



THE FISH RECEIVER SYSTEM

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the fish receiver system?

The fish receiver system (FRS) is used to get accurate and timely records of the weight of commercial catches. FRS data is used to ensure commercial catches do not exceed the Total Allowable Catch or individual quota holdings in a given fishing season.

What fisheries does the FRS apply to?

The FRS applies to all Torres Strait commercial fisheries, except the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery.

What is a licenced fish receiver and what do they do?

A fish receiver is a licenced person who is required to weigh a fisher's catch when it is unloaded. Fish receivers must fill in a Catch Disposal Record (TDB02) either on paper, or electronically, which informs AFMA how much fish has been caught and by who (the fisher). The fisher (or their agent) must provide their name, fishing licence details and sign the CDR. For more information refer to the Checklist for Receivers fact sheet.

Is a fish receiver also a buyer?

Not always. In most cases the fish receiver will be a buyer. However, sometimes the fisher will land their catch to a fish receiver, have it weighed and then store the catch to sell it to a different buyer later.

How can I check who is a licenced fisher or fish receiver?

The Torres Strait Licence register lists all licenced fishers and fish receivers and is available on the PZJA website.

Who supplies the catch disposal record forms?

AFMA provides the *Torres Strait Fisheries Catch Disposal Record (TDB02)* or online access to use electronic CDRs. Contact AFMA Licensing for information to set up and use electronic CDRs.

How is the FRS implemented?

By licence conditions. Your fishing licences states you can only land fish to a licenced fish receiver. Fish receiver licences state a fish receiver can only receive fish from a licenced fisher.

How do I get a fish receiver licence?

You can apply for a fish receiver licence by completing a Fish Receiver Licence Application form available from the AFMA Thursday Island Office or the PZJA website.

How much does a fish receiver licence cost?

A fish receiver licence is free. Licence fees may be introduced in the future.

For more information on the Fish Receiver System, contact AFMA

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