

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe environmental liaison programmes for commercial fishers, and complete reporting</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the characteristics of an environmental liaison programme that is relevant to a commercial fishing sector; describe commercial fishing vessel specific protected species risk management plans (PSRMPs); and complete and report a fishing vessel's specific PSRMPs, and report the associated trigger events and audit processes.
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<b>Classification</b>	Seafood > Seafood Vessel Operations
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, standards and plans relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Fisheries Act 1996;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Wildlife Act 1953;
  - National Plan of Action (NPOA) for Seabirds 2020;
  - Mitigation Standards to Reduce the Incidental Captures of Seabirds in New Zealand Commercial Fisheries –
    - Trawl vessels greater than 28 metres in length,
    - Trawl vessels less than 28 metres in length,
    - Scampi trawl vessels less than 28 metres in length,
    - Surface longline vessels,
    - Autoline bottom longline vessels,
    - Hand-baiting bottom longline vessels,
    - Draft for set netting;
  - National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA) 2013, all available from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions
 

*Commercial fishing vessel* refers to a vessel that is operating a Maritime Operator Safety System (MOSS) that is recognised by Maritime New Zealand and meets the requirements of the Maritime Transport Operator Certificate and/or Plan.

*Environmental liaison programme* – primary objective to increase uptake of best practice mitigation onboard fishing vessels, by building relationships, assisting and educating fishers. The programmes are designed to identify and implement engineering and fleet operational solutions to address aquatic environmental issues including interactions with protected species e.g. Deepwater Group’s Environmental Liaison Programme (DWG ELP) or the Department of Conservation Protected Species Liaison Officer project.

*Industry operational plans* – NPOA for Seabirds and NPOA for Sharks

*Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PRSM)* – vessel-specific documents that detail what mitigation of protected species is taken onboard a vessel reflecting the specific operations of the vessel, consistent with national policy and legislative requirements.

*Workplace procedures* refer to the policies and procedures set out in a verbal or written form by the employer or organisation. Procedures must be consistent with current legislative requirements and manufacturer’s recommendations or instructions where relevant.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment all evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe the characteristics of an environmental liaison programme that is relevant to a commercial fishing sector.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the overarching purpose of the environmental liaison programme relevant to a commercial fishing sector.
- 1.2 Describe the roles and responsibilities of the environmental liaison programme relevant to a commercial fishing sector.

### Outcome 2

Describe commercial fishing vessel specific PSRMPs.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the relationship between a vessel’s PSRMP, government policy, and associated industry operational plans.
- 2.2 Describe a PSRMP in terms of the requirements for completion including electronic reporting.
- 2.3 Describe a PSRMP in terms of the audit process.
- 2.4 Describe a PSRMP in terms of the impact of audit on its contents.

**Outcome 3**

Complete and report a fishing vessel's specific PSRMPs, and report the associated trigger events and audit processes.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Complete and report a fishing vessel's specific PSRMPs.
- 3.2 Describe the process for reporting associated trigger events.
- 3.3 Describe the follow up process associated with trigger events as part of the environmental liaison programme.
- 3.4 Describe the audit processes associated with assessing a vessel's adherence specific to its PSRMPs.

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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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