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Local Lobster Program (LLP) Tag System Frequently Asked Questions

When can I start fishing for LLP Lobster?

You can start fishing for LLP Lobster on **3 December 2017**.

How many LLP Lobster Tags can I collect?

The holder of a West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Licence (MFL) or master of an authorised boat named on a MFL, i.e. operating over the minimum OPERATING holding of 300 units of current and usual entitlement may collect 50 LLP Lobster Tags.

Who can collect LLP Lobster Tags?

The holder of the MFL or master of an authorised boat named on a MFL that has over 300 units of current and usual entitlement can collect LLP Tags.

When and where can I collect LLP Lobster Tags?

LLP Lobster Tags will be made available from Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Fisheries) Offices at Mandurah, Fremantle, Hillarys, Lancelin, Jurien Bay and Geraldton from 3 December 2017. Please contact your relevant office before collection and note that the above offices will be closed between Thursday 21 December 2017 and Tuesday 2 January 2018.

How long am I able to use my LLP Lobster Tags?

The LLP commences on 3 December 2017 and ceases on 14 January 2018.

How long am I able to land lobster with an LLP Lobster Tag attached?

Lobster with a LLP Lobster Tag attached must not be taken or landed after 14 January 2018.

How long am I able to possess lobster with an LLP Lobster Tag attached?

You must not possess any lobster with a LLP Lobster Tag attached after 14 April 2018.

How should lobsters with a LLP Lobster Tag be landed?

Lobster with a LLP Lobster Tag attached should be landed in open containers or can be stored on board the vessel until sold.

What if I land LLP Lobsters but I am unable to sell them at the point of landing?

You can leave the lobsters with a LLP Lobster Tag attached on your boat, even if you go on another trip. Alternatively, you can take them home with you, provided that you record details on their sale.

How do I use LLP Lobster Tags?

Insert the tail of the LLP Lobster Tag through the fastener to form a loop. Ensure the number on the LLP Lobster Tag is facing upwards, then slip over the end of the antenna and slide to the bottom – last joint of antenna under the “horn”. Pull the tail of the LLP Lobster Tag until it closes firmly around the base of the horn.

The LLP Lobster Tag must be fastened tightly so it cannot be removed. Also, please be advised that all LLP Lobster Tags are to be used sequentially and must not be used more than once.

Do I need to record sales of lobsters with a LLP Lobster Tag attached and if so, where do I record this information?

Sale or disposal (e.g. giving the lobster to someone) with a LLP Lobster Tag attached is to be recorded accurately by the master in the Record of Western Rock Lobster Local Supply Landing and Sales Form. It is also the responsibility of the master to submit this form to Fisheries once all LLP Lobster Tags are used or prior to 15 January 2018, whichever comes first.

Who is permitted to sell lobsters with a LLP Lobster Tag attached?

The holder of the MFL or master of an authorised boat named on a MFL that has over 300 units of current and usual entitlement or a Registered Receiver (as defined in the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan 2012*) is permitted to sell a lobster with a LLP Lobster Tag.

Who can I sell LLP tagged lobsters to?

The holder of a CFL or a person who obtains the lobster from CFL holder for retail sale (including the provision of meals) is permitted to sell LLP Lobster.

Who can I not sell a LLP tagged lobster to?

A holder of a Fish Processors Licence or anyone acting their behalf that exports western rock lobster is not permitted to purchase or be in possession of a LLP tagged lobster.

Can my crew sell a LLP tagged lobster on my behalf?

This is permitted provided that the master accurately records the details under the Type of sale section in the Record of Western Rock Lobster Local Supply Landing and Sales Form.

Can I keep for personal consumption or donate LLP tagged lobsters?

Yes. The Objective of the LLP is to increase the supply of lobster to local/regional communities. A donation of lobsters to a community group falls within the Objectives of the initiative, but personal consumption (though permitted) is not encouraged.

What do I do with excess LLP Lobster Tags?

Any excess LLP Lobster Tags are to be returned to Fisheries no later than 15 January 2018.

If I use my initial allocated 50 LLP Lobster Tags can I get more and if so how and when?

No. An additional round of LLP Lobster Tags will not be available for collection. Note, you cannot give your tags to another fisher.

Can I give my LLP Lobster Tags to another fisher?

No. LLP Lobster Tags are assigned to a specific MFL and cannot be traded or given away to other fishers.

How long are the LLP Lobster Tags to stay on the lobster?

LLP Lobster Tags are food safe but should not be exposed to direct heat. They must remain on the lobster until it is being prepared for immediate consumption.

Can I fish using my LLP Lobster Tags if I have exhausted all my quota and if so what do I need to nominate for my pre and post landing?

Yes. You will still be required to nominate to fish and submit a zero pre and post landing nomination.

Current as at 3 December 2017