

# Statewide recreational fishing survey 2019–20

## Frequently asked questions

### What is this survey about?

This will be the eighth survey in the series and will build on the previous survey conducted in 2013–14. These surveys log the activities of recreational fishers over 12 months and generate estimates of recreational fishing participation rates, where and how people fish, and what they catch and release. This new 2019–20 survey will also collect expenditure information, which can be used to help understand the economics of recreational fishing.

### Why should I participate?

The information you provide in this survey will feed into scientific assessments of fish populations to ensure they remain sustainable into the future. Results from the study ensure there are enough fishing experiences for all Queenslanders and that recreational fishing is being managed so that fishing can be enjoyed now and into the future. The study is one of the sources of current and accurate information about recreational fishing in Queensland.

### What will I be asked?

You will keep a simple diary to log your fishing activities each month. You will be asked to log when, where and how you fished, plus what you caught and released. This survey will also collect expenditure information, which can be used to help understand the economics of recreational fishing.

### How will my information be used?

The results of this important study will improve the Queensland Government's understanding of how many Queenslanders do and don't fish, and ensure our fisheries are well managed into the future. The department will use the results to generate estimates of recreational fishing participation rates, where and how Queenslanders fish, and what they catch and release.

### What if I don't fish very often?

That's OK. It is really important that households that may not go fishing often are still part of the survey. That will allow us to more accurately measure how often all Queenslanders go fishing (your results help balance out the households that fish all the time).

### How did you get my details?

If we originally contacted you on your landline telephone, your number was chosen at random from all possible telephone numbers in your area. We find this is the best way to obtain a representative sample of all Queensland residents for our survey.

Households with silent numbers are not in the White Pages, but it is important that these people are included in the survey. If we contacted you on your mobile, your mobile number was randomly generated by computer or through a commercial list provider. We call on mobile phones as well as landlines so we can get a representative sample of people across Queensland.

### Is the survey compulsory?

The survey is voluntary, but your participation is important because it improves the accuracy of recreational fishing estimates.

### How is my privacy protected?

This research is carried out in compliance with the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles, and the information you provide will only be used for research purposes. No other agency or department will have access to your details. For more information, see the SRC privacy policy at [srcentre.com.au/research-participants/privacy](https://srcentre.com.au/research-participants/privacy) and the department's privacy policy at [daf.qld.gov.au/site-information/privacy](https://daf.qld.gov.au/site-information/privacy).

### How can I get more information about the survey?

To confirm that this survey is genuine or if you have any general enquiries, you can call SRC on 1800 800 996. To speak with somebody, please call between 9 am and 5 pm AEST, Monday to Friday. Outside these times you can leave a message and someone will return your call.

For general information on the survey or to view previous studies, visit the department's website at [qld.gov.au/fishingsurvey](https://qld.gov.au/fishingsurvey), or visit the SRC website at [srcentre.com.au/fishingsurvey](https://srcentre.com.au/fishingsurvey).