

# Application for an Authority to take fish for Aboriginal cultural fishing purposes

This form is to be used by an Aboriginal person wishing to apply for an Authority issued under Section 37(1)(d) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (the Act) for Aboriginal cultural fishing activities that are in extension to what the prescribed fishing rules allow.

Cultural fishing, as defined by the Act, means fishing activities and practices carried out by Aboriginal persons for the purpose of satisfying their personal, domestic or communal needs, or for educational, ceremonial or other traditional purposes, and which do not have a commercial purpose. For example, authorities may be issued to provide for additional amounts of fish to the current daily take or possession limits; the type of fishing equipment used; or fishing area access.

The applicant and all those authorised to participate in the fishing activity must be Aboriginal.

The Department of Primary Industries may provide details of this application to the NTSCORP Limited (the Native Title services provider for New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory for Aboriginal Traditional Owners) and/or a Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) to make comments pursuant to 24HA of the *Native Title Act (Cth) 1993*.

To avoid delays or refusal, this form should be completed in full with supporting information attached. It is important that all information is provided; as any change in dates, species, location or people involved in the collection may affect the conditions of the Authority or render the Authority invalid.

For assistance with completing an application please contact (02) 4424 7400 or email [Aboriginal.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Aboriginal.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au). Please allow up to **six (6) weeks** for the processing of the application.

## Applicant details (Note. The Applicant will be the permit holder if the permit is issued)

Name		Date of birth	
Home address			
Postal address			
Email address			
Home telephone		Mobile	
Organisation or group that you are applying on behalf of (if relevant)			

## Cultural fishing event details

Cultural event / Reason for application	
Date(s) of the event	

Number of people expected to attend the event		Event location(s)	
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**Proposed fishing dates**

Date(s) when fishing will occur	
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**Species, methods and fishing locations**

Please tick relevant boxes to indicate which species will be taken. Include detail of quantities and fishing methods for those species. Fishing locations must also be specified and a map provided.

Species	Quantity	Fishing method (e.g. hand gathering, line, etc.)	Fishing locations
<input type="checkbox"/> Abalone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lobster			
<input type="checkbox"/> Oyster			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cockle			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mussel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Crab			
<input type="checkbox"/> Finfish (please specify the species e.g. Snapper) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other species (if not listed above) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			

**All other persons who will be fishing**

Please provide full details below of all persons who will be fishing under this Authority. Attach a separate page if insufficient space. Please note, only the persons listed as part of the application will be authorised on the Authority, and all persons listed may be required to attend the collection of, and sign, the permit.

Full name	Date of birth	Residential address	Contact number

**Storage details**

Please provide details of the location where fish is to be stored prior to the event (if relevant). Written permission from the owner of the premises should also be provided.

Storage location (include address)	
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**Vehicle and/or vessel details**

Please provide details of any vehicle and/or vessel (car, boat, etc.) that will be used to transport fish. Attach a separate page if insufficient space. Please note, only the vehicles listed as part of the application will be authorised on the Authority.

**Motor vehicle**

Make		Make	
Model		Model	
Colour		Colour	
Registration number		Registration number	

**Boat**

Vessel Description	
Length	
Boat Name (If applicable)	
Registration number	

**Declaration**

I declare that (tick boxes that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> I am an Aboriginal person (Note: applicant must be an Aboriginal person)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have obtained support for this fishing activity in accordance with Aboriginal custom from traditional clans, custodians or Local Aboriginal Land Council from the area where fish will be taken (if relevant)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have obtained consent from all persons whose names appear on this application to provide the Department with their contact details and date of birth (if relevant)			
<input type="checkbox"/> To the best of my knowledge, all persons whose names appear on this application are Aboriginal persons (if relevant)			
<input type="checkbox"/> The information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge			
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**Parent or Guardian Consent (required where persons under the age of 18 are listed on the application)** – if there are multiple persons under the age of 18, requiring additional parent/guardian consent please attach further declarations to this application.

I, as the parent, guardian or responsible party of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge and agree to him/her being listed as a person/s who will be fishing under the supervision of the permit holder of this cultural fishing authority application.

<b>Name (Guardian)</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**Submitting the form**

- Mail to Cultural Fishing Authorities  
 NSW Department of Primary Industries  
 LMB 3020, NOWRA NSW 2541
- Email to [Aboriginal.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Aboriginal.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

**Privacy notice:** Information from this form is collected for the purpose of related to the administration of the section 37(1)(d) of the Fisheries Management Act under which you have applied. The supply of this information is voluntary. Your details will be stored in NSW Department of Primary Industries records for seven years. Information will be stored and managed in accordance with provisions under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*. It will not be used for any other purpose and will not be given to any other third party except where required by law. You may access or correct your personal information by contacting NSW Department of Primary Industries on (02) 4424 7400.