



Fee Changes 2025: information book

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What Fees are changing?



There are a range of charged services provided by Fishserve under the Approved Service Delivery Organisation (ASDO) mechanism in the Fisheries Act.

These include:

- ACE allocations
- Quota and ACE transfers
- Monthly Harvest and Licenced Fish Receiver Returns
- Vessel registrations
- Licenced Fish Receiver registrations
- Public Registry management and reports (including FRED subscriptions)

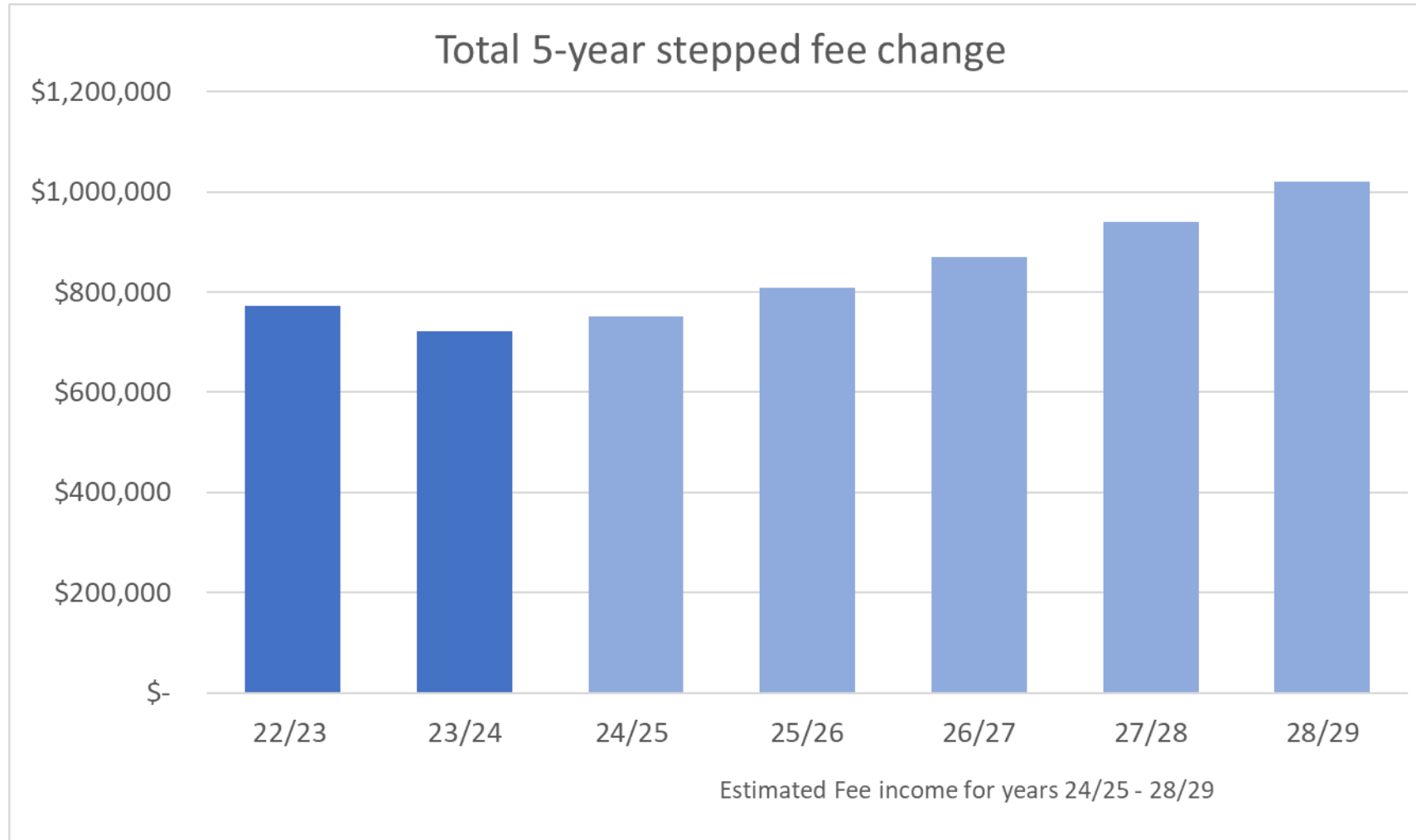
Currently we are not covering the cost of delivery of these services and so we need to put up our fees. We are also reducing our internal costs where possible to offset the increase.

To reduce the impact of increasing fees, we will stage the increase over five years, averaging 10% per year across all fees (not all fees are changing).

The new fees will come into effect from 10 February 2025.



Total fee income predicted to 28/29 based on fee changes



Fee changes

Change type	Transaction type	Rationale
Reduced Fee	GPR Amendments	Disproportionate impact on some users
No Change	ACE Transfers	Incentivise trading
No Change	LFR applications	Automation means this process is already paying for itself
No Change	Notified user registration	Incentivise compliance and data accuracy
10% increase	40 transaction types	To cover the costs of service
5% Increase	Mortgage transactions	To cover the cost of service
Higher increase (15%)	LFRR/MHR	Process heavy functions - currently at very low rate
Change fee-type to annual fee	LFR Amendment	Simplifies fee process and incentivises data accuracy



FAQ



How the change will be implemented

We have developed a 5-year stepped increase to minimise the impact. We are committed to finding the simplest and least costly way to deliver our services, saving the industry time and money. Because of this we have approached the changes to the fees by both identifying internal efficiencies to keep costs down alongside stepped increases to charges to keep this affordable for industry.

Why are Fishserve charging additional fees to cost recovery fees paid to MPI?

ASDO services are not part of the registry services contracted by MPI which use Cost-Recovery funds. The Fisheries Act enables an ASDO to recover the cost of providing services through user charges.

Why do Fishserve charge to provide services delivered online?

It costs money to build and run the Fishserve client website that allows you to do the things you need to do online and we also provide support to clients when they need it. Its these costs related to the specific ASDO services that we need to recover through our user charges.

Why are Fishserve making more changes after last year's changes?

In 2023 we combined the redevelopment levy with the transaction fee to remove the administrative overhead from ASDO charges. While the cost of each transaction increased, overall, the total fees charged to the industry didn't increase. This process reduced administration costs and made the fees we charge easier to understand, but did not cover the costs of providing these services.

Where can I go if I have more questions?

Our Client Liaison Officers are available to answer further questions. They can be contact on 04-4609555



Fishserve Business Model



Our business model principles are

Non-profit - Fishserve only generates sufficient revenue to maintain business viability.

Simple - All charging should be easy to understand by those paying and simple to administer.

Fair - Pricing methodologies consider who is gaining the value from the service.

Transparent - Information on how services are charged is easy to find.

Our business revenue includes the following streams

Registered Service Delivery Agreement (RSDA) with government

The Ministry of Primary Industry (MPI) collects 'Cost Recovery Funds' from commercial fishers each year and uses these funds to pay for the delivery of the Quota Management System.

We receive cost recovery funding from MPI for administering:

- Electronic reporting
- High seas permit
- Crown revenue collection
- Crown tenders
- Crown debt management
- Fishing permits

The contract fee is based on an estimate of cost of delivery and is currently fixed for 5 years.

Approved Service Delivery Organisation (ASDO) under the Fisheries Act

The Fisheries Act 1996 allows for an organisation to be designated as an ASDO. As the appointed ASDO, Fishserve is responsible for delivering functions and duties directly under the Act and for covering the costs of this.

The self-funded activities include:

- ACE allocations
- ACE and quota transfers
- ACE and quota caveats and mortgages
- Public registry management
- Vessel registrations
- Landed Fish Receiver (LFR) applications
- Returns (MHR, LFRR)

We primarily use a transaction-based fee model for ASDO services that is reviewed annually.

Seafood sector services

Contracted Services

Fishserve provides various contracted services including:

- Sub-stock splits
- ACE Shelving
- Data management and reporting

Contracts include both fixed price and time and materials charging and are typically paid through industry bodies.

Commercial products

Fishserve offers a small number of commercial products across the sector:

- Catchcast
- CEDRIC
- Deckhand

The pricing model for commercial products is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you

