

National Seafood Industry Leadership Program Fremantle 2022 - Participant's Biographies

Participants

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Hi there, my name is Ben. I have been in Aquaculture for 5 years now, this is my second job in the industry. I am the onsite Resident Technician at the Ornatas Toomulla Beach facility. I am on call 5 nights a week, Thursday to Monday. I am participating in NSILP to grow myself; this will help me get to the next step in my carrier and hopefully I can help Ornatas continue to grow as well. I want to help the seafood industry grow. Prove that aquaculture can be what help saves the oceans fish stocks.

Claudia Santori



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My name is Claudia. Since completing my PhD in turtle ecology and conservation, I have been working as a spatial project officer working for OceanWatch Australia on projects related to post-bushfire environmental restoration and community resilience.

I am participating in NSILP because I am interested in improving my public speaking and facilitating skills, learning how to manage teams, and building positive partnerships. I am looking forward to meeting a new and diverse group of people.

My background is in environmental/wildlife-related research and education, and most recently fish habitat restoration. Because of this, I would like to help the seafood industry better connect with relevant research and on-ground environmental work.

**Courtney Quinn-
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My name is Courtney Quinn- McCabe and I live in Hobart Tasmania, I am the Project Manager (Events and Communications) at the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council. I enjoy cooking, gardening and the company of my children and husband.

I want a better understanding of the industry at a national level, to meet and learn from other attendees and to become a leader within the Tasmanian seafood industry.

Engage the wider community and build more awareness about the industry. Help to make a difference, no matter how small as every little bit counts.

Dev Turner



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Hello, my name is Dev, I'm 32, and I'm part of the Sea Country Team at Northern Land Council. We focus on settling matters relating to the 2008 *Blue Mud Bay* High court decision, and supporting the sea country aspirations of coastal Aboriginal groups across the Top End of the Northern territory. It's a large and multifaceted project, that covers an enormous and complex region.

I'm participating in the 2022 NSILP to increase my capacity to support my team, and to increase my awareness of Australia's diverse seafood industry as-a-whole. I would like 2022 NSILP to give me ideas, and introduce me to networks, that will help me increase Indigenous participation in the NT's seafood industry.

Eliza Kimlin



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I have always been in, on, around or dreaming of the water. My connection to the ocean inspired me to have a career in the seafood industry. I am an Aquatic Resource Manager in the NT Fisheries Division.

I am participating in the NSILP to further assist my personal and professional development. I would like to create networks, expand my worldview, improve my communication and leadership skills.

I would like to promote and educate Australian communities on what's on their plate, where it comes from and if it is sustainable, and to encourage transparency between peak bodies, industry, community and government.

James Camarda

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My name is James Fedele Camarda and I am a fourth generation rock lobster fisherman. My family emigrated from Sicily and has been fishing out of Fremantle for over 100 years. I feel a strong connection to this town and cherish its rich history.

I have enrolled in the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program and hope to connect with people across different areas of the industry and broaden my understanding. Going forward I am open to becoming involved with leadership positions and hope to be able to apply the information provided by this program.

Kristian Mulholland



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I am the Health & Performance Manager of Tassal's "Prawn Division". I look after and manage everything related to the performance of our prawns from forecasting and planning to animal health and welfare.

I am participating in the NSILP to broaden my knowledge on leadership and how it affects day to day activities within my business.

Being a part of the seafood industry for the last 10 years, my strive for sustainability and results continues to grow. For me personally, it's about producing the largest quantity & finest quality seafood while maintaining a superior focus on Sustainability.

Lachlan Smith



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I am currently working as a senior fisheries manager at the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and based in Melbourne. I have a marine science background and feel privileged to be able to contribute to the sustainability of our oceans and working with our amazing seafood industry. I enjoy the challenging work and the interesting characters I get to meet along the way. My recent focus has been leading the development of the Corner Inlet Fishery Management Plan.

I am participating in the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program to connect with future leaders and to learn how to constructively impact the industry. I also look forward to gaining a deeper appreciation of the different perspectives out there, and for myself to become a better communicator and leader.

What I would like to do for the industry is to support and empower seafood producers so that collectively we can enhance industry's reputation as providers of healthy, ethically sourced and sustainable seafood. This might include working towards best-practice, transitioning to innovative technology and improving engagement with the community.

Linda Wiberg



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My name is Linda Wiberg, I'm a Fisheries Management Officer at the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Currently in the Rock Lobster and Deep Sea Crustacean Team of the Aquatic Resource Management Branch.

By participating in the NSILP I'm seeking a broader perspective on the seafood industry, to network with professionals in the field and gain an increased understanding of various aspects of the seafood industry.

I aspire to make a positive contribution towards effective fisheries management with a focus on sustainable development of our fisheries and aquatic resources for current and future generations.

Maddi Parsons



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I am a feed analyst at Tassal's feed centre in Hobart. My role is varied, but does involve reviewing feed data in order to optimise feeding. I manage feed deliveries and feed stock. Aswell as manage casual feed centre staff.

I am participating to develop my leadership skills and make a positive impact on the industry. To make meaningful connections with like-minded people. To expand my knowledge of the industry.

I would like to participate in ensuring the industries success into the future. Educate the public on the industry. Create a sense of unity amongst the seafood industry.

Marty Johnson



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I am the Sustainability and Operations Co-ordinator for a wild fisheries company, I organise and ensure that our vessels get all their supplies and that they are running efficiently in terms of safety and logistics. I also focus on ways to make the company more environmentally sustainable.

I hope that NSILP will be able to teach me how to be an effective future leader and further my ability to network and communicate with policy makers. I'd like to be able to communicate to the public, all the positive environmental research the seafood industry contributes to the community.

Nathan Bicknell



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Nathan Bicknell (42) a father of two-boys (7 and 9) has a Bachelor of Environmental Science, majoring in fisheries management. With work experience across a variety of government, no-government organisations, associations, and co-operatives.

Recently, he joined the FRDC's Extension Officer Network. Participation, in the 2020 program, will help challenge his inherent biases and refine skill sets learnt largely on the job.

It is his hope that this cohort (2022) will contribute to re-igniting industry's culture of innovation, optimism and pride. Which he experienced growing up in a Rocklobster Fishing Family business in Port Lincoln during the 1980s"

Nick Lowman



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I'm Nick Lowman, Customer Service Manager at Sydney Fish Market. My team assists SFM's suppliers, buyers, tenants and visitors by handling queries, providing advice and resolving issues. Our objective is to make it easy to do business with SFM.

I'm participating in the NSILP to broaden my knowledge of the seafood industry and make new contacts who can help me find ways of improving the service my team offers.

I'd like to help participants in the seafood industry by listening to them and learning how Sydney Fish Market can become more relevant to their needs.

Nicola Hutchinson



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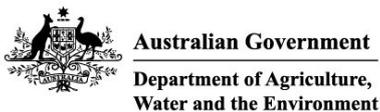
Currently working as the Western Rock Lobster Council's Program Officer, Nicola oversees the portfolio of projects and programs within the WRL-FRDC Industry Partnership Agreement, and manages the fishery's Marine Stewardship Council Certificate.

With career experiences in banking, professional services, and education, Nicola has worked internationally on global rollouts, nationally facilitating culture change workshops, managing project portfolio quality and technology projects, and leading project, training, and operations teams.

Find Nicola on LinkedIn ([Nicola Hutchinson LinkedIn](#)) and the Western Rock Lobster Council [website](#).

By joining the NSILP 2022 Nicola hopes to gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities of the Australian seafood industry while connecting with key players and learning how best to lead and support the industry. Nicola hopes to contribute to ensuring Australia's seafood industry is united and collaborating on key, common challenges that, if addressed, will secure the future of this important source of protein.

Olivia Liu



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My name is Olivia Liu, and I am a policy officer in the Aquatic Pest and Health Policy section at the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Currently, my main task is managing the development and implementation of AQUAPLAN, Australia's national strategic plan for aquatic animal health. I am always looking for new ways to support, connect and collaborate with Australia's seafood industry. The NSILP provides a great opportunity to do this.

I want to lead Australia's seafood industry to a more collaborative and connected future; one where industry, governments and researchers work together on priority issues.

Onika Basile



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My name is Onika, and I am a 4th generation Western Rock Lobster fisherman from the Abrolhos Islands (Western Australia). I work as a deckhand on my family's 15m jet cray boat, the *Hectoo*.

I am participating in the NSILP to gain a different perspective and a deeper understanding of the fishing industry as a whole, and beyond my experience in the wild catch sector. I hope to be able to bring this knowledge back and apply it to our own operation. I would like to improve the general public image of fishing as not only sustainable, but essential to the many small communities it supports.

Sam Russell



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My name is Sam Russell, I am a passionate recreational fisher and work as Operations Officer at Recfishwest.

By further developing my leadership skills, I believe I will be put in a position which will allow me to make positive changes to the recreational fishing community. I strongly believe that recreational fishing can have countless societal benefits and would like to ensure the sustainability of these practices so that future generations can enjoy some of the experiences that I have. I want to increase the abundance of Australian fish stocks and create exciting new fishing opportunities.

Shannon Moore



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I see the NSILP as an opportunity for me to begin to close the gaps in my understanding and education around the Seafood sector, notably how much technology is continuing to shape seafood production with a view to sustainability, efficiency, and profitability. The end goal is to further the story around Seafood being the Australian consumers daily protein of choice.