

Graduates

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I am an abalone fisherman/license holder from Augusta Western Australia. I am married to Donna and have two young daughters Olivia and Ella. My interests include surfing, fishing, golf and enjoying all the benefits of living in a small coastal town.

I am participating in the NSILP to learn new skills, meet new people with similar ambitions and bring out the best in me to further my contribution to the seafood industry.

I would like to be involved in decision making and be a part of incorporating new technologies into the seafood industry. Also I would like to communicate with the wider public on how their seafood resource is carefully and sustainably managed so all people can have access to our seafood.

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I am Troy Billin, a 36 year old fisherman who is passionate about the industry I've been in for 16 years. I own and operate a commercial fishing business on the NSW North Coast and Clarence River. The main fisheries I operate in are mud crabbing, estuary meshing and ocean line fishing.

I am participating in the NSILP to hope to gain the skills to better represent my industry.

I would like to promote a positive social license for wild caught Australian seafood and commercial fisheries.

Naomi Brydon



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My name is Naomi Brydon and I work in a fisheries policy role in the Department of Agriculture. I work in the Fisheries Reform section which looks at strategic issues in Commonwealth fisheries management and opportunities for policy or legislative reform. Through participating in the NSILP I look forward to exploring the future vision of the seafood sector with individuals with a range of different experiences across the sector. I would like for my work in government to help support the sector in achieving its vision.



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Charlotte is the communications and marketing manager for sustainable seafood organisation, Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). In her role, Charlotte works with retailers, fisheries, brands, eNGOs and government bodies in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific to promote the MSC's program and certification scheme. The MSC aims to contribute to the health of the world's oceans by recognising and rewarding sustainable fisheries, influencing seafood choices, and working with partners to transform the seafood market to a more sustainable basis. Before working for the MSC, Charlotte was an AYAD volunteering in Vanuatu where she often stayed in remote villages where the only protein available was the seafood you caught. Charlotte is excited to learn more about the seafood industry and build a network of contacts to work with.

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I develop and maintain a consistent and professional communication activity plan with NTSC Members and stakeholders. I also ensure the NT community and consumers are consistently and professionally educated on the values of NT seafood. I am participating in NSILP to gain experience and confidence, achieve a proactive (gain understanding which eliminates the reactive approach that is currently happening) approach, help strengthen relationships, make greater awareness of industry and benefits, increase consumption. Within the seafood industry I would like to close the gap and the perception/confusion of the seafood industry between us and the consumer. Ultimately develop better understanding/confidents and gain valuable resources to at least shorten the gap in my jurisdiction.

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My name is James Florisson; I'm 21 and from a small coastal town south of Perth. I'm currently finishing a degree in marine science and working as a research officer for Recfishwest. In my spare time I'm a passionate recreational fisher. I'm participating in NSILP to gain experience to help influence my community and sector. I also wish to learn how to positively influence decision makers and increase my leadership skills and knowledge. I would like to increase cross-sectorial cooperation and communication, public education and general innovation in the seafood industry to help it evolve in the future.

Jacqui Johnson



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I am a Seafood Industry Teacher with North Coast Institute TAFE (NCTAFE). I deliver vocational education and training from the Seafood Industry Training Package in Aquaculture and Sales and Distribution. This includes face to face course delivery, on-site workplace training and assessment in full qualifications, traineeships, specific targeted training.

I am participating as I would like to undertake leadership training; the successful completion of NSILP as contributing to my personal development; have an opportunity to expand my network of contacts within the seafood industry; work in a small team with like-minded people from different sectors of the seafood industry. I would like to use education to raise the profile of the seafood industry/ seafood community to be more valued by the wider community.

John Moloney



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John Moloney is the general manager of Pacific Reef Fisheries (Australia) Pty Ltd, a 100ha prawn and fish grow-out facility with associated hatchery and processing facilities. Pacific Reef Fisheries is also the proponent of a 260ha prawn farm at Guthalungra. John has been involved in the prawn farming industry for the last 20 years in various senior management roles, and is the current vice president of the Australian Prawn Farmers Association. John holds a Bachelor of Marine Science Degree from the University of Sydney and has completed his Masters Degree in Aquaculture at the University of Tasmania. John is passionate about the Australian prawn farming industry and would like to see it develop into a major Australian primary production sector. John is undertaking the NSILP to expand his leadership skills to assist with this vision.

Trent O'Brien



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My name is Trent James O'Brien, I am currently living in Cairns though for the first 17 years of my life I grew up in Brisbane. I did all my schooling in Brisbane by attending Moreton Bay Boys College. While doing my schooling I became School Vice-captain. While studying in my final year of schooling I also was spending 1 day a week at the South Bank institution of Technology studying in a Diploma of Business Management which I also completed in June following year.

Since then I have been working full time between Tropic Ocean Prawns & Harbourside Distribution Ptd Ltd in Cairns.

I chose to apply for NSILP because I see it as a great opportunity learn and further advance my knowledge of all aspects of the Seafood industry in Australia.

What I would like to do for the Wild catch seafood industry is bring awareness into the younger generation of school goes as to how our seafood industry is sustainable for generations to come.

Patrick Sachs



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I work for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority as the Liaison Officer to the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation. I am working to build the relationship between recreational fishers and the Authority while supporting recreational fishers to contribute to fisheries management.

I want to participate in the program for two main reasons. First, I want to learn as much as I can from the other members of the program who are as passionate about the marine environment as I am and second, to learn more about myself and what it takes to be a leader in an ever changing environment. My goal is for the seafood community to be seen as the caretakers of our oceans. I would like to help foster a culture of continuous improvement which will help build industry's social licence to operate in Australia.

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My parents become involved in the Oyster Industry as owners of Coffin Bay Pacific Oysters in 1999 after a couple of years of Research and Development. Along with my brother Benjamin we will, through taking over from our parents, be responsible for the cultivation of oysters on our family lease at Port Douglas. Hopefully through this program, I can gain a better knowledge of not only oyster farming but other areas within the Seafood industry around Australia, helping other sectors prosper, be profitable, well managed and environmentally sustainable.

Thanks for the continued support.

Stephanie Williams



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Stephanie Williams is the Marketing and Public Relations Executive for Sydney Fish Market, a role which sees her liaise regularly with the media in regards to SFM and the wider seafood industry.

Stephanie is participating in the NSILP to broaden her knowledge of the industry and to develop contacts that can assist with information or media opportunities. Stephanie also hopes to share her media and public relations knowledge with other participants in the program.

Upon joining the industry Stephanie's own views changed for the better and her goal is to help dispel the myths and share the industry's positive stories with the media and general public.

Jane Wilson



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My name is Jane Wilson and I work for A Raptis and Sons Pty Ltd. My role within the company is Interstate Domestic Sales of Fresh and Frozen products within our wholesale department based at our Brisbane head office. Although my main function within Raptis is domestic sales. I am extremely lucky as my role is diverse and allows me to also participate in building new and existing customer relations, new business development, stock control and marketing are a large part of my day.

I have really enjoyed the past 5 years that I have been involved in the seafood industry and look forward to joining the NSILP to broaden and develop my sales and networking skills especially within the seafood industry.

The future longevity and sustainability of the seafood industry as well as maintaining and improving the profitability are things that I am the most passionate about. Educating the consumer of the importance of the fishing industry both locally and internationally and ensuring access to this amazing resource by all aspects of the community is maintained.

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I am the Inventory and Procurement Manager for Austral Fisheries Seafood Trading Division. As part of a diversified catching and importing seafood business, I am responsible for sourcing and purchasing quality and sustainable seafood's (local and imported) to meet the needs of the Australian market.

By participating in the NSILP, I believe I will develop a broader understanding of the Australian Seafood industry, learn more about the different sectors and the issues that the industry faces.

I would like to encourage others to share a common vision in developing the industry with sustainable seafood, by understanding their needs and motivating them in the best interests for everyone.