

Electronic Catch Reporting with eCatch

Getting Started



A Typical Day

Your responsibilities for electronic catch reporting are not so different to paper-based reporting. It mostly varies in the timing of when you have to record and submit events. A typical days electronic catch reporting consists of:

1. **Start trip:**
 - This has to be recorded and transmitted while you're still in wifi or data coverage.
2. **Fishing Events:**
 - These have to be created as they happen so that the location and time & date are captured.
 - They must be completed before you add a landing.
 - They must be submitted by the end of the day.
3. **Disposal Events:**
 - If fish associated with a catch event are returned to the water, eaten or used as bait, a disposal event must be recorded at the same time as the catch report.
 - If fish are put into, taken out of, or lost from a holding container in the water a disposal event must also be created.
 - Disposal events must be submitted by the end of the day.
4. **Landing Events:**
 - These must be completed immediately upon landing (at the latest) and before you end the trip.
5. **End Trip:**
 - This has to be recorded and transmitted when you're back in wifi or data coverage.

The App

The eCatch App guides you step-by-step through a typical day's reporting. New options won't appear until you've completed earlier steps. The App will also remember certain aspects of your day, for example:

- It will add up the total catch for each species caught, minus disposals, and offer this to you automatically for landing.
- It will remember settings last used specific to each fishing method or species caught.

Recreational Catch

Any fish caught recreationally during a commercial fishing trip should not be recorded as part of your catch effort in Fishing Events, however it needs to have a separate landing created for it. Use the Landing code F: Section 111 recreational catch.

Fixing Mistakes

If you make a mistake there are options to edit, amend or delete the event and / or trip. Anything submitted to FishServe and then re-submitted will require a reason to be given for the amendment.

Getting Help

Mostly importantly, if you need help at any stage, before, during or after a trip, please give us a call. Our phone number is **(03) 470 1414**. This goes through to a mobile phone as required.