

Commercial Fisher

Danny Stewart

Purpose

Commercial fishers operate under specific licenses that authorise them to fish in designated fisheries or geographic areas. They work with wholesalers, processors and retailers along with the restaurant and catering industry to supply fresh seafood to communities across the state, as well as to interstate and overseas markets.



A typical day in my role

My day starts early, preparing the boat and setting out to sea for fishing. Back on shore, I dedicate time to bookkeeping and ensure the boat and gear are well-maintained. With many different tasks each day, my work is diverse and presents challenges. As a commercial fisherman, I get to spend my days outdoors exploring different waters and experiencing the ever-changing natural environment.



Personal attributes

- ✔ Love of the Ocean
- ✔ Observant
- ✔ Adventurous

Danny's Pathway

- Deckhand
- Learn on the job
- TAFE option
- Coxwains ticket
- Master 5 ticket

Quote

“I always was going to be a fisherman. It's in my blood, I followed my father. I started off working with him as a deckhand. Loved it from the first day and still love it now, 33 years later.”

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How to become a Commercial Fisher

You need relevant experience to work as a Commercial Fisher. While formal qualifications aren't essential, a Certificate III or IV in Fishing Operations may be useful. You can work as a Deck Hand without formal qualifications, however, a Certificate I, II or III in Maritime Operations or Aquaculture may be useful.

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