account.

## 5. Applications for retired authorities

- 5.1. Applications can be made after symbols or ITQ units have been retired from a PCFL:
  - (a) Immediately before the 1 January 2024, the applicant held one (1) or more of the following (each a **retired authority**) –
    - i. a PCFL on which a retired fishery symbol was written;
    - ii. a barramundi unit;
    - iii. a grey mackerel unit;
    - iv. a king threadfin unit.

- (b) From 1 January 2024, the scheme applies as if:
- i. if subsection 5.1(a)(i) applies - the retired fishery symbol continued to be written on the PCFL while the applicant continues to hold the PCFL; or
  - ii. if subsection 5.1(a)(ii, iii or iv) applies - the applicant continued to hold the retired quota authority.
- (c) For the scheme, the retired authority is taken to be written on the applicant's PCFL or quota authority certificate.

### 6. Conflict of Interest

- 6.1. A conflict of interest may arise due to a business dealing with QRIDA, if your private interests conflict with your obligations under the Scheme. Conflicts of interest could affect your eligibility for conditional approval. A conflict of interest can be;
- real (or actual);
  - apparent (or perceived); or
  - potential.
- 6.2. We will ask you to declare, as part of your application, any business dealings that may be considered an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest. If you later identify that there is an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest or that one might arise in relation to your application, you must inform us in writing immediately.

### 7. Fraudulent Applications

- 7.1. QRIDA takes fraud and corruption seriously. Suspected fraud will be referred to Queensland Police Services (QPS) and/or the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
- 7.2. Fraud and corruption is a criminal offence under Sections 408C, 408D and 87 of the *Criminal Code 1899 (Qld)*. For corporations, directors and company officials, Section 596 and 184 of the *Australian Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* will also apply.
- 7.3. Providing false or misleading information or documents in the QRIDA application process is an offence. Penalties may apply under Section 41 and 42 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.
- 7.4. By signing the application form, you acknowledge that the information you provide is true and accurate, and agree to be bound by the Scheme's guidelines and provisions.
- 7.5. QRIDA reserves the right to pursue and recover funding provided under fraudulent and dishonest circumstances.

### 8. Your privacy

- 8.1. QRIDA's Privacy Policy, available at [www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy](http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/privacy), sets out general information on how QRIDA collects, uses and discloses individuals' personal information
- 8.2. The application portal for this Scheme contains specific information on how personal information will be collected, used, and disclosed.

### 9. More information

For more information on the Fisheries Structural Adjustment Scheme, contact QRIDA on **Freecall 1800 623 946** or email [contact\\_us@qrida.qld.gov.au](mailto:contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au)

## 10. Definitions

**Applicant** means an individual applying for financial assistance under the Scheme.

**Commercial fishery** means a fishery under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*

**Catch history**, in regards to a commercial fishery, means the applicant –

- took at least 1kg of fish from the commercial fishery under a PCFL during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
- recorded the taking of the fish as required under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

**Fishery symbol** has the meaning given by the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*.

**Fishing data** means information given to the chief executive under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, section 5 or 6.

**Great Barrier Reef region** means east coast inshore management region 1 to 4 under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

**Great Sandy region** means the area of the Great Sandy Marine Park under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* on the commencement.

**Hold**, in relation to a primary commercial fishing licence or quota unit, includes holding a suspended primary commercial fishing licence or quota unit.

**Move**, for a fishery symbol written on a primary commercial fishing licence, means move the fishery symbol to another primary commercial fishing licence under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, section 3, part 4, division 2.

**Price multiplier** for a fish, means the number stated in column 3 of the table in part 2 of the scheme annexure for the fishery opposite the fish.

**Primary commercial fishing licence** means a primary commercial fishing licence issued under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

**Quota unit** means a quota unit under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

**Quota authority certificate** for a quota unit, see *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, section 109(3).

**Retired fishery symbol** means the fishery symbol 'N1', 'N2', 'N4'.

**Round one** means applications made under relevant Sections from 14 December 2023 to 30 April 2024.

**Round two** means applications made under relevant Sections from 17 May to 30 June 2024.

**Scheme annexure** means the document called 'Fisheries structural adjustment tables' version 0.2 published on the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website.

**Surrender** means

- (a) For a fishery symbol, see 5 in section B 'Surrender of fishing Surrender of primary commercial fishing licences and fishery symbols (Round 1 and Round 2)
- (b) For a PCFL or quota unit means surrender under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

**Type** of fishery symbols - 2 or more fishery symbols written on a primary commercial fishing licence are the same **type** of fishery symbol if the symbols are the same fishery symbol and have the same number of tender boats

## A. Primary commercial fishing licences and fishery symbols

### Retired and Affected fishery symbols

#### 1. Purpose of Assistance

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance that may be given under this section is a payment to holders of PCFL's on which a retired fishery symbol is written or a payment to recognise that holders of PCFL's with a 'K1', 'K2', 'K3', 'K4', 'K5', 'K6', 'K7', 'K8', and 'N10' fishery symbol written on them have lost access to certain commercial fisheries in the Great Barrier Reef region.

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for payment for *retired fishery symbols*, the applicant must:
- hold a PCFL that has one (1) or more *retired fishery symbols* written on it – 'N1', 'N2', 'N4' or 'S'.
  - not have received assistance for the same *retired fishery symbol* under section B 'Surrender of fishery symbols and PCFL's'.
- 2.2. To be eligible for payment for *affected fishery symbols*, the applicant must:
- hold a PCFL that has one (1) or more *affected fishery symbols* written on it – 'K1', 'K2', 'K3', 'K4', 'K5', 'K6', 'K7', 'K8' and 'N10'; and
  - not have received assistance for the same *affected fishery symbol* under section B 'Surrender of fishery symbols and PCFL's'.

#### 3. Amount of Assistance

- 3.1. The amount of assistance for an applicant who holds a PCFL with the following *retired fishery symbols* is:

Symbol:	Amount
• 'N1'	\$35,000
• 'N2'	\$60,000
• 'N4'	\$150,000
• 'S'	\$7,000

- 3.2. The amount of assistance for an applicant who holds a PCFL with the following *affected fishery symbols* is:

Symbol:	Amount
• 'K1', 'K2', 'K3', 'K4', 'K5', 'K6', 'K7', 'K8'	\$28,000
• 'N10'	\$28,000

#### 4. Conditions of Assistance

- 4.1. The applicant must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.2. For *retired fishery symbols* the applicant must not apply to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application.
- 4.3. For *affected fishery symbols* the applicant must not apply to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of the day on 30 June 2024.
- 4.4. For the *type* of fishery symbol, a fishery symbol is the same type of fishery symbol if it has the same fishery symbol and the same number of tender boats for the fishery symbol.

- 4.5. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the applicant's fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.

### 5. Definitions

***Affected fishery symbol*** means the symbol K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8 and N10.

***Retired fishery symbol*** means a fishery symbol 'N1', 'N2', 'N4', or 'S'.

## B. Surrender of primary commercial fishing licences and fishery symbols (Round 1 and Round 2)

### 1. Purpose of Assistance

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance under this section is a payment to holders of certain PCFL who decide to surrender the licences or surrender certain fishery symbols written on the licences.

### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for assistance in **Round One**, the applicant must:
- (a) hold a class 1 licence; and
  - (b) surrender a class 2 fishery symbol or class 3 fishery symbol written on the licence or surrender the PCFL; and
  - (c) not have received assistance for the same type of fishery symbol under section 'A Payment for fishery symbols and PCFL's' for *retired fishery symbols*; and
  - (d) apply after 14 December 2023 and before 30 April 2024.
- 2.2. To be eligible for assistance in **Round Two**, the applicant must:
- (a) hold a class 2 licence or class 3 licence; or
  - (b) hold a PCFL other than a class 1, 2, or 3 licence; and
  - (c) must surrender a class 2 fishery symbol or class 3 fishery symbol written on the licence or surrender the PCFL; and
  - (d) apply after 17 May 2024 and before 30 June 2024.

### 3. Amount of Assistance

- 3.1. The amount of assistance that may be given to an applicant who is eligible.
- 3.2. An applicant may only receive assistance for one (1) of each type of fishery symbol surrendered on each PCFL; and
- 3.3. If the applicant surrenders the applicants PCFL the applicant may receive assistance for the PCFL in addition to assistance for surrender of a fishery symbol written on the licence.
- 3.4. However, an applicant may receive assistance for two (2) of the same type of fishery symbol mentioned for C1 if more than one (1) fishery symbol of the type is surrendered on a PCFL.
- 3.5. The assistance available under **Round One** and **Round Two**.

Licence	Amount	
For an applicant who surrenders a PCFL:	\$20,000	
<b>For an applicant who holds a PCFL on which the following fishery symbol is written:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
• 'N1'	\$35,000	
• 'N2'	\$60,000	
• 'N4'	\$150,000	
• 'C1'	\$25,000	
• 'L1' or 'L2'	<b>Tender boats for licence</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	none	\$7,000
	1 tender boat	\$8,000
	2 tender boats	\$9,000
	3 tender boats	\$10,000
	4 tender boats	\$11,000
	5 tender boats	\$12,000
6 tender boats	\$13,000	

	<i>L2 only: 7 tender boats</i>	\$14,000
• 'L3'	<b>Tender boats for licence</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<i>none</i>	\$5,000
	<i>1 tender boat</i>	\$6,000
	<i>2 tender boats</i>	\$7,000
• 'N11'		\$5,000
• 'RQ'	<b>Tender boats for licence</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<i>none</i>	\$8,000
	<i>1 tender boat</i>	\$10,000
	<i>2 tender boats</i>	\$16,000
	<i>3 tender boats</i>	\$18,000
	<i>4 tender boats</i>	\$20,000
	<i>5 tender boats</i>	\$22,000
	<i>6 tender boats</i>	\$24,000
	<i>7 tender boats</i>	\$26,000
	<i>8 tender boats</i>	\$28,000
• 'S' (see 4.5)		\$7,000
• 'SM'	<b>Tender boats for licence</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<i>None</i>	\$10,000
	<i>1 tender boat</i>	\$15,000
	<i>2 tender boats</i>	\$17,000
	<i>3 tender boats</i>	\$20,000
	<i>4 tender boats</i>	\$25,000
	<i>5 tender boats</i>	\$28,000
• 'T1' or 'T2'		\$20,000
• 'T5', 'T6', 'T7', 'T8', 'T9'		\$25,000

#### 4. Conditions of Assistance

- 4.1. Assistance will be available under Round 1 until 30 April 2024.
- 4.2. Assistance will be available under Round 2 from 17 May 2024 until funding is exhausted, or until 30 June 2024.
- 4.3. Applications received in Round 1 will be assessed in the order that they are received.
- 4.4. Applications for Round 2 will be assessed in priority order after the Round has closed in the following decreasing order of priority:
  - (a) a *Class 2 licence*;
  - (b) a *PCFL*, other than a class 1, 2 or 3 licence;
  - (c) a *Class 3 licence*.
- 4.5. An applicant who wishes to surrender the fishery symbol 'S' must surrender the symbol with any other *class 2 fishery symbol* or *class 3 fishery symbol*.
- 4.6. The applicant must enter into and comply with a written agreement with QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.7. The applicant must not apply to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before receiving the payment or before the end of day on 30 June 2024.
- 4.8. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the applicant's fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.
- 4.9. The applicant must give consent for QRIDA to give notice to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the surrender of the fishery symbol or the applicant's PCFL and assistance given under this assistance.



## 5. Definitions

**Class 1 fishery symbol** means the fishery symbols 'N1', 'N2' or 'N4'.

**Class 1 licence** means a primary commercial fishing licence that

- has one or more class 1 fishery symbols written on it; and
- has one or more class 2 or 3 fishery symbols written on it.

**Class 2 fishery symbols** means the fishery symbols 'C1', 'L1', 'L2', 'L3', 'N11', 'RQ', 'S' or 'SM'.

**Class 2 licence** means a primary commercial fishing licence that –

- has one (1) or more *class 2 fishery symbols* written on it; and
- does not have a *class 1 fishery symbol* or *class 3 fishery symbol* written on it.

**Class 3 fishery symbol** means the fishery symbols , 'T1', 'T2', 'T5', 'T6', 'T7', 'T8' or 'T9'.

**Class 3 licence** means a primary commercial fishing licence that –

- has one (1) or more *class 3 fishery symbols* written on it; and
- does not have a *class 1 fishery symbol* or *class 2 fishery symbol* written on it

**Tender boat**, for a fishery symbol, means a tender boat authorised for use under the fishery symbol under the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*, section 32

**Surrender** for a fishery symbol written on a PCFL, means request the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries chief executive to amend the licence to remove the fishery symbol.

## C. Payments for Quota Units

### Retired and Surrendered quota authorities

#### 1. Purpose of Assistance

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance for *retired quota units* that may be given to an applicant under this section is a payment for quota units held by the applicant for barramundi, and king threadfin in all Queensland waters (management region 1-5), and grey mackerel only in the Great Barrier Reef region (management region 1-4). For *surrendered quota authorities*, the assistance that may be given to an applicant is a payment for certain quota authorities to take grey mackerel, school mackerel and whiting in management region five (5).

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for a *retired quota units* payment, the applicant must hold one (1) or more *barramundi units, king threadfin units, or grey mackerel units* (in management region 1-4).
- 2.2. To be eligible for a *surrendered quota units* payment, the applicant must:
- (a) hold a quota authority certificate that states the applicant holds one (1) or more of the following:
    - i. a 'GM5-ITQ' unit,
    - ii. a 'SCM5-ITQ' unit,
    - iii. a 'WT5-ITQ' unit; and
  - (b) surrender one or more units mentioned in 2.2(a).

#### 3. Amount of Assistance

- 3.1. The amount of assistance is as follows:

Quota Authority	Quota Authority Certificate	Payment
<b>Retired Quota Units</b>		
• <b>Barramundi</b>	• BM1-ITQ, BM2-ITQ, BM3-ITQ, BM4-ITQ, BM5-ITQ	\$17 per unit
• <b>Grey mackerel</b>	• GM1-ITQ, GM2-ITQ, GM3-ITQ, GM4-ITQ	\$25 per unit
• <b>King threadfin</b>	• KT1-ITQ, KT2-ITQ, KT3-ITQ, KT4-ITQ, KT5-ITQ	\$20 per unit
<b>Surrendered Quota Units</b>		
• <b>Grey mackerel</b>	• GM5-ITQ	\$25 per unit
• <b>School mackerel</b>	• SCM5-ITQ	\$20 per unit
• <b>Whiting</b>	• WT5-ITQ	\$20 per unit

#### 4. Conditions of Assistance

- 4.1. The applicant must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.2. For *retired quota units*, the applicant must not sell, lease or transfer a quota unit the subject of the application.
- 4.3. For *surrendered quota units*, the applicant must not sell, lease or transfer a quota unit the subject of the application before the end of the day on 30 June 2024.
- 4.4. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the applicant's fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.
- 4.5. The applicant must give consent for QRIDA to give notice to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the offer of assistance made and given under this assistance and the fishery symbol or PCFL surrendered under this section.

### 5. Definitions

**Barramundi units** means the quota units that are, immediately before 1 January 2024, BM1-ITQ units, BM2-ITQ units, BM3-ITQ units, BM4-ITQ units or BM5-ITQ units.

**Grey mackerel units** means the quota units that are, immediately before 1 January 2024, GM1-ITQ, GM2-ITQ units, GM3-ITQ units or GM4-ITQ units.

**GM5-ITQ units** means quota units that are GM5-ITQ units.

**King threadfin units** means the quota units that are immediately before 1 January 2024, KT1-ITQ units, KT2-ITQ units, KT3-ITQ units, KT4-ITQ units or KT5-ITQ units.

**Management region 5** means the east coast inshore management region 5 under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

**SCM5-ITQ unit** means quota units that are SCM5-ITQ units.

**WT5-ITQ unit** means quota units that are WT5-ITQ units.

## D(i) Payments for loss of income Great Barrier Reef Region

### 1. Purpose of Assistance

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance that may be given to an applicant under this section is a payment of an amount worked out based on the applicant's fishing history in the Great Barrier Reef region and the projected price of fish the in the 2024, 2025 and 2026 financial years.

*Note: There are some circumstances not covered in this Scheme which will be referred to future Schemes.*

### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for this assistance, the applicant must:

- (a) for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023, have held a *PCFL* that had one or more of the following symbols written on it – 'N1', 'N2', 'N4', 'N10' or 'K'; and
  - i. have a catch history under a fishery symbol to be retired in the Great Barrier Reef region during the same period; or
- (b) for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023, have held a *PCFL* that had the fishery symbol 'N11' written; and
  - i. have a catch history in a commercial fishery in *management region 1* during the same period; or
- (c) have leased a *PCFL* that had one or more of the fishery symbol written for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 t – 'N1', 'N2', 'N4', 'N10', or 'K'; and
  - i. provide evidence of the lease; and
  - ii. have a catch history in a commercial fishery in the Great Barrier Reef region during the same period; or
- (d) have leased a *PCFL* that had 'N11' fishery symbol written for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
  - i. provide evidence of the lease; and
  - ii. have a catch history in a commercial fishery in *management region 1* during the same period.

- 2.2. An applicant is also eligible for this assistance if the applicant,

- (a) is eligible under 2.1(a) or (b); and
- (b) has fishing data that shows that the applicant did not catch any fish in at least 6 months (the *no fish period*) during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
- (c) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that a special circumstance occurred to the applicant during the no fish period (e.g. medical certificate).

- 2.3. For 2.2 (c), special circumstances include:

- (a) illness of the applicant or one or more of the applicant's dependents;
- (b) natural disaster;
- (c) another circumstance that prevented the applicant from fishing during part of the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

2.4. For 2.2 (c), special circumstances do not include:

- (a) refitting a boat; or
- (b) fishing in another industry; or
- (c) working in another industry.

**3. Amount of Assistance**

3.1. For applicant’s eligible under 2.1(a), the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R + S}{2}\right) \times M = A$$

Where:

*A* means the amount

*M* means the *price multiplier* of the fish

*R* means the relevant period catch

*S* means the substitute period catch

3.2. For applicants eligible for special circumstances under 2.1 (b), the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R + S + C}{2}\right) \times M = A$$

Where:

*A* means the amount

*C* means the applicant’s special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms).

*M* means the *price multiplier* of the fish

*R* means the relevant period catch

*S* means the substitute period catch

3.3. The result from the formula is used to determine the amount of assistance, using the below table:

Formula amount	Amount of Assistance
1,000 or less	\$1,000
Between 1,000 and 4,999 (inclusive)	\$5,000
Between 5,000 and 10,000 (inclusive)	\$10,000
More than \$10,000	The result from the formula expressed in dollars.

**4. Conditions of Assistance**

- 4.1. The applicant must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.2. The applicant must not apply to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of day on 30 June 2024.
- 4.3. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the applicant’s fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.

## 5. Definitions

**Management region 1** means the east coast inshore management region 1 under the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

**No fish period** means the applicant's fishing data shows that the applicant did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months during the relevant period.

**Relevant period catch**, for an applicant, means the total weight (expressed in kilograms) of fish taken under the applicant's primary commercial fishing licence in the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.

**Substituted period catch**, for an applicant, means the total weight (expressed in kilograms) of fish taken under the applicant's primary commercial fishing licence in the period starting on 1 July 2022 and ending on 31 August 2022.

**Special circumstances catch**, for an applicant is worked out using the following formula –

$$\frac{(R + S)}{M} \times N = C$$

Where –

**C** means the applicant's special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms).

**N** means the number of months in the applicant's fish period.

**M** means the number of months during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 in which the applicant caught fish on at least 1 day in the month under the applicant's primary commercial fishing licence.

**R** means the applicant's relevant catch period (expressed as a whole number).

**S** means the applicant's substituted catch period.

## D(ii) Payments for loss of income

### Great Sandy Region

#### 1. Purpose of Assistance

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance that may be given to an applicant under this section of the scheme is a payment of an amount worked out based on the applicant's fishing history in the Great Sandy region the projected price of fish in the 2024, 2025 and 2026 financial years and changes to zoning and management in the Great Sandy region under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

*Note: A further Scheme will address any remaining fisheries or circumstances (e.g. leased licences/symbols) not covered in this Scheme.*

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for the Great Sandy region assistance, the applicant must:
- (a) for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023, have held a PCFL on which one (1) or more of the following fishery symbols is written – 'C1', 'C2', 'K8', 'L1', 'L2', 'L3', 'N1', 'N2', 'N10', 'N11', 'T1', 'T2', 'T5', 'T6', 'T7'; and
    - i. have a catch history in a commercial fishery in the Great sandy region during the same period; or
  - (b) have leased a PCFL on which one (1) or more of the following symbols is written for all or part of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 – 'C1', 'C2', 'K8', 'L1', 'L2', 'L3', 'N1', 'N2', 'N10', 'N11', 'T1', 'T2', 'T5', 'T6', 'T7'; and
    - i. provide evidence of the lease; and
    - ii. has a catch history in a commercial fishery in the Great Sandy region during the same period.
- 2.2. An applicant is also eligible for assistance if the applicant;
- (a) is eligible under 2.1 (a) or (b); and
  - (b) fishing data that shows that the applicant did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months (the **no fish period**) during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023; and
  - (c) can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of QRIDA, that a special circumstance occurred to the applicant during the no fish period (e.g. medical certificate).
- 2.3. For 2.2 (c), special circumstances include:
- (a) illness of the applicant or one or more of the applicant's dependents;
  - (b) natural disaster;
  - (c) another circumstance that prevented the applicant from fishing during part of the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023.
- 2.4. For 2.2 (c), special circumstances do not include:
- (a) refitting a boat; or
  - (b) fishing in another industry; or
  - (c) working in another industry.

### 3. Amount of Assistance

- 3.1. For applicant's eligible under 2.1(a), the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R + S}{2}\right) \times M = A$$

Where:

*A* means the amount

*M* means the *price multiplier* of the fish

*R* means the relevant period catch

*S* means the substitute period catch

- 3.2. For applicants eligible for special circumstances under 2.1 (b), the payment amount is calculated to two (2) decimal places by using the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{R + S + C}{2}\right) \times M = A$$

*A* means the amount

*C* means the applicant's special circumstances catch (expressed in kilograms).

*M* means the *price multiplier* of the fish

*R* means the relevant period catch

*S* means the substitute period catch

- 3.3. The result from the formula is used to determine the amount of assistance, using the below table:

Formula amount	Amount of Assistance
1,000 or less	\$1,000
Between 1,000 and 4,999 (inclusive)	\$5,000
Between 5,000 and 10,000 (inclusive)	\$10,000
More than \$10,000	The result from the formula expressed in dollars.

### 4. Conditions of Assistance

- 4.1. The applicant must enter into and comply with a written agreement with the QRIDA that sets out the terms on which the assistance is provided before receiving the assistance.
- 4.2. The applicant must not apply to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture to *move* a fishery symbol the subject of the application before the end of day on 30 June 2024.
- 4.3. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to give to QRIDA a copy of the applicant's fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.

### 5. Definitions

**No fish period** means the applicant's fishing data shows that the applicant did not catch any fish in at least 6 consecutive months during the period.

**Price multiplier**, for a species of fish, means the number stated in column 3 of the table in part 2 of the Scheme annexure for the fishery opposite the species of fish.

**Relevant grid site for a fishery** means an area shown on a relevant map as a Fisheries Queensland 6 minute grid site for the fishery.

**Relevant map** for a fishery, means –

- For a crab pot fishery – the map in part 1.2 of the scheme annexure; or



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- For a line fishery – the map in part 1.3 of the scheme annexure; or
- For a net fishery – the map in part 1.4 of the scheme annexure; or
- For a trawl fishery – the map in part 1.1 of the scheme annexure.

**Relevant period catch** for an applicant, means the amount worked out by –

- Multiplying the total weight of each species of fish (expressed in kilograms) taken by the applicant under a primary commercial fishing licence in each relevant grid site inside, or partly inside, the Great Sandy region during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 by the percentage stated in the relevant grid site for the fishery; and
- Adding the result for each relevant grid site.

**Substituted period catch**, for an applicant, means the amount worked out by –

- Multiplying the total weight of the fish (expressed in kilograms) taken by the applicant under the primary commercial fishing licence in each relevant grid site for the fishery during the substituted period by the percentage stated in the relevant grid site for this fishery; and
- Adding the result for each relevant grid site meters

**Special circumstances catch** for an applicant is worked out using the following formula –

$$\left(\frac{R + S}{M}\right) \times N = C$$

Where –

**C** means the applicant's special circumstances catch. (expressed in kilograms).

**N** means the number of months in the applicant's no fish period.

**M** means the number of months during the period starting on 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 in which the applicant caught fish on at least 1 day in the month under the primary commercial fishing licence.

**R** means the applicant's relevant catch period. (expressed as a whole number).

**S** means the applicant's substituted catch period.

## **E. Grant for advice related to Scheme**

### **1. Purpose of Assistance**

- 1.1. The purpose of the assistance that may be given to an applicant under this section is a grant to obtain legal or financial assistance in relation to the scheme.

### **2. Eligibility Criteria**

- 2.1. If an applicant is eligible for if this assistance if the applicant:
- (a) holds a PCFL that has one (1) or more of the following fishery symbols written on it – ‘N1’, ‘N2’ or ‘N4’; and
    - i. has a catch history in a commercial fishery in the Great Barrier Reef region or Great Sandy region; or
  - (b) lease a PCFL that has one (1) or more of the following fishery symbols written on it for the whole of the period starting 1 September 2021 and ending on 30 June 2023 – ‘N1’, ‘N2’ or ‘N4’; and
    - i. provide evidence of the lease; and
    - ii. have a catch history in a commercial fishery in the Great Barrier Reef or Great Sandy region.

### **3. Amount of Assistance**

- 3.1. The amount of assistance under this section is \$3,000 for each PCFL held by the applicant.

### **4. Conditions of Assistance**

- 4.1. An applicant is not eligible if they have already received assistance under this section for the same PCFL or eligible symbol;
- 4.2. The applicant must give consent to the chief executive of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to share with QRIDA a copy of the applicant’s fishing data to the extent the fishing data is relevant to the application.