

## Instructions for making an application for a general fisheries permit for broodstock collection

In most cases, collection of broodstock from the wild to use in aquaculture hatcheries requires a general fisheries permit (GFP) to authorise collection. A permit is required if collection activities involve the collection of a regulated species (under the minimum or above the maximum size limits, or in excess of possession limits), collecting during closed seasons or in closed waters, or using a fishing apparatus that is not permitted to be used by a recreational fisher.

Other approvals may also be required, for example permission to take protected species from within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Native title notification may be required for some approvals. In most cases, a permit to collect broodstock will only be issued if the applicant has an aquaculture approval.

The following information is required to be supplied when submitting an application to collect broodstock.

### Applicant details

Complete the applicant details section. All named authority holders must sign the application form. For a corporation, the form is signed in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, s127 by either two directors, or a director and a company secretary, or the sole director who is the sole secretary. If the licence is to be held by a registered company, a copy of the current company extract issued by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission should be provided. You may provide a copy with your application, or alternatively the copy can be arranged on your behalf by contacting this office (fees apply). Please note the permit cannot be issued to a business name only and either individual name/s, or a company or agency name must also be included.

### Species details

For **each** species that are to be collected, the following information must be provided:

- common and scientific name of the species;
- number of animals to be collected for each species and provide justification for this number of animals
- details of proposed collection location;
- specific collection locations and the boundaries of the collection location. Providing general descriptions of collections, such as “Fraser Island”, or “Hervey Bay South to Noosa River”, or failure to supply a suitable detailed map will result in the application not being accepted;
- details of the collection method and fishing apparatus to be used. Note that this permit, if issued, will allow the use of prescribed fishing apparatus for recreational fishers as detailed in Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 4 of the Fisheries Regulations 2008. If other fishing apparatus are proposed to be used, full details must be provided (e.g. dimensions and mesh size of any nets if they are to be used). For details of Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 4, refer to the Queensland Government website: [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au)
- methods employed to minimise capture and maximise survival of non-target species. Only those species listed on the permit may be collected, and all other species captured during collection activities are to be released;
- timing of when collection activities will occur during the year. Include if the collection of the target species will take place during a closed season;

- details of any vessels to be used in collection activities. You must advise if a vessel that is to be used in collection activities is endorsed under the Fisheries Act 1994 to allow collection of the target species. A copy of the endorsement is to be attached if applicable;
- for protected and listed species, demonstrated ability and expertise to collect, hold and spawn the fish, or fish with similar life histories, to ensure long term survival of broodstock for aquaculture. Some of the species collected for broodstock are protected under fisheries legislation or are listed as threatened species under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). In assessing applications to collect protected or listed species, DAFF will consider the ability of the applicant to collect, hold and spawn the fish, or fish with similar life histories, to ensure long term survival of broodstock for aquaculture. Refer to the Broodstock and Culture Stock Collection Guideline for further information on management arrangements for protected and listed species.

## Impacts of collection activities

Provide details of any impacts on the environment (e.g. physical impacts on bed or banks) that are likely from your collection activities, and what environmental management practices will be used to avoid or minimise impacts on the environment. Impacts will vary depending on the collection method and fishing apparatus to be used. Examples of practices to minimise impacts on the environment include using standard fishing apparatus and collecting in existing fishery areas.

## Existing approvals

List any authorities that you currently hold that were issued under the *Fisheries Act 1994* and/or fisheries related approvals issued under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (e.g. aquaculture development approval).

## Timeframe for permit

List the period that the permit is required for. Note a permit may only be issued for a maximum period of five years.

## Declaration

All applicants must sign the declaration.

## Payment

Please contact fisheries licensing on (07) 3087 8812 for current fee for a general fisheries permit. If using cheques and money orders, please make them payable to "Fisheries Queensland", and cheques are to be marked "not negotiable". For electronic payment options, please contact (07) 3087 8812.

Applications are to be sent to: Fisheries Queensland, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, GPO Box 2764, Brisbane QLD 4001.

For further information, contact (07) 3087 8812, fax (07) 3229 8182 or email [fisherieslicensing@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:fisherieslicensing@daf.qld.gov.au)