



River Fishery

Electronic Reporting Guide for Commercial Fishing

The River fishery is transitioning to electronic reporting for Catch & Effort Logbook reporting. This guide provides important details about submitting these reports.

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How to use

Overview

A digital platform has been built for the River fishery. Fishers now have the ability to submit a Catch & Effort logbook report (C&E Log) via the Commercial Fishing SA App or directly through the myPIRSA portal using the eCatch (Digital reporting) service.

Once a fisher submits these reports, the data will go directly in eCatch which is essentially an external data store that fishers can access. Fishers also have the ability to edit their reports if required through the myPIRSA portal using the eCatch (Digital reporting) service.

eCatch is also the link between online data and the PIRSA fisheries databases.

PIRSA databases manage where logbook data is captured.

Licence holders must ensure all masters are registered and endorsed on their licence.

Licence holders can download the 'Application to change registration of a master' form on the PIRSA website to register or change masters.

All fishers submitting electronic reports must do so using their own login credentials for the Commercial Fishing SA app

To use the Commercial Fishing SA app, fishers (licence holders and masters) must first register to use the app.

Getting started

PIN

If you are a first-time user you will need to call Fishwatch on [1800 065 522](tel:1800065522) and advise that you require a PIN for your Commercial Fishing SA app to submit C&E Logs.

If you already have a PIN for other fishery licences you can use the same PIN number. Please contact FISHWATCH on [1800 065 522](tel:1800065522) and tell them the PIN number you wish to use for the additional licence.

The Fishwatch call centre operator will then verify the licence number/s and details. Please note these voice calls are recorded

Download and install the app

The Commercial Fishing SA app is available for iPhone and Android.



Device requirements

- Apple iOS devices (iPhone, iPad and iPod touch) – requires iOS 13 or later.
- Android devices – requires Android version 6.0 and up.

Enter your details

Open the app by tapping this icon on your device:



For first use you will need to add your licence details.
Enter your licence number and the PIN and then select '+ Add new' button.
If you already are using the app you can select '+ Add new' button to add another licence

This screenshot shows the initial registration screen of the 'Commercial Fishing SA' app. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'Commercial Fishing SA'. Below the header, there are two input fields: 'Licence number' with a placeholder 'Enter Licence number' and 'PIN' with a placeholder 'Enter PIN'. At the bottom of the form, there is a blue button with a white plus sign and the text 'Add new'.

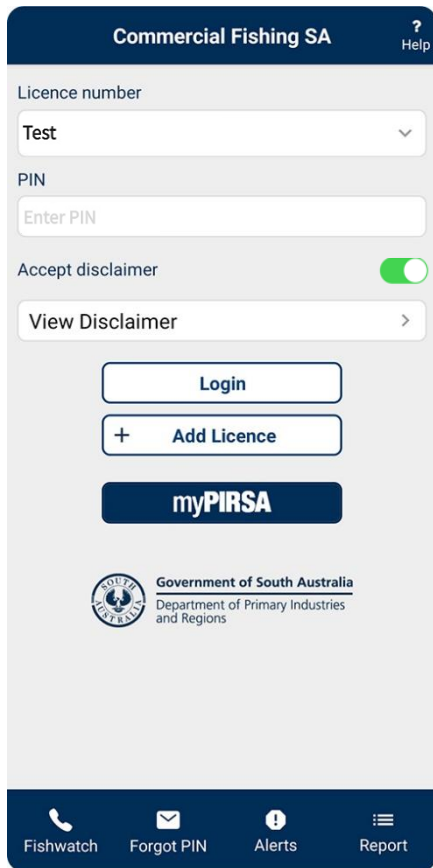
Future use of the app will not require your licence number details as this will be retained and if you have multiple licences they will be visible on the drop-down menu to select.

Your licence and details will be added to the app.

This screenshot shows the login screen of the 'Commercial Fishing SA' app. The header is dark blue with 'Commercial Fishing SA' and a 'Help' icon. Below the header, there is a 'Licence number' section with a dropdown menu labeled 'Select Licence'. Below that is a 'PIN' section with an input field labeled 'Enter PIN'. There is a toggle switch for 'Accept disclaimer' which is currently turned on. Below the toggle is a button labeled 'View Disclaimer'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Login', '+ Add Licence', and a dark blue button with the 'myPIRSA' logo.

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- Enter your 4 digit PIN again
- Accept the disclaimer to use the app, by sliding button to the right (you only need to accept for first use)
- Click the Login' button.



The screenshot shows the 'Commercial Fishing SA' app interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'Commercial Fishing SA' and a 'Help' icon. Below the header, there is a 'Licence number' dropdown menu with 'Test' selected. Underneath is a 'PIN' input field with the placeholder text 'Enter PIN'. A toggle switch for 'Accept disclaimer' is turned on. Below the toggle is a 'View Disclaimer' button with a right-pointing arrow. There are three main buttons: 'Login', '+ Add Licence', and a dark blue 'myPIRSA' button. At the bottom of the screen, there is a footer with the 'Government of South Australia' logo and text, and a navigation bar with icons for 'Fishwatch', 'Forgot PIN', 'Alerts', and 'Report'.

Submitting an electronic Trip Report

River fishers must submit a mandatory Catch & Effort Log report for each day of fishing activity, this can be completed through the Commercial Fishing SA app.

River – C&E Log

Select the **River – C&E Log** report from the drop-down menu, then tap **Next**.

The screenshot shows a mobile application form with the following fields and a button:

- Licence number ***: A text input field containing "Test".
- Master Name ***: A dropdown menu showing "test1 test" with a downward arrow.
- Telephone ***: A text input field containing "0413373858".
- Report Title ***: A dropdown menu showing "River - C&E Log" with a downward arrow.
- NEXT**: A button with a right-pointing arrow.

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Date of activity *
25/02/2025

Fisher Days *
Enter...

Main Area *
Please select

Gear *
Please select

No. *
Enter...

Average Hours *
Enter...

Target Species *
Please select

Was no catch landed? *
No

Condition *
Please select

Weight (kg) *
Enter...

Retained Species
No Retained Species added
Use 'Add Retained Species' button to add fields.
ADD RETAINED SPECIES

Were any Golden Perch discarded? *
Please select

Wildlife/Protected Species Interaction *
Please select

Main Place Of Landing *
Please select

NEXT →

Date of activity *
25/02/2025

Fisher Days *
1

Main Area *
MIDDLE REACHES - LOCK 3 TO LOCK 1

Gear *
PYRAMID NET

No. *
15

Average Hours *
6

Target Species *
YABBY

Was no catch landed? *
No

Condition *
Whole

Weight (kg) *
112

Retained Species
No Retained Species added
Use 'Add Retained Species' button to add fields.
ADD RETAINED SPECIES

Were any Golden Perch discarded? *
No

Wildlife/Protected Species Interaction *
No

Main Place Of Landing *
SWAN REACH

NEXT →

Fill out all the required fields with your catch details. Tap **Next** and continue to the summary page



See example on the left

Check on the Summary page that you have entered the right information

Report Title
River - C&E Log

Licence number
Test

Master Name
test1 test

Telephone
0413373858

Date & Time Submit
February 25th 2025, 1:36:06 pm

Date of activity
25/02/2025

Fisher Days
1

Main Area
MIDDLE REACHES - LOCK 3 TO LOCK 1

Gear
PYRAMID NET

No.
15

Average Hours
6

Target Species
YABBY

Was no catch landed?
No

Condition
Whole

Weight (kg)
112

Were any Golden Perch discarded?
No

Wildlife/Protected Species Interaction
No

Main Place Of Landing
SWAN REACH

CONFIRM AND SUBMIT

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Note: Once you submit the report you cannot change it from within the app. This can only be done through your myPIRSA eCatch (Digital Reporting) Service.

Click on the back arrow to make any changes. If no changes, select **Confirm and Submit** to submit your report.

This confirmation message will be displayed at the top of your screen (if in network coverage).

Note the reference number is your Trip ID. The Trip ID is your licence number, followed by the date as YYMMDD (year, month, day) and then a letter indicating the trips undertaken that day – e.g. R54250225A is made up of the licence number R54, the date is 25 February 2025 and the letter A indicates it was the first trip submitted that day.

Thank you, your River - C&E Log has been submitted, your report reference is R54250225A

Reference Number

R54250225A



Licence number

Test

Master Name

test1 test

Telephone

0413373858

Date & Time Submit

February 25th 2025, 1:41:44 pm

← Back to homepage

Select **Back to Homepage** to return to the home screen.

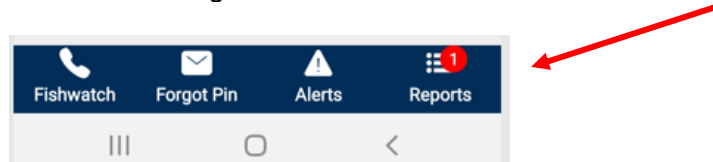
Submitting offline

If your device is offline, reports can still be submitted. You can still log into the app and select the report you wish to submit. When you submit your report, you will see a message advising you that your device is offline and your report will be resent when the network is available. There is no need to resubmit the report – the report will automatically be sent when your device has network connectivity.



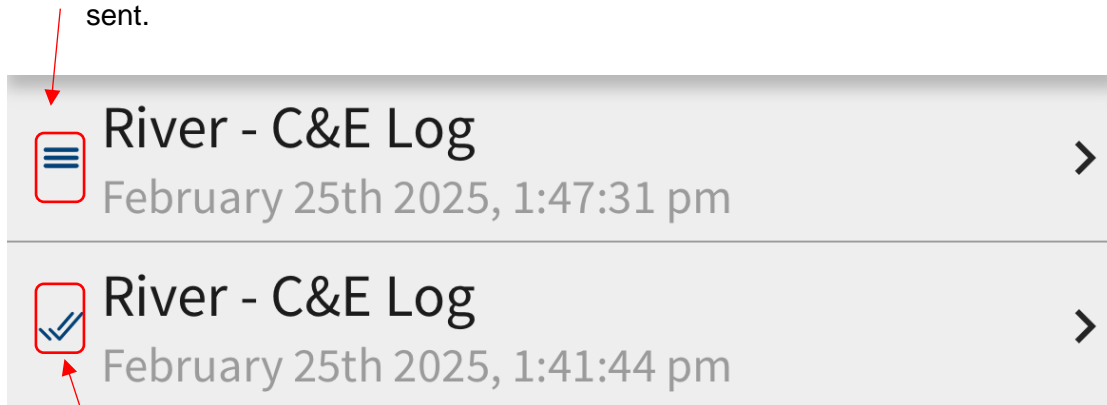
OFFLINE: Your report will be resent when network available

You can see the reports you have submitted through your mobile device by clicking on 'Reports', located at the bottom right-hand corner of the app. Reports without a tick are 'Pending' and are yet to be received and will automatically be sent once the device has network coverage.



All reports you have submitted through the Commercial Fishing SA application will be listed on this page.

- Reports with this symbol indicate it is 'Pending' and awaiting network coverage to be sent.



- A successfully submitted report has a 'tick' symbol next to it.

Other Functions

- Add other licences – If you have multiple fishing licences you can add them by clicking on the '+ Add licence'. The app will store them for next time
- Delete licence – you can click on minus symbol next to your licence number in the licence list to delete the licence from the app
- myPIRSA portal link – Goes to the myPIRSA website
- Call icon – Call Fishwatch: 1800 065 522
- Forgot PIN – Your 4 digit PIN will be sent to your registered email account
- Alerts – Links to reference material for electronic reporting and other information about commercial fisheries
- Report – See your reports sent to PIRSA through the Commercial Fishing SA app which are stored on your device.
- Notifications: top right hand corner bell icon indicates when notifications are ready to be viewed.

eCatch

About eCatch

The eCatch web portal offers additional functionality than the Commercial Fishing SA app. eCatch is a web portal which is enabled for mobile devices and is used to store all the electronic reports submitted by a fisher. In addition, it can be used to submit electronic trip reports in lieu of the Commercial Fishing SA app.

eCatch offers the following additional functionality:

- reviewing your licence details
- requesting edits to a submitted report
- reviewing all reports including your Commercial app and call reports.

Access to eCatch (Digital Reporting) Service

Licence holders and registered masters who are endorsed on the licence can access eCatch. You can also nominate viewing access by a third party as an ebusiness contact if required. Once endorsed on a licence to use eCatch, you must register via myPIRSA.

<https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/>

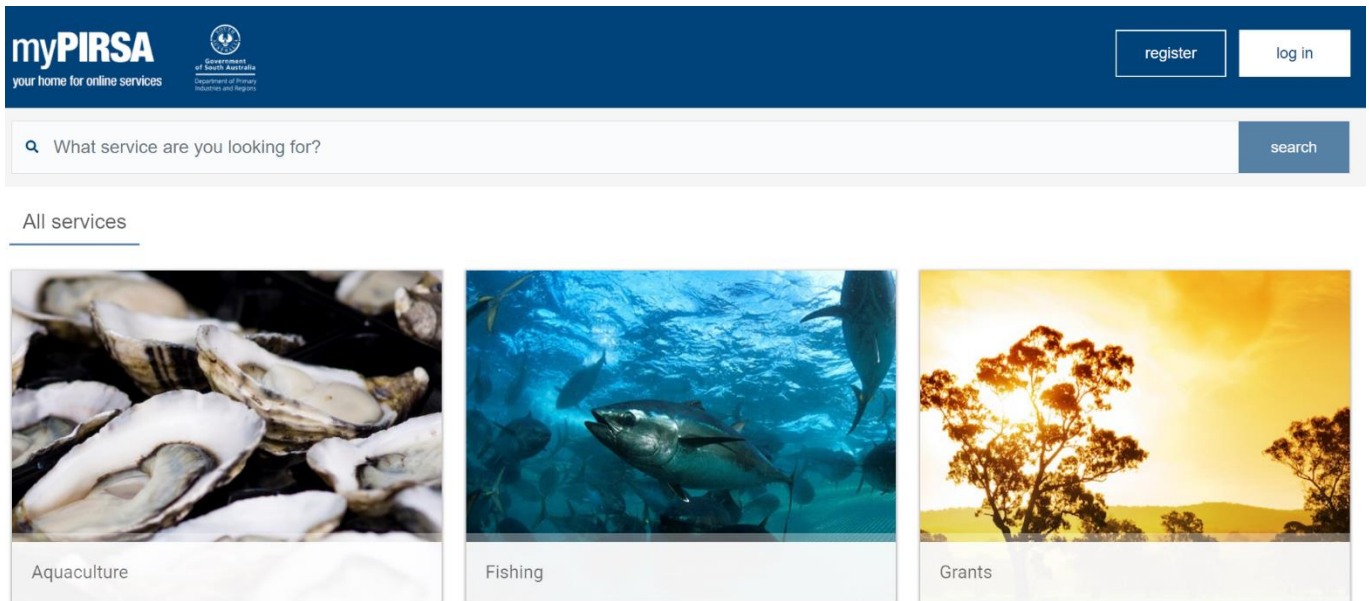
eCatch can only be accessed by logging in to the myPIRSA portal. You must be online to use myPIRSA and eCatch.

myPIRSA is the same platform you use to access your quota balance statements.

eCatch online reporting system

Go to: <https://mypirsa.pir.sa.gov.au/>

Select log in and enter your user details and password.



myPIRSA
your home for online services

Government of South Australia
Department of Primary Industries and Regions

register log in

What service are you looking for? search

All services

Aquaculture

Fishing

Grants

Once you have accessed myPIRSA, select “Use an eCatch (Digital Reporting) service”:

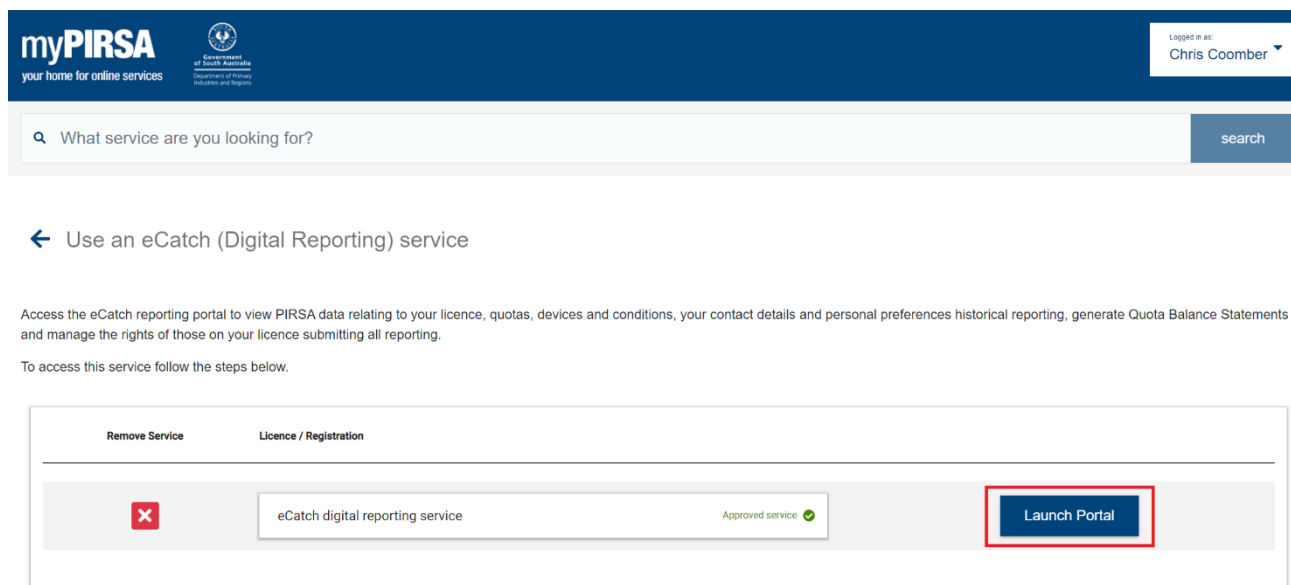
Use an eCatch (Digital Reporting) service

Access the eCatch reporting portal to view PIRSA data relating to your licence, quotas, devices and conditions, your contact details and personal preferences historical reporting, generate Quota ...



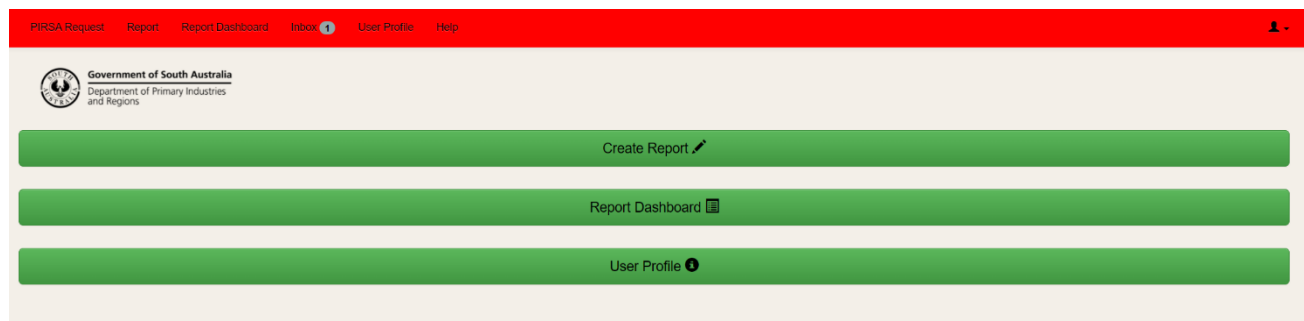
Approved service ✓

The following screen will appear:



Select "Launch Portal" highlighted in the red box within the above image.

You will be taken to the following page, you are now in PIRSA eCatch (please note this red banner image is the testing version of PIRSA eCatch):



You have multiple ways to enter electronic reports, this includes entry via the eCatch online portal (should you elect not to enter through the Commercial Fishing SA application). The eCatch portal offers additional functionality including the ability to review licence particulars, the ability to make a request to edit a submitted report and the ability to review all submitted reports inclusive Fishwatch App and Call reports.

Submitting electronic reports directly in eCatch may be done by either selecting **Create Report** bar or selecting **Report** in the top banner.

Under the Fisher Reports header, select “River”



This will take you directly to your C&E Log report (see image below)

Enter the required information. Once the form is complete tap **Submit** to submit the report. Should you make an error the change can be inputted prior to report submission. You have the option to “Cancel” the report if it was initiated in error.


River - C&E Log

Licence Number *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Date of activity *	<input type="text" value="25-02-2025"/>
Fisher Days *	<input type="text" value="1-10; integer"/>
Main Area *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Gear *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Units of Gear *	<input type="text" value=">= 0; integer"/>
Units of Effort (soak time or shots per day) *	<input type="text" value=">= 0; integer"/>
Landed Catch (Kg) and Condition (Whole, Headed, Gutted)	
Target Species *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Was no catch landed? *	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	<input type="button" value="Add Retained Species"/>
Were any Golden Perch discarded? *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Wildlife/Protected Species Interaction *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>
Main Place Of Landing *	<input type="text" value="--- None Selected ---"/>

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After submitting this message will appear. Please certify correct and select **confirm**.

True and Accurate Declaration

 I certify the information recorded on this C&E Log is true and correct.

Confirm

Cancel

Once submitted then select home to return to the main menu.

Successful



Report Submitted! Trip: [R54250225D](#)

Trip Details

Home

You can select to return to the eCatch homepage or review your trip details.

Additional eCatch Functionality

In addition to the entry of Trip Reports, the eCatch portal can be utilised to undertake the following:

- Review submitted trip reports (ie CDRs and C&E Logs)
- Make an edit request for a submitted Report
- Export reports into a Microsoft Excel document
- Review Fishwatch Call reports made by the Fisher
- Review Fishwatch App reports made by the Fisher
- Inbox, eCatch email capability
- Review licence particulars and control master access
- Review your user info.

In order to review submitted trip reports (C&E Logs), you can click on

Report Dashboard 

Upon clicking on the “**Report Dashboard**” the following options appear:



Trip Report Dashboard - the trip report dashboard displays the Trips submitted by you for the licence. Within the Trip Report dashboard, you have the ability to enter in parameters to limit their search. This is undertaken via data entry into one or all of the following.

Trip Reports

From: To: Fish Type: None selected Status: None selected Error: ---None Selected --- Pirsas DB: ---None Selected --- Search

Show 10 entries Search:

TripID Fish Type Reported By Depart Date Landing Date Status Purchase Status HasError HasErrorTag InPirsasDB Action

Trip Reports

From: 25/01/2025 To: Fish Type: None selected Status: None selected Error: ---None Selected --- Pirsas DB: ---None Selected --- Search

Show 10 entries Search: r54

TripID	Fish Type	Reported By	Depart Date	Landing Date	Status	Purchase Status	HasError	HasErrorTag	InPirsasDB	InPIIMSDB	Cancel Date	Action
R54250225A	River	R54	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	Completed		No	No				Show Details
R54250225B	River	R54	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	Completed		No	No				Show Details
R54250225C	River	R54	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	25/02/2025 12:00:00 AM	Completed		No	No				Show Details

TripID – is the Trip number, which is represented as the licence number combined with reverse date, followed by a letter which indicates the number of trips undertaken in the same day.

Landing Date - is the time the C&E Log was submitted to the eCatch system either through the Commercial Fishing SA application, eCatch direct or the **Fishwatch Call centre**.

Status – indicates if the report has been submitted by you in its entirety.

Purchase Status – Not Applicable.

InPirsasDB – indicates if the report has been submitted to PIRSA Databased.

Action – You have the ability to “Show Details” associated with the report that has been made against the licence. By clicking on this link, you are provided with all details associated with the entered information.

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Dashboard Image

Report Activities - River - R54250225A

Show 10 entries Search:

Report	Report ID	Submit Date	Create Date	Activity Date	Has Error	Has TEP S Error	Action
C&E	RCE59	25/02/2025 1:41:44 PM	25/02/2025 1:42:01 PM	25/02/2025	No		Edit

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries Previous 1 Next

Trip Overview - River - R54250225A

Trip ID	R54250225A	Licence	R54	Submit Date	25/02/2025 1:41:44 PM
Status	Completed	Has Error	No	InPirsaDb	
Note					

C&E Log Report - River - R54250225A

Show 10 entries Search:

Has Error	Report ID	Licence	Date of activity	Fisher Days	Main Area	Gear	Units Of Gear	Units Of Effort	Target Species	Was no catch landed?	Condition	Weight (kg)	Were any Golden Perch discarded?	Discard Number	Wildlife/Protected Species Interaction	Main Place Of Landing
No	RCE59	R54	25/02/2025	1	MIDDLE REACHES - LOCK 3 TO LOCK 1	PYRAMID NET	15	6	YABBY	No	Whole	112	No		No	SWAN REACH

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries Previous 1 Next

Retained Species Report - River - R54250225A

Show 10 entries Search:

Has Error	Report ID	C&E Report Id	Species	Condition	Weight (kg)
No data available in table					

Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries Previous Next

TEPS Report - River - R54250225A

Show 10 entries Search:

Has Error	Report ID	C&E Report Id	Observer on Board	Gear Code	Activity/Shot No	Time (24 hr)	Location Latitude	Location Longitude	Area Code	Species	Number of Animals	Nature of Interaction	Number of Caught	Number of Entanglement	Number of Impact/Collision	Number of Other	Status	Number of Alive	Number of Dead	Number of Injured	Number of Unknown	Fate	Number of Released	Number of Kept/Retained	Number of Discarded
No data available in table																									

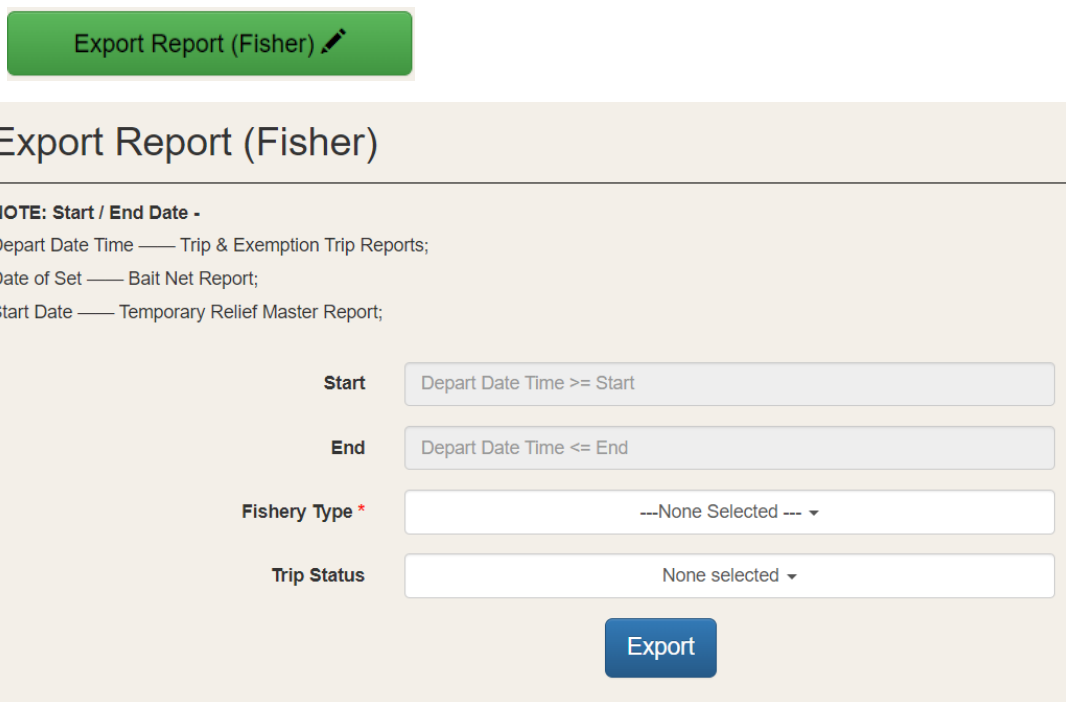
Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries Previous Next

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Please note, you have the ability to make the request to edit your report from this screen if you have made a mistake after submission. You cannot edit via the Commercial Fishing SA app. Edits can be requested through the PIRSA eCatch portal by clicking on the [edit](#) link (see above image).

If an edit is required, you will be taken to your report within PIRSA eCatch and can make a request to change the fields within the report. You will be required to submit the report which is then sent to PIRSA Information Services for their attention.

Export Report Fisher – The feature allows you to extract a summary of your Reports which exports to an excel spreadsheet.



The screenshot shows a green button labeled "Export Report (Fisher)" with a pencil icon. Below it is a form titled "Export Report (Fisher)". The form includes a "NOTE: Start / End Date -" section with instructions: "Depart Date Time — Trip & Exemption Trip Reports;", "Date of Set — Bait Net Report;", and "Start Date — Temporary Relief Master Report;". The form has four input fields: "Start" (text input with "Depart Date Time >= Start"), "End" (text input with "Depart Date Time <= End"), "Fishery Type *" (dropdown menu with "--None Selected --"), and "Trip Status" (dropdown menu with "None selected"). A blue "Export" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Fishwatch Call Report – the link will display all Fishwatch Call reports submitted by the you.

Commercial App Report – the link will display all Commercial App reports submitted by the you.


Within the homepage you can access your user and licence data. In order to access this data, you will be required to click on:



You will be presented with the following options:



Licence - by clicking on “Licence”, and then  you can see detail in relation to your licence.

Licence	Type	Licence Holder	Action
R54	River	Joe Bloggs	

The report displays “licence users”, the licence Holder can suspend and modify access to any master’s associated with the Licence.

Additional details including the assets, devices and conditions are displayed in this view.

User Details – the screen allows you to view your user information.

In addition, you can elect to receive emails associated with your licence activity.