

INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT TITLE: “**Social dimensions of shark depredation in Queensland fisheries**”

You are invited to take part in a research project exploring the experiences and perceptions of shark depredation (sharks feeding on catch before it is landed by the fisher) within Queensland fisheries. This research aims to explore fisher’s experiences and knowledge that can help researchers better understand the scope of the issue, and refine methods for collecting this information more broadly across Queensland. In the long term, this information may help managers better understand the problem and identify potential options to address the issue. The study is being conducted by Kristin Hoel under the supervision of Dr. Jacqueline Lau and Dr. Andrew Chin and will contribute to Kristin’s minor project for Master of Science at James Cook University.

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 one hour of your time. The interview will be conducted [at a venue of your choice/ over the phone*to select as appropriate].

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

Your responses and contact details will be strictly confidential. The data from the study will be used in a Master of Science minor project report and presentation and further research publications and reports. You will not be identified in any way in these publications.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact **Kristin Hoel**.

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