

# Landing places

## Changes to commercial fishing rules in Queensland

From **1 September 2021**, new reporting requirements will apply to commercial fisheries in Queensland.

The new requirements will play an important role in the sustainable management of our fisheries resources by improving the accuracy of catch and effort information to support informed management decisions and compliance, helping to prevent black-marketing and facilitating data validation. Some requirements will vary between fisheries to manage the unique nature of the fishing operations involved.

### Landing place definitions

- For taking fish using a boat, but **not** a beach seine net:
  - the landing place is where the boat will be landed at the end of the fishing operation.
- For taking fish using a boat and a beach seine net:
  - the landing place is the beach or foreshore where the boat will be used to carry out fishing.
- For taking fish without using a boat:
  - the landing place is the place where the fish will be landed at the end of the fishing operation.

### Nominating a landing place

- Commercial fishers must provide a **pre-trip notice** before departing for each fishing operation. The pre-trip notice must include the proposed **landing place**, so the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol (QBFP) know where to undertake inspections.
- To nominate a landing place in your pre-trip notice, you can either:
  - use an existing **landing code** (current landing place codes are available at [fisheries.qld.gov.au](https://fisheries.qld.gov.au))
  - or**
  - provide the **latitude and longitude in degrees, minutes and seconds** of the landing place.

\* If your preferred landing place does not have a landing code, you can apply for a new landing code by submitting a landing place code request form to [vesseltracking@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:vesseltracking@daf.qld.gov.au). Each application will be reviewed by Fisheries Queensland – if the proposed landing place meets the requirements, a landing place code will be generated.

### What can (and can't) be a landing place

- QBFP must be able to undertake routine inspections of compliance with fisheries requirements. Therefore, a **landing place** must be 'a place open for inspection' by QBFP.
- If QBFP cannot access a fisher's **landing place** to undertake an inspection, the fisher would be considered non-compliant and penalties may apply.
- If you're not sure if your proposed landing place is acceptable, contact your [local QBFP](#).

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