

TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting No. 13 13 December 2012
OTHER BUSINESS CatchLogs system	Agenda Item No. 5.1 FOR INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

5.1.1 That the TSPMAC **NOTES** an information item prepared by CatchLog on the services they have available.

BACKGROUND

Catchlog is the market leader in electronic log books for the commercial fishing industry. Used for catch reporting and vessel management, the CatchLog products are designed by Fishermen for Fishermen.

With CatchLog you can enjoy paperless log book reporting and have all your fishing and vessel operation information at your fingertips.

Whether you choose to use the Basic or Advanced mode, CatchLog will guide you through each step with “How to Use” wizard functions and “Help” movies.

- CatchLog can produce reports for you to send to management or use for vessel or catch comparisons.
- CatchLog can issue a report advising you how much you have on board and what the estimated value is for your catch to report directly to your Buyers.
- CatchLog will save you 10 hours per week in Food Safety reports by using the Food Safety Manager.
- CatchLog can transfer your electronic log book data to your fishing authority via any internet connection.
- Landing records are a breeze as the CatchLog wizards guide you through the process from start to finish.
- Crew Manager is a feature of CatchLog’s Advanced Mode that takes care of all the calculations for wages, deductions and vessel operating expense.
- Quota Manager is an extra feature, with an in-built limit warning system, so you know your current total against your quota.
- CatchLog can also solve all your export regulation (AQIS) problems by utilising this function as well, again saving you lots of money when Audit time comes around. When the vessel has an audit which is at least once a year if you have an A rating, or 3 times a year if you have a C rating, it will cost \$340.00 per hour for the Auditor to do the Audit what most of the time takes 3-4 hours. If you have Food Safety Manager installed and take your Laptop in the office to do the Audit, they only charge \$40.00 per hour and the most it ever has taken was 1.5 hours. Normally it only takes up to an hour.
- The AQIS people love the program and 68 vessels are using it.

DISCUSSION

AFMA and the fishing industry have been working together to improve the operation of electronic logbook submissions. Industry, AFMA and Catchlog Trading (one of the providers of e-log software) have developed a way to automate the submission of e-log returns when the fishing vessel comes within range of mobile data services.

These changes were implemented and rolled out to CatchLog's NPF clients in early March 2012. The timeliness of the electronic returns in this current banana prawn season has been very pleasing and has meant a significant reduction in the number of missing returns needing to be followed up by NPF Industry Pty Ltd (who manage data quality and returns under a co-management agreement with AFMA).

AFMA is currently discussing a new fee for service policy where paper logbooks will be charged at a per day rate. Using catchlog is an annual fee and may help you save money instead of paying a daily fee for paper logbooks.

The best part for the skipper is time saving and going back on historical data. After a hard nights work, it will take the skipper 5min to enter his catch and have his entire AA question answered.

The NPF has been an early adopter of e-logs and has seen the benefit in reduced logbook costs and better information.

PRESENTATION ON THE CATCHLOG PROGRAMS

CatchLog: Display how to enter a catch and how to do an unload, as well as answering Food Safety Manager AA questions.

Fleet Manager: Display Fleet Manager and explain what the Managers can get out of the program.