

National Seafood Industry Leadership Program – Port Lincoln Participant's Biographies 2020

Participants

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Born and raised in Southern Tasmania, I completed year 12 schooling and pursued an apprenticeship as an Automotive Mechanic, this then led me into further studies and completion of Marine Mechanical, Auto Electrical & Diesel Fitting trades giving me qualifications in all the above. My career so far has taken me across Australia in different fields of Diesel Fitting and as far south as Antarctica where I was employed by the Federal Government as a Diesel Fitter & Boating Officer for 14 months. I am still currently utilising my skills in the mentioned trades since starting my first apprenticeship 26 years ago. I own and run a small family Marine business on the Queensland Sunshine Coast that employs a total of 8 people with 3 major Dealerships - Volvo Penta, Yanmar and Mercury.

My wife, Wendy, and I have an interest within the Seafood Industry for over 8 years now. We currently own a Southern Rock Lobster Licence & Quota and two Scale Fish Licences in Tasmania and Line and Reef fishing Licences from the NSW border to the tip of Northern Queensland. I am participating in the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program to obtain personal growth as a leader, enhance public speaking and to provide me with the skills to perhaps be able to one day participate on a Board within the fishing industry.

What I would like to do for the industry is to see the appropriate measures for sustainable fishing within Australia, this being a mix for both Professionals & Amateur fishers, the importance of our seafood industry not only within Australia but also abroad. Government decisions of quota's & the lockdown of areas to have the correct knowledge and impact studies carried out before making hasty decisions that affect Fishing communities, families, business and the like. Furthermore to protect the future generation of Fishers to come.

Cassie Pert



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My name's Cassie and I'm the A/g Director of the Commercial fisheries policy team at the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. My team is responsible for developing policies and providing advice regarding the management of Commonwealth commercial fisheries. Currently, our primary focus is delivering the National Fisheries Plan.

I applied for the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program to develop strong links with people from the Australian seafood industry, gain greater confidence in myself as a leader and communicator, and to increase my capacity for strategic thinking.

I hope to improve my contribution to Australia's seafood industry by becoming a more informed, influential policy maker.



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Daniel Chien is a Sales and Pricing Manager at Geraldton Fishermen's Cooperative, where Daniel leads and manages a high-performance sales team, which generates \$333 million annually in sales, proportioned to 95% of the company's entire revenue. Daniel specialises in international trade and has substantial exposure to the China market.

Daniel wishes to give back to the seafood industry that has rewarded him. Daniel trusts his participation in the NSILP will get him a step closer towards fulfilling his aspiration.

Daniel aspires to build a robust government-led-enterprise-driven national export program for the Seafood Industry, connecting its community to the world market.

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I'm a Fishery Manager of the Northern Fisheries at AFMA, which include the Northern and Torres Strait Prawn Fisheries, Western Fisheries and the Coral Sea Fishery.

A self-confessed fish geek – I've always loved the ocean and knew I wanted to work in the marine field from a young age. I applied for this program to get exposure to areas of the seafood industry outside of commercial fisheries to further improve my leadership and stakeholder engagement skills.

I believe building strong relationship and collaborating well with stakeholders results in better outcomes for all, which would help the seafood industry improve the sustainability of fisheries resources and protect them for future generations.

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I am a fisheries research scientist with the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies responsible for conducting research and assessment of the Tasmanian Abalone Fishery.

My aim from participating in the NSILP is to build skills and confidence in communicating my research with various stakeholders in the seafood industry.

My career goal is to ensure sustainable seafood by improving education and engagement between industry, science and management to focus research efforts, enhance management decisions and promote greater stewardship of fisheries resources.

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My name is Luke Cordwell and I'm the Feed Analyst at Tassal Operations. Feed is the biggest cost to our company and my role is to maximise growth and reduce cost by shaping our feed and diet strategies to improve feed conversion and growth rates of our stock. I also manage feed logistics with external stakeholders.

I am participating in the NSILP to learn the critical leadership skills I need to achieve my career goals.

My vision for the Australian seafood industry is to become a sustainable food bowl for the planet, I want to help this become a reality.

Meaghan Dodd



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My name is Meaghan and I'm a food business consultant specialising in seafood, with over 15 years' global experience having worked throughout the supply chain from primary production to retail. I established my own business over three years ago, Intuitive Food Solutions, by taking a hands-on approach to support seafood businesses and industry bodies improve product quality and operational practices, skills development and sustainable solutions that deliver commercial outcomes.

I'm grateful for this opportunity to participate in the leadership program and look forward to enhancing my leadership skills and build networks, to take that next step and provide greater value to the industry.

It's my aim to strengthen the seafood industry through innovative thinking, upskilling and sustainable business practices to ensure viability for future generations.

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As a researcher at Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group my primary role is to research and examine the historical performance of Australian fisheries, the regulatory frameworks that guide them and the economic influences that impact their performance. I also represent industry on several stakeholder advisory groups.

The NSILP is an opportunity for me improve my skills to be a more effective leader and communicator for the seafood industry. It also provides a great opportunity to broaden my network and learn from new perspectives.

I'd like to better represent the seafood industry to the best of my ability, to effectively communicate on important issues to the best of my ability.

Patrick Cavalli



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With an aquatic science background, I have strong natural resource management, policy development, and stakeholder engagement experience. Over the past six years I have worked as Principal Fisheries Management Officer with DPIRD WA, focusing on fisheries management, strategic planning and reform.

I am passionate about science based fisheries management and believe the seafood industry focus of this leadership course provides exciting opportunities to contribute in this space.

I would like to develop innovative ways to improve collaboration across sectors, and to build recognition within the Australian community of the quality and sustainable fisheries management and science practices used.

Rattana Wiriyakiat



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Hi, my name is Rattana Wiriyakiat. I have been working at Dinko Tuna in Port Lincoln as the office manager. Working in the smallest tuna farming company has allowed me to develop quite extensive skills, not only in the office.

I am interested in NSILP since it is a well-known training program that aims to increase the competency of those seafood industry members.

I would like to work with other seafood industry members not only to strengthen the industry in negotiating with domestic and international markets, but also help developing the industry to become more sustainable in the long run.

Sal Bolton



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I live and work on the edge of Sydney, looking out over the ocean. My role with the Marine Stewardship Council's Oceania program involves media and communications outreach to achieve the MSC's mission of transforming the global seafood market to a more sustainable basis.

I'm keen to understand the different perspectives on the Australian seafood industry from the other NSILP participants, and to develop new leadership skills to champion a future full of fish.

I'd like to encourage Aussies to think more deeply about where their seafood comes from and the journey from ocean to plate, to inspire a greater appreciation of this unique natural resource and the people who are safeguarding its future.

Sean Larby



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I am currently an abalone diver, sea urchin diver, abalone dive entitlement owner, commercial dive association treasurer and secretary, commercial dive entitlement owner and current Treasurer of the Tasmanian Abalone Council.

I live in Beaumaris near St Helens in North East Tassy I can be seen with a fishing rod, surfboard, mountain bike or bass guitar with the Trawl Dogs. Gigs are available 😊

I am participating in NSILP to help me with my newly found voluntary roles within the fishing industry and get a taste for a career off the water.

I would like to provide good leadership for the Tasmanian Seafood Industry.