

## Understanding fisher attitudes towards electronic monitoring on commercial fishing vessels

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

You are invited to take part in a research project where we get together to talk about the way you feel toward electronic monitoring on commercial fishing vessels in your fishery. Honours student, Darcy Roeger, from James Cook University, will be calling or meeting with fishers like yourself to discuss your opinions, experiences, and views about electronic monitoring. This information will be compiled to provide an account of the industry's views, experiences, thoughts, and ideas regarding electronic monitoring.

If you agree to be involved in the study, you will be invited to be interviewed. The interview, with your consent, will be audio-taped, and should only take approximately 1 hour of your time. The interview can be conducted online (e.g. Skype or Zoom) or in person at a James Cook University campus, or at an agreed venue.

The audio recordings from your interview will be transcribed into a written record of the conversation and will then be deleted. All identifying features from the written transcript, including your name and any personal information will be removed. Your responses and contact details will be strictly confidential.

The information gathered from the interviews will be used in research publications and reports. However, you will not be identified in any way in these publications.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop taking part in the study at any time without explanation or prejudice.

If you know of others that might be interested in this study, please feel free to pass on this information sheet to them so they may contact me to volunteer for the study.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Darcy Roeger or Dr Anne Swinbourne.

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If you have any concerns regarding the ethical conduct of the study, please contact: Human Ethics, Research Office James Cook University, Townsville, Qld, 4811 Phone: (07) 4781 5011 (ethics@jcu.edu.au)