

# Attachment: ONLINE SURVEY Participant Information Sheet and Consent



## Sea Change Australia: Case study pre workshop survey

### About the project

Sea Change Australia is a joint University of Tasmania (UTAS)-CSIRO project funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) that is engaging with fishing (commercial and recreational) and aquaculture stakeholders on existing knowledge regarding risks and opportunities associated with climate change. The broad aims of the Sea Change Australia project are to:

- Help researchers and resource managers better understand how different sectors are already adapting on their own
- Find out what's stopping further adaptation
- Provide information to support future adaptation planning, and
- Facilitate knowledge-sharing to help build resilience to climate change.

At the core of Sea Change Australia is a series of 13 case studies of fisheries and aquaculture sectors from around the country. Through these case studies the research team will be engaging with stakeholders to explore how these sectors are already responding to climate change and expand how they could potentially respond and adapt to climate change and extreme weather events.

The research team and sector representatives and managers will work together to identify the key elements (or “Adaptation Drivers”) that influence how well fisheries and aquaculture can adapt to climate change. Some of these will be things individuals or businesses can control (like leadership or system changes in aquaculture), others will be external factors they might be able to use to their advantage (like market trends), and some will be things they might be able to influence under the right conditions (like community expectations or regulations).

Specifically, through each case study we will explore:

- What are the impacts of climate change that are already being experienced and how is industry responding?

- What factors will affect industry's capacity to adapt to climate change in the future?
- What options and information are available to build capacity to adapt to climate change?
- What tools are available to help evaluate options and develop adaptation plans and pathways?

Broad findings from these case studies may be used in papers, websites and media.

## **Why have I been identified to participate in this research?**

You have been identified as someone with a formal professional interest in one of the case study fishery or aquaculture sector. As such you would be a valuable contributor to understanding the current sector adaptations, exploring potential adaptation, and improving the accessibility of climate change research and science.

## **Do I have to say yes?**

Participation in this survey is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you decide to take part. If you decide not to participate, it will not affect your position or the work you do.

You can contribute what information you feel appropriate to the survey. You may withdraw at any time while completing the survey. However, once your data has submitted it will not be possible to withdraw your data.

## **What does participation in the survey involve?**

Your participation will involve completing this online survey-questionnaire where we will ask you about the **climate change related impacts** you are observing, what **sources of climate information** you use, any **information gaps**, any **adaptation actions** you have taken in response, any **barriers to adapting** you have experienced , or have identified as potentially relevant for your case study fishery/operation. If you participate in the workshop, it will also ask you for feedback about the workshop itself, and to describe anything you have learned as a result of the workshop.

The survey is in two parts: the pre-workshop survey will take approximately 10 minutes and requires no preparation, and the end-of-workshop follow up survey will take approximately 5 minutes and will take place at the end of the workshop. The survey is provided online using Qualtrics xm software, under licence to UTAS.

## **How will my information be used?**

Information you provide via the survey will be used to guide the design of a stakeholder workshop and to identify factors and information needs influencing adaptation to climate impact related changes for your case study fishery/operation. You will be invited to the case study workshop. The research results will be publicly available as a report with aggregated findings on the factors influence sector adaptation to climate change.

## Risks and benefits

There are no foreseeable risks in participating in this project. Your participation in the project is expected to be on a voluntary, in-kind basis.

There are no direct benefits to participation. However, the information you provide will help inform climate change adaptation planning for your fishery/sector and will also inform broader understanding of what is needed to enable climate change adaptation for fisheries and aquaculture in Australia.

## Consent and confidentiality

By continuing with this survey you consent to take part in the survey and for the team to collect the information you provide in your professional role. Your responses will be included in our workshop design and inform the material to be analysed by the research team.

Your information will only be used for the purpose of this research project and related climate communication and adaptation projects.

In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

## How will my privacy be protected?

UTAS and CSIRO are committed to protecting your privacy, keeping your information safe and ensuring the security of your information and data.

Your personal information is protected by the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). UTAS and CSIRO will handle your personal information in accordance with this Act and the NH&MRC *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2023).

Your personal information, including your name, contact details and organisation will have been collected by the research team from publicly available information, however, this personal information will not be linked to your survey responses. The research team will only collect your professional opinions via the survey for the above purposes.

## Research Ethics Approval

This study has been approved by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, you can contact the Executive Officer of the HREC on +61 3 6226 6254 or email [human.ethics@utas.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics@utas.edu.au). The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive feedback from research participants. You will need to quote H0031634.

## Contact

Please contact us if you have any questions about this project or would like more information about our research.

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## Consent

I agree to the collection, use and disclosure of information I have contributed through the survey in the ways described in this Participant Information sheet. By continuing with the online survey, I am indicating my consent.

Thank you for taking the time to help with this research project.

Please keep this sheet for your information.