

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 359

Asked on 22 March 2018

MR S STEWART asked the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of any tools available to Queensland fishers to help them comply with the rules and make the most of their fishing experience?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question. There are a range of tools available for recreational and commercial fishers to comply with the rules.

For recreational fishers, this includes:

- the Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide (hard copy distributed through bait and tackle stores)
- Queensland Fishing app for smart phone (downloaded more than 40 000 times)
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' website which incorporates a wide range of information
- permitting system through Australia Post (electronic and in person) for stocked impoundments permits.

For commercial fishers, this includes:

- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' website and the Queensland Business portal where rules and reporting requirements for Queensland commercial fishers are available
- Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol officers hold regular port meetings with commercial fishers to:
 - discuss compliance issues
 - discuss changes to rules and Regulations
 - answer questions from commercial fishers
- Fisheries Queensland publishes and distributes a range of guidance material for commercial fishers (quick guides, species identification booklets, MyLogbook)
- The department is also developing a new commercial fishing app which will allow fishers to:
 - assist with eBusiness
 - complete quota reporting
 - manage their vessel tracking
 - complete and electronically submit logbooks.