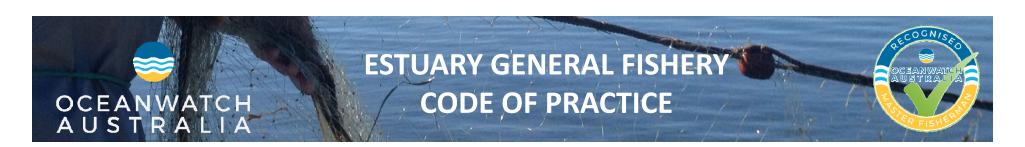
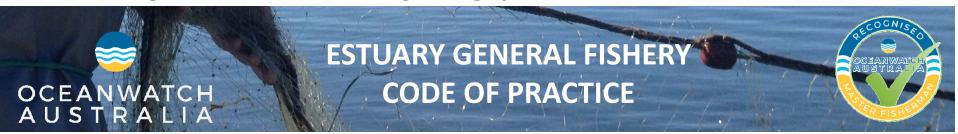
- 1. Be aware of any changes made to the NSW Estuary General Fishery Code of Practice and to legislation governing the fishery.
- 2. Be aware of and comply with all legislation including fishing closures.
- 3. Obtain permissions and comply with any fishing ground access agreements, e.g. use authorised access points, gates and observe closures.
- 4. Ensure true and accurate records of fishing and catch effort are maintained and submitted in accordance with the Act.
- 5. Use gear in accordance with the legislation.
- 6. Minimise the use of hauling nets over areas of seagrass.
- 7. Only take permitted species.
- 8. Comply with all size limits as set out in the regulations.
- 9. Ensure only lawful implements are used to sort catches.
- 10. Use a discard chute of approved design to return non-retained species to the water when required.



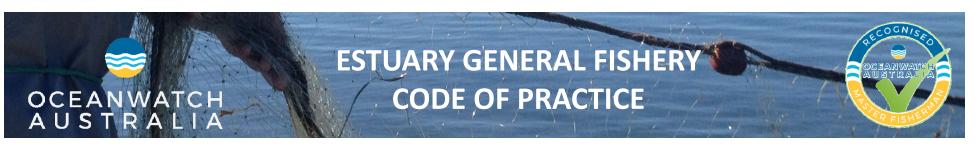
- 11. Conduct fishing operations in areas, at times, and in a manner that minimises the potential for interaction with protected or threatened species, populations or ecological communities.
- 12. Ensure any captured cetacean (whale or dolphin) or turtle is released as quickly as possible and with the least possible harm.
- 13. Return any captured individual of a protected or threatened species, population or ecological community to the water as quickly as possible and with the least possible harm.
- 14. Ensure any interactions with Threatened, Endangered or Protected species are recorded in catch and effort logbooks.
- 15. Ensure that all fish landed for sale are marketed in an authorised manner.
- 16. Comply with the requirements of the NSW Food Authority regarding the handling, icing, storage and transport of catches, to maximise quality and minimise food safety hazards.



- 17. Comply with requirements of the NSW Food Authority to have a Food Safety Plan in place to minimise food safety hazards associated with the harvest of seafood for human consumption.
- 18. When travelling or engaging in commercial fishing on ocean beaches, display a NSW Department of Primary Industries authorised sign listing my Fishing Registration Number and Fishing Business Number.
- 19. Produce fishing business card upon the request of a fisheries officer, or if necessary to ensure the required number of endorsed fishers are present for priority determination.
- 20. Recognise and adhere to the priority rights (regulated or otherwise) among commercial fishers.
- 21. Be courteous to other waterway users when exercising priority rights.
- 22. Be familiar with the list of, and methods of identifying, protected species and threatened species, populations and ecological communities that might be encountered during fishing operations.



- 23. Comply with the by-laws and regulations of relevant local Councils and State Government authorities, and any codes for fishers prepared by these organisations.
- 24. Use equipment or methods to ensure the least possible harm to any non-retained species returned to the water.
- 25. Conduct fishing operations, and maintain fishing boats and vehicles, in a manner that minimises environmental impacts.
- 26. Inform the relevant authority of any significant pollution or other incident that may result in negative environmental impact.
- 27. Minimise use of vehicles on sensitive shoreline areas such as wetlands and mangroves.
- 28. Whilst driving on beaches, abide by designated speed limits and reduce speed when in close proximity to other beach users or flagged areas.
- 29. Assist with ongoing reviews of the Estuary General Fishery Code of Practice and discuss amongst industry and networks.



- 30. Conduct fishing operations in a way that minimises disturbance to nesting and feeding sites of migratory and resident shorebirds.
- 31. Minimise the need to tie up to mangroves and other riparian vegetation.
- 32. Responsibly dispose of any litter including derelict fishing gear, either generated by or collected in fishing operations.
- 33. Work with local Councils to signpost entry and exit points used to access fishing grounds.
- 34. Act professionally and be courteous with any public official or member of the community.
- 35. Ensure my actions do not bring the industry into disrepute.
- 36. Ensure fishing operations are conducted with an acceptable level of safety for fishers and the community, including sufficient insurance cover.
- 37. Minimise any disturbance to the community, e.g. from the use of artificial lighting.



- 38. Minimise noise associated with fishing operations, especially between 10pm and 5am.
- 39. Respect the public amenity of boat ramps by avoiding cleaning fish and gear in their vicinity and ensuring that access for other users is not unduly restricted.
- 40. Be aware of and respect the customs of the Aboriginal people.
- 41. Be pro-active, cooperate and assist any fisheries related research, development and extension programs, for e.g. development of fishing gears and methods to reduce capture of any non-retained species.
- 42. Be proactive and assist in requests to assist maritime rescue operations.
- 43. Maintain records of training and education competencies.
- 44. Be proactive and participate in activities designed to improve community awareness of industry measures that ensure protection and management of fisheries resources.
- 45. Be proactive and participate in programs that help to develop training and skills, with a view to improve implementation and extension of the Estuary General Fishery Code of Practice.