



**Information required from  
High Seas Fishing Permit Holders / Applicants  
intending to bottom fish<sup>1</sup> in the  
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)  
Convention Area**

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**Instructions:**

- Complete for each application / vessel.
- Complete each question unless otherwise directed.

**Section A: Vessel Owner, Operator and Manager details**

<b>Name of vessel owner:</b>	
<b>Name of vessel operator:</b>	
<b>Operator's Fishserve client number:</b>	

<b>Name of vessel manager:</b>		
<b>Vessel manager's business postal address:</b>		
<b>Vessel manager's phone number(s):</b>	Phone:	Mobile:
<b>Vessel manager's email address:</b>		
<b>Vessel manager's consent:</b> to MPI providing their contact details to SPRFMO to enable SPRFMO to contact them directly	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

<sup>1</sup> Bottom fishing includes bottom trawling, mid-water trawling and bottom long-lining (including drop lining, dahn lining, trot lining and hand lining)

## Section B: Vessel details

<b>Vessel name:</b>	
<b>Previous vessel names (if known):</b>	
<b>Vessel registration number on the New Zealand Fishing Vessel Register:</b> Issued under the Fisheries Act 1996	
<b>Previous flag (if any):</b>	
<b>Type of vessel (e.g. trawler):</b>	
<b>Where was the vessel built:</b>	
<b>When was the vessel built:</b>	
<b>Number of berths:</b>	
<b>Number of crew:</b>	
<b>Number of holds:</b>	
<b>Number of fish holds:</b>	
<b>Capacity of each hold (tonnes):</b>	

## Section C: Primary Geospatial Position Reporting (GPR) Device details for reporting to the SPRFMO VMS and other types of Vessel Communications

<b>Device type (e.g. Inmarsat-C, Iridium):</b>	
<b>Communications provider (e.g. CLS, Inmarsat):</b>	
<b>Make (e.g. CLS, Furuno, Thrane &amp; Thrane):</b>	
<b>Model (e.g. Triton Advanced, Felcom 19, Sailor):</b>	
<b>Software version number:</b>	
<b>Hardware serial number (details on the box):</b>	
<b>Unique identifier (IMEI / IMN):</b>	
<b>Activation serial number (Inmarsat):</b>	
<b>Other types of vessel communications (e.g. email, Satellite phone):</b>	
<b>Details of other vessel communications types (e.g. email address, Satellite phone number):</b>	

## Section D: Fishing activities

1.	Does the vessel have the capacity to operate continuously for more than 12 hours, when fishing and processing catch?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES – go to question 3 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – go to question 2
2.	State why the vessel is not able to operate continuously for more than 12 hours, when fishing and processing catch:	
3.	Is there a possibility that the vessel will operate continuously for more than 12 hours, when fishing and processing catch?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES – go to question 5 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – go to question 4
4.	State why the vessel will not operate continuously for more than 12 hours, when fishing and processing catch:	
5.	Describe how the vessel will process and store or discard offal:	
6.	What seabird bycatch mitigation device(s) will the vessel use?	
7.	Will the vessel bottom trawl at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES – go to question 8 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – go to Section E

**Section E: Fish processing and storage** (bottom trawl vessels only)

8.	Is the vessel able to process fish at sea?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES – go to question 9 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – go to question 10
9.	Describe how the vessel processes fish:	
10.	Describe how the vessel handles and stores fish:	
11.	Between hauling gear and storing catch, what opportunity will the observer have to review catch and bycatch?	

**Section F: Proposed trip details** (Provide details for each trip as at, or after, **1 May 2025** (if known) – continue on a separate page if necessary)

TRIP	Expected start date of trip (day/month/year)	Expected end date of trip (day/month/year)	Expected number of crew (incl. master)	Fishing method(s)	Depth range to be fished by gear (metres)	Primary target species <sup>2</sup>	Other target species	Intended fishing area(s)	Expected port of departure (port, country)
1									
<i>Comments (if any)</i>									
2									
<i>Comments (if any)</i>									
3									
<i>Comments (if any)</i>									
4									
<i>Comments (if any)</i>									

<sup>2</sup> A list of species codes can be found at the Ministry for Primary Industries website: [Species codes for commercial fishing | Fishing and aquaculture | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/species-codes-for-commercial-fishing/). If a species code does not exist for the species that you intend to target, please provide its full scientific name (family, genus and species name) and common name. A guide to common deepsea invertebrates in New Zealand waters can be found at: [http://fs.fish.govt.nz/Doc/23020/AEBR\\_86.pdf.ashx](http://fs.fish.govt.nz/Doc/23020/AEBR_86.pdf.ashx).

## Section G: Additional vessel and fishing gear information

<b>12.</b>	<b>Vessel photographs</b>	<p>Applicants are required to provide three photographs of sufficiently high resolution, colour, brightness and contrast so as to properly identify the vessel and all relevant details, irrespective of which RFMO(s) the vessel will operate in. The photographs must be less than five (5) years old, and shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– One photograph showing the starboard side of the vessel, displaying its full overall length and complete structural features, and the correct vessel markings;</li> <li>– One photograph showing the port side of the vessel, displaying its full overall length and complete structural features, and the correct vessel markings; and</li> <li>– One photograph showing the stern of the vessel, taken directly from astern.</li> </ul> <p>For vessels that are not currently on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels, the photographs must be date-stamped to confirm they are less than 5 years old.</p> <p>If electronic, reduce to 400kb or less and email to <a href="mailto:registry@fishserve.co.nz">registry@fishserve.co.nz</a> with the vessel name and registration number.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Configuration of vessel's fishing gear</b>	<p>Applicants are required to attach a full description and complete diagram of the configuration of all the vessel's fishing gear.</p>

## Section H: Declaration

### I declare that:

- The information I have given on this form is true and correct;
- I am authorised to provide this information and make this declaration;
- I am aware it is an offence to provide false or misleading information or omit any material information;
- I understand that I am required to notify the Ministry for Primary Industries if there are any changes in the particulars I have provided on this form;
- I have read and understood the Notes and the Collection of Personal Information details supplied with this application (below).

Full Legal Name (Please PRINT)	Position	Signature	Date

**Return the completed form to:**

**Fishserve  
PO Box 297  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand**

**or email to: [registry@fishserve.co.nz](mailto:registry@fishserve.co.nz)**

## Notes

If the operator of the vessel ceases to hold a New Zealand High Seas Fishing Permit, they must immediately notify the Ministry for Primary Industries (email: [FisheriesRegistryServices@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:FisheriesRegistryServices@mpi.govt.nz)).

If any of the details relating to the registration of this vessel change, the operator must immediately notify the Ministry for Primary Industries (email: [FisheriesRegistryServices@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:FisheriesRegistryServices@mpi.govt.nz)).

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**Permit holders must notify MPI Fisheries Communication Centre (FCC) and MPI Observer Services five (5) working days prior to a vessel's departure from port for the high seas, as required by the conditions of the high seas fishing permit.**

**Permit holders must also notify the SPRFMO Secretariat 72 hours prior to a vessel entering the SPRFMO Convention Area, and immediately upon a vessel exiting the SPRFMO Convention Area, as required by the conditions of the SPRFMO schedule attached to the high seas fishing permit.**

## Privacy Act 2020 – Collection of Personal Information

Your personal information is being collected to enable your application for a high seas fishing permit to be processed, and for purposes relating to the management and conservation of fisheries and fisheries resources in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

The agency collecting and holding this information is Commercial Fisheries Services Limited (Fishserve), PO Box 297, Wellington, 6140.

It is not mandatory that you supply this information, but your application may not be processed if you do not provide all the information requested on this form.

You have the right to access and correct your personal information.

You may apply to Fishserve to prevent the display of your personal address on registers kept under the Fisheries Act 1996 if you consider that disclosure would be prejudicial to your personal safety or to the safety of your family.

## Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement (NTSA)

Your personal information may be disclosed under the terms of the NTSA, including to other countries that are a party to the NTSA, if required. Any such disclosure would be on a case-by-case basis and consistent with the Privacy Act 2020. However, foreign persons or entities may not be required to protect the information in a way that, overall, provides comparable safeguards to those in the Privacy Act 2020. By submitting this application you authorise disclosure of your personal information outside New Zealand under the terms of the NTSA.