

**Email from DPIRD to all Fishing Tour Operator License holders in the west coast bioregion**

**Subject:** Impacts of the WCDSR on the charter industry

Good morning,

I am writing to you regarding challenges faced by the fishing charter industry as a result of the implementation of the West Coast Demersal Scalefish Resource recovery plan and the impact this may have on the mental health and wellbeing of industry members.

DPIRD has received emails and phone calls from several charter operators within the West Coast Zone regarding the implementation of tags and the effect it will have on businesses, employees and mental health. I'd like any business owner, operator or employee of a charter company experiencing mental health issues to be aware of the following specialised resources available to provide mental health support for those in the Seafood Industry:

- Seafood Industry Mental Health & Wellbeing: <https://www.stayafloat.com.au/>
- Mental Health Emergency Response Line:
  - 1300 555 788 (Metro);
  - 1800 676 822 (Peel); or
  - 1800 552 002 (Country/Rural Link)
- Community Mental Health Services:
  - Midwest: 1800 051 999
  - Southwest: 9722 1300
- Lifeline: 131 114
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
- For life threatening emergencies: 000