



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

General Permit Application for:

- **Threatened species and ecological communities (section 201)**
- **Migratory species (section 216)**
- **Whales and dolphins (section 238)**
- **Listed marine species (section 258)**



If the person completing this form is representing a small business (i.e. a business having less than 20 employees), please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this form.

Please include:

- the time taken spent reading the instructions, working on the questions and obtaining the information; and
- the time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information.

Hours

Minutes

Purpose of this form

This form is for an activity which will affect any species or ecological community listed under the EPBC Act in the above categories where that activity is within a Commonwealth Area, and for whale/dolphins where the activity is within the waters of the Australian Whale Sanctuary, or internationally.

Complete this form in addition to either Supplementary Form A, B or C described in question 1 on the next page. Please return it, along with the relevant Supplementary Form to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Note that it is a requirement of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* that details of this application (which may include the applicant's name) and any supplementary forms (A, B or C) be provided to persons or bodies registered with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under section 266A of the Act, for the purposes inviting submissions from those persons or bodies regarding permit applications.

Do not use this form for permits in:

- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. These permits are available at: <https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/online-services/permits-online>
- A Commonwealth park or reserve (e.g. Kakadu National Park). These permits are available at: <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/national-parks/parks-australia/permits-licences-and-leases>

Additional information

Further information is also available by contacting the Department by email: EPBC.Permits@dcceew.gov.au.

Incomplete information

Applications that are incomplete or contain insufficient information cannot be assessed. Delays will occur whilst further information is sought from the applicant.

If you need more space

If there is insufficient space on this form to fully address any of the questions please attach additional pages and list these attachments at question 10.

1 Which of the following best describes the purpose of this application?

Research on whales/dolphins ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).
Now go to 2

To conduct an activity that will have an incidental impact on whales/dolphins ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).
Now go to 2
E.g. whales and dolphins are not the purpose of the activity but they will be indirectly affected

Whale and Dolphin watching ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form B for Whale and Dolphin Watching.
Now go to 2

To kill, injure, take, trade, keep or move a listed species or ecological community in Commonwealth areas ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form C **Listed species / ecological community, listed migratory species or listed marine species.**
Now go to 2

Import/export of whale/dolphin parts or products ⇒ Please contact the Wildlife Trade Section on (02) 6274 1111.

2 Period of permit requested
Permits are usually not issued for more than 5 years.

Start date: 01/02/2026	End date: 01/02/2027
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3 The permit holder can be a group such as a business, company, or corporation?

Is the proposed permit holder a group?

No ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ⇒ **Give details below**

Group Name South Australian Sardine Industry Association
Street address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

4 Is the proposed permit holder an individual?

No ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ⇒ **Give details below of each individual to whom the permit would be issued.** If insufficient space, attach a separate list.

Now go to 5

5 Applicant details (if different from proposed permit holder(s))

Name:
Residential address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

6 Give the relevant qualifications and experience of all people who will carry out the activities. If insufficient space, attach a list.

1	Name: Claire Webber
Qualifications and Experience	
2022 – current	Executive Officer, South Australian Sardine Industry Association
2016 - current	Deputy Chair, Ocean Watch Australia
2015 – current	Cruise Ship Tour Guide, Taste of Port Lincoln EP Bus Charters
2020 – 2021	Seafood Industry Representative, SA Seafood Advisory Forum
2012 – current	Vice Chair, Women in Seafood Australasia
2013 – 2020	Member of the Australian Aquatic Animal Welfare Committee
2009 – 2022	Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association (ASBTIA), Research and Liaison Officer
2010 – 2011	Penaeid Fisheries QLD, Deckhand
2006 – 2008	Ministry of Fisheries NZ, Fisheries Observer
2008	Australian Antarctic Division, Research Officer
2007	Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Fisheries Observer
2006	South Australian Research & Development Institute, Research Officer, Marine Mammal Observer Programme
EDUCATION/TRAINING	
2013	Diploma of Aquaculture, TAFE SA
2012	Australian Institute of Company Directors, Strategic Media and Seafood Industry Communication Training
2011	National Seafood Industry Leadership Program
2006	Commercial Fisheries Observer Certificate, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, School of Fisheries, NZ
2006	PADI Open Water Diver
2005	<i>Bachelor of Administration (Marine Resources)</i> with distinction, Australian Maritime Collage (AMC), Tasmania
2005	Certificate 3 in the Seafood Industry (Seafood Processing)
2001	South Australian Certificate of Education
-	Motor Boat Licence (SA); Senior First Aid Certificate; Netball Australia. Umpire; Full Drivers Licence (SA&NZ)

2 Names: Table of List of Skippers and Vessels

Vessel Name	Name	Length
Somma Indee	Marcus White	19.6m
Pelorus	Marcus White	22.6m
Karie	Joe Tapley	18m
Sardinops	Justin Chenoweth	22.5m
Christina S	Verne Lindsay	23.97m
Delamere	Kim Mundy	31m
Lukina 1	Adam Kobelt	45.4m
Maria Luisa	Michael Evenden	41.2m
Simoan	Clinton Scharfe	29.5m
Violet	James Bascomb	29.57m
Ocean Dystany	Alex Cotsello	28.64m
Markane	Sean Kalling	35m

Qualifications and experience:
 Skippers in the South Australian Sardine Fishery have a diverse range of AMSA, maritime safety, and trade-related qualifications. Skippers have between 6 and 35 years of sea time, with extensive operational experience in purse-seine fishing for sardines. Skippers and crew are practiced in cetacean sighting, with thorough observation for dolphins undertaken whenever the net is set.

For the 2026 season, all skippers will receive refresher training on:

- DDD deployment options and discussion on vessel-specific procedures
- Limitations of acoustic propagation under different environmental conditions
- Night-time wildlife detection using spotlights and sound
- Updated 2025 Wildlife Interactions Code of Practice (CoP), and
- DDD permit conditions, including 500-m whale exclusion distances and the requirement to remove DDDs immediately if whales are detected.

This will ensure all skippers meet the required competencies to safely deploy the devices and comply with all mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

7 Have you applied for or obtained any other approvals, permits or licences relating to this activity under Commonwealth, State or Territory legislation?

No ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ⇒ **Attach copies**



8 Have you previously held a permit from the Australian Government to conduct this activity?

No ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ⇒ **Give details below**

Permit number	Date permit expired
2023-0012	01/02/2026

9 Offences

A proposed permit holder is taken to have been convicted of an offence if, within 5 years before the application is made, the proposed permit holder:

- has been charged with, and found guilty of, the offence but discharged without conviction; or
- has not been found guilty of the offence, but a court has taken the offence into account in passing sentence on the proposed permit holder for another offence.

Section 6 of the *Crimes Act 1914* deals with being an accessory after the fact. Sections 7 and 7A and subsection 86(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* and sections 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5 of the *Criminal Code* deal with attempts to commit offences, inciting to or urging the commission of offences by other people and, conspiracy to commit offences.

Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914* includes provisions that, in certain circumstances, relieve persons from the requirement to disclose spent convictions and require persons aware of such convictions to disregard them.

Has the proposed permit holder been **convicted** of, or **subject to proceedings** for an offence under any of the following?

- offences under the *EBPC Act* or *Regulations*
- a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory about the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities;
- section 6, 7 or 7A, or subsection 86(1), of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Commonwealth) or sections 11.1, 11.4 or 11.5 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Commonwealth) in relation to an offence under a law mentioned in (a) or (b) above; or
- a provision of a law of a State or Territory that is equivalent to a provision mentioned in (c) above.

No

Yes ⇒ **Attach details**



10 Attachments

Indicate below which documents are attached.

Additional permit holders

See question 4

Additional qualifications details

See question 6

Copies of other approvals/permits

See question 7

Details of offences
See question 9

Other supporting documentation
List all additional documents below

Titles of all attached documents (*include the document title, the specific section(s) and the page number(s) on which the information appears*)

- 2025 Sardine Industry Code of Practice

11 Declaration

I declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Name of person signing

Claire Frances Webber

Date

28/11/2025