

WOMENS FISHING CLASSIC 2024

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Welcome to the 2024 Women's Fishing Classic

The Women's Fishing Classic is an exciting event for female anglers across Australia. It welcomes both saltwater & freshwater anglers, whether they fish from a boat, kayak, shore, with bait/lure or spear. The competition will take place from midnight on Sunday 12 May 2024, until midnight on Saturday, 8 June 2024.

This event encourages every type of recreational female angler to compete and is open to every female angler from all ages and skill levels.

Remember the idea is to grab your daughter, sister, mum, and other female friends and come and have a great time fishing and meet other likeminded female anglers. Hopefully you also come away with some good stories and prizes for yourself! Even if you do not catch the biggest fish, (or any fish at all), just by entering, you are in the draw to win the major prize/lucky draw give away.

**We are so excited to announce our Ultimate Partner for
the 2024 Women's Fishing Classic**



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Cost to enter:

- Adult (ages 16 and over) \$155
- Junior (ages 4 to 15) \$75
- Official competition shirt, dress and buff (not compulsory) [Check the website to order and for latest pricing](#)

Briefing/Presentation Location

- Location TBA
- Briefing - Everyone must gather on Saturday 11 May 2024 at 12:30pm to collect their entry bags, confirm participant registration and attend the briefing. There will be some entertainment, as well as product displays and demonstrations by various businesses in the industry and competition partners.
- Presentation - Everyone must gather on Saturday 15 June 2024 at 12:30pm to attend the presentation at the conclusion of the event. Competitors must be present to be eligible for any prizes.

Fishing Times

- From midnight on Saturday 11 May 2024, until midnight on Saturday 8 June 2024.

Fishing Boundaries

- The Women's Fishing Classic will take place from the tip of Fraser Island to the Tweed River. Inshore fishing includes land-based fishing from the beach and inland areas within the boundary map. Offshore fishing includes casting from a vessel towards the beach and areas offshore within the boundary map. However, any offshore species caught from land or inshore, such as snapper and tuna, will still be eligible for the offshore categories. Freshwater competitors can fish any body of water within the boundaries. Please refer to the [boundary map](#) for further information.



RULES

- In order to participate, all competitors must register online and pay their entry fee in full.
- Children who are registered as junior entrants should be accompanied/supervised by an adult at all times.
- All competitors must be present at the briefing/presentation to be eligible for any prizes.
- Fishing will commence at midnight on Saturday 11 May 2024. There are 8 offshore, 8 estuary and 7 freshwater species on the target list. When a competitor lands a fish, they take a photo of it on any brag mat/measuring device with their registration ticket shown clearly in the left-hand bottom corner and upload it to the WFC Research & Events app.
- For the 2 Biggest fish per target species there will each be a separate cash / products prize awarded of approximately **\$500** each.
- The combined length of your 2 biggest fish for each target species will be your 'bag' length. Our software will automatically update your bag lengths as you enter all the fish you catch into the App.
- Any offshore species caught land-based such as Snapper, Mangrove Jack or Spanish Mackerel, will be eligible for the Offshore categories only.
- Any inshore species caught offshore such as Flathead and Golden Trevally, will be eligible for the Inshore categories only.
- Fish must be logged from the approximate location of capture as to provide accurate data to Track My Fish and to prevent any forms of cheating that may occur with boundary limits.
- Dates for weekly prizes
 - Week 1 Sunday May 12 to Saturday May 18
 - Week 2 Sunday May 19 to Saturday May 25
 - Week 3 Sunday May 26 to Saturday June 1
 - Week 4 Sunday June 2 to Saturday June 8
- There are 63 impoundments (dams and weirs) in Queensland that require a Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS) permit to fish with a line. If you are fishing any of these impoundments, you must go to the Queensland Government website and ensure you have purchased the relevant SIPS permit if applicable.
- Bli Bli Barra Park is OUT OF BOUNDS.
- Sharks, Stingrays, Squid, Octopus Cuttlefish and Crabs are excluded from the competition.
- Any dispute or breach of the competition rules will be determined and adjudicated by Track My Fish representatives whose decision will be final. A proven breach may result in loss of competition points or disqualification.
- Any dispute must be emailed (phone or messenger disputes will not be accepted) to Track my Fish within 48 hours of the close of competition.

FISH SPECIES

Estuary Target Species

- Bream - Yellowfin Bream, Pikey Bream and Tarwhine
- Flathead - Dusky, Sand, Bluespot and Bartailed (must show bartail on bragmat photo).
- Whiting - Winter and Sand Whiting
- Mangrove Jack
- Golden Trevally
- Tailor
- Swallowtail Dart
- Estuary Cod



Offshore Target Species

- Kingfish
- Amberjack
- Pearl Perch
- Grassy Emperor
- Spanish Mackerel
- Mahi Mahi
- Snapper
- Cobia



Freshwater Target Species

- Australian Bass
- Saratoga
- Golden Perch
- Tilapia
- Carp
- Silver Perch
- Tarpon



AWARDS AND PRIZES

WEEKLY PRIZES (Gift Voucher/ prizes)

- Most estuary fish
- Most freshwater fish
- Most offshore fish
- Junior of the Week – most species of fish logged for that week.
- Most Tagged Fish

MINOR PRIZES

- **Most species** to be awarded to the angler who catches the most different species' overall including non-target species.
- **Most fish entered** to be awarded to the person who catches the most fish in total during the event.
- **Most tagged fish** to be awarded to the person who tags the most fish during the event.
- **Selina Hooper Award** - to the angler who gives the event a good crack, has fun, enjoys the whole experience and embraces other female anglers. Cash and prizes. Proudly sponsored by Fishing for Mental Health and Luke's Lines.

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARDS - ONLY THE TARGET SPECIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAMPION ANGLER AWARDS.

- **WFC Junior champion angler** awards will be presented to the top 5 competitors who catch the most full bags of target species. Estuary, Offshore and freshwater species. This will be for kids aged 4-15 years. Kids are also eligible for the biggest fish awards, and major lucky draw prizes.
- **WFC Offshore Champion angler** for the most full bags of the offshore scoreboard species list and the biggest.
- **WFC Inshore champion angler** for the most full bags of the scoreboard inshore species list and the biggest.
- **WFC Freshwater champion angler** for the most full bags of the scoreboard freshwater species list and the biggest.
- **WFC Golden Age Award (60yrs and over)** for the most full bags of the scoreboard for all species.

MAJOR PRIZE/LUCKY DRAW GIVEAWAY – YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THESE PRIZES.

- **Briefing** This major lucky draw prize will be drawn at random in front of everyone at the briefing aimed to encourage ALL participants to attend the briefing event.
- **Presentation** This major lucky draw prize will be drawn at random in front of everyone at the final awards presentation. Every person who enters the competition goes into the draw to win. A small new boat and motor package (valued at approximately \$22,000) has been donated for this prize by a sponsor for 2024.

ALL WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

HOW TO SUBMIT FISH

Step 1: Download the WFC Research & Events App - [App Store](#) + [Google Play](#)

Step 2: Watch the 'HOW TO USE' video [on the website here](#).

Step 3: Submit all your photos into 'Women's Fishing Classic' on the App.

'Don't be scared to enter every fish in your camera roll taken throughout the month even undersized fish as every fish count's.

You must share your location on the WFC smartphone app while competing so we can determine if you're fishing inshore/offshore and within competition boundaries (Your Location information will only be accessible by InfoFish Australia). We respect everyone's privacy and ensure that your fishing locations will NEVER be viewed by WFC staff/anyone else and will only ever be displayed in a heat map format)

All fish must be entered into the App. **Entering undersized fish is important** for identifying recruitment areas etc.

The photo requirements are very simple:

- The photo must be of the entire fish on brag mat / measuring device that shows the correct total length, with fish mouth closed and to the tip. (head to tail) With entry tag displayed clearly in bottom left hand corner.
- NO dead fish photos
- The photo must have been taken on a smartphone, with the correct time stamp uploaded to the app.
- You must use the original images.
- You must fill in all the basic requirements when submitting. E.g., size & species.
- You must share your location on the WFC smartphone app while competing so we can determine if you're fishing estuary, offshore or freshwater. (Your Location information will only be accessible by InfoFish Australia. We respect everyone's privacy and ensure that your fishing locations will NEVER be viewed by WFC staff/anyone else and will only ever be displayed in a heat map format)
- All fish must be entered into the App. **Entering undersized fish is important** for identifying recruitment areas etc.
- All photos must be entered by midnight each Friday, so weekly winners can be announced each Monday. Of course, final winners will be announced at the presentation.

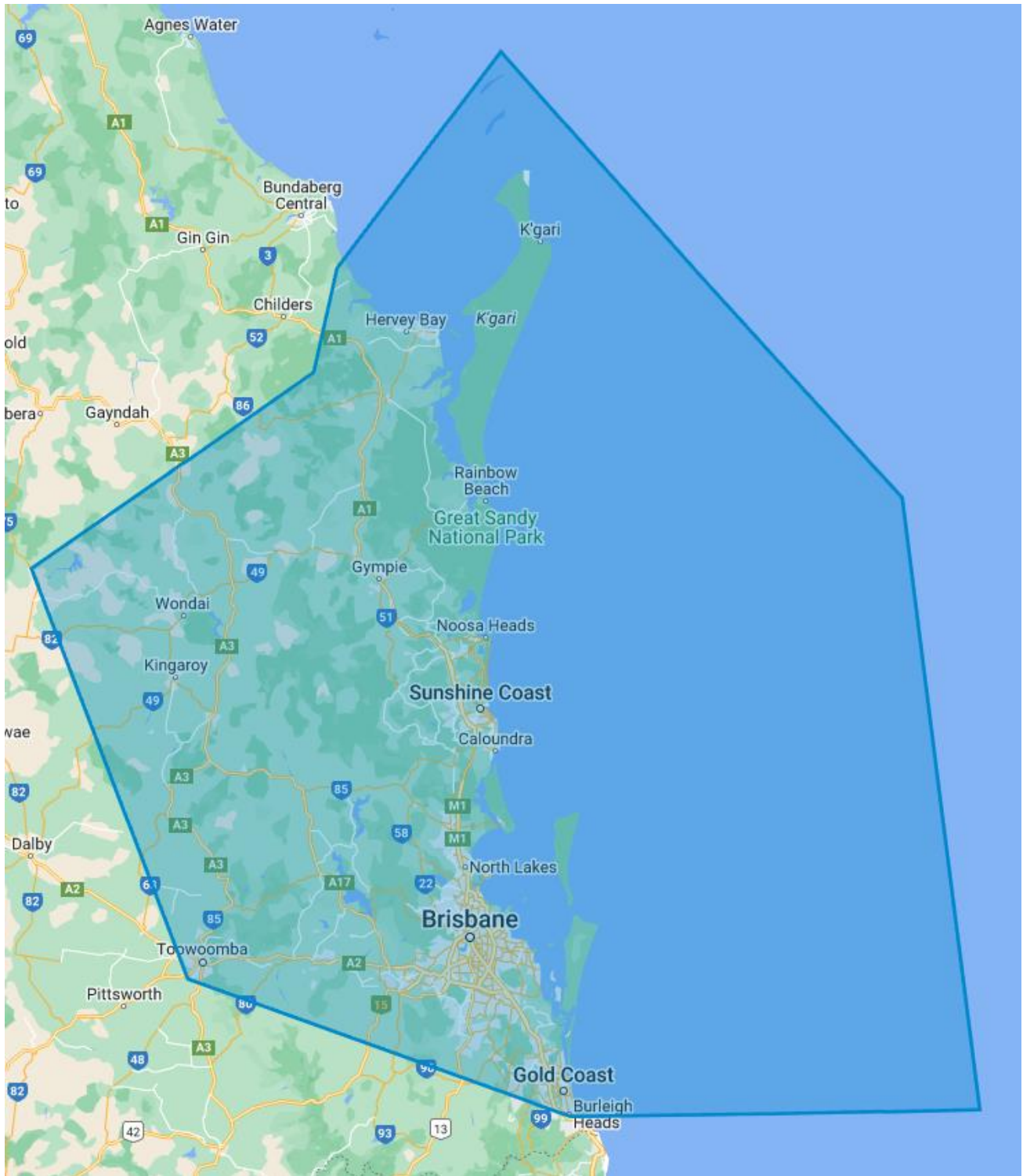
Measuring Fish:

All fish need to be placed on the brag mat in their natural position for photos. No tail squishing or stretching allowed. (mouth closed and to the fork)

Fish measured will be rounded down if the fish doesn't measure to the line.

WHERE YOU CAN FISH

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FISHING METHODS

All recreational fishing methods, excluding nets are allowed

- Rods and reels (all line classes)
- Bait and artificial lures (including live bait and trolling)
- Spearfishing
- No bait jigs (only can be used to catch bait. Fish are not be submitted)

Fishing Lines (Bait rods) from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Freshwater

- No more than six fishing lines should be used alone or combined.
- A set fishing line must not be used.
- A set fishing line must not be used as a cross-line.
- Only one hook, artificial fly, bait jig or lure can be attached to a line.
- You can't be more than 50m away from any of your fishing lines.

Tidal water

- Up to three fishing lines are permitted consisting of a total of six hooks.
- N.B When using bait, only one line can be in the water at any given time.
- An artificial fly, lure, bait jig or gang hook is considered equal to one hook.
- A cross line, drum line, free-floating line or set line is not included as a fishing line.
- You must be present with the line at all times.

Additional Note: Different rule applies in State and Commonwealth Marine Park, may have additional restrictions. Please read up on these, if fishing in these areas.

All fishing vessel classes are accepted:

- Land Based
- Non powered vessels (kayaks, paddleboards etc)
- Powered vessels (if you don't have your boat license you are able to have your husband, partner etc. take you, but please under "NO CIRCUMSTANCES"! enter any of their fish.
- Jet skis (as above if you don't have PWC license).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WFC encourages tag and release practices for fishing sustainability for further information on fish tagging please see Suntag Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Suntag.Queensland> or their website <https://suntag.org.au/>

Dangerous Fish

- It is possible that fishers may encounter highly dangerous species such as Stonefish. All competitors should:
 - Wear solid shoes such as wet boots if fishing in water.
 - Cut the line – do not attempt to land the fish.

Protected Fish

- The Queensland Fisheries website lists species that are protected in Queensland waters such as Queensland Groper. Please ensure you have read and understand your obligation in relation to protected fish.
- The Australian Lungfish species is protected from fishing under the Queensland Fisheries Act 1994. Under the Queensland Act, a permit is required to collect this species for eligible purposes such as educational display, aquaculture, and research. The Australian Lungfish is also listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and strict conditions apply to its export under the EPBC Act.
- Mary River Cod

PEST FISH:

- Those anglers targeting Tilapia and Carp during the event, please follow Dept of Agriculture and fisheries rules and regulations.
- If caught, you **MUST NOT** return any pest fish back into the water. Pest fish species must be humanely destroyed immediately and must be disposed of as soon as practicable, by burying it a suitable distance away from the waterway where it was caught or placing it in a nearby rubbish bin.
- You must not keep, feed, give away, sell, or release these fish into the environment. By law, you have a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) to take reasonable and practical steps to minimize the risks associated with restricted noxious fish under your control.
- Banned as bait - you can't use noxious fish as bait. Don't return these fish to the water, dead or alive. To achieve your general biosecurity obligation, don't use any invasive fish as bait.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I hereby apply to compete in WFC 2024 Fishing Competition. In consideration of my registration being accepted I acknowledge and agree that: 1. In this registration declaration: "WFC Activities" includes (but not limited to) fishing of all kinds, rod fishing, fishing from the shore, fishing from a boat, spear fishing and free diving. You acknowledge that you will be on your own and not under the direct supervision of WFC. "Claim" means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, penalty, cost or expense however arising including but not limited to personal injury, property damage, and/or economic loss. "WFC" means and its affiliated businesses.
2. This Waiver and Declaration will be interpreted under and governed by the laws of Queensland. I acknowledge my registration will be deemed to be accepted upon my participation in WFC Activities and I acknowledge that I will be bound by and agree to comply with the constitutions, by-laws, regulations, and policies of WFC. I acknowledge that these constitutions, by-laws, regulations, and policies of WFC may change from time-to-time.
3. Warning: The WFC Activities include dangerous sports and activities which carry an obvious risk of injury or loss, including death. You understand and acknowledge that you have full knowledge of the risks associated with the WFC Activities and that you voluntarily agree to make the choice to undertake the WFC Activities. You acknowledge that you fully appreciate the nature and extent of the risk associated with the WFC Activities.
4. Fitness to Participate: I declare that I am medically and physically fit and able to participate in any WFC Activities. I am not and must not be a danger to myself or to the health and safety of others. I will immediately notify WFC in writing of any change to my medical condition, fitness, and ability to participate.
5. Exclusion of implied terms: I acknowledge that where I am a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods and services may be excluded.
6. Release & Indemnity: In consideration of WFC accepting my registration to compete I:
 - (a) Forever release WFC from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with my registration and/or participation in any WFC Activities; and
 - (b) Forever indemnify and will keep indemnified WFC to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with my registration and/or participation in any Activities.

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7. Confidentiality: I acknowledge that through participation in WFC Activities I may be privileged to confidential proprietary information and contacts that are essential to WFC. In support of WFC I agree to not teach, share and/or profit from the proprietary information received from WFC.
8. Severability: If any provision of this agreement is prohibited, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that provision will, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction, unless it materially alters the nature or material terms of this contract, including but not limited to the confidentiality cumulative covenants above.
9. I have provided the information required overleaf and accept that registration in the competition is my acceptance of these terms and conditions in full. I warrant that all information provided is true and correct. I acknowledge that this declaration cannot be amended. If I do amend, without consent of WFC, my registration and inclusion in competition will be immediately cancelled and the enduring clauses of this Application and Declaration will continue to bind me. I have read, understood, acknowledge, and agree to the above declaration including the warning, exclusion of liability, release & indemnity, fitness to participate, confidentiality, and privacy. I acknowledge that if my application for inclusion in the WFC Activities is successful I will be entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges, and services of WFC.