



WILDCAUGHT

— FISHERS COALITION —

BY FISHERS, FOR FISHERS

2026-27

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

A statewide network built from strong regional voices

ANNUAL COMMERCIAL FISHER MEMBERSHIP

\$80

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www.wildcaughtfishers.com.au

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

A Stronger Collective Voice

WCFC connects working commercial fishers across NSW so local issues, opportunities and practical ideas can reach an organisation able to review them. The coalition is built around a simple principle: representation works best when fishers have a reliable pathway to be heard, supported and kept informed.

1

Be heard

Raise concerns through a regional network designed to identify issues early and bring them directly to the WCFC Executive.

2

Stand together

Strengthen the position of individual fishers by placing their experience within a wider industry and policy context.

3

Shape the future

Support practical reform, better access, regional viability, succession and a stronger supply of locally caught seafood.

"WCFC cannot help with an issue it does not know exists."

Membership helps build the statewide awareness network that allows WCFC to identify patterns, respond earlier and direct its resources toward matters where support or advocacy may make a difference.

Regional Representatives do not simply speak for their region. They make sure their region is heard.

JOIN THE COALITION

Membership at a Glance

COMMERCIAL FISHER
MEMBERSHIP

\$80
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

MEMBERSHIP YEAR
1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027

APPLICATION
Form included at the end

JOIN ONLINE
You can also join online at
www.wildcaughtfishers.com.au

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What your membership supports

- Regional groups and early identification of emerging issues.
- Practical support, advocacy and evidence-based reports where appropriate.
- A direct pathway for fishers navigating access, permit and policy processes.
- Communication with government, decision-makers and industry bodies.
- Work that protects viable wild-caught fishing and local seafood supply.

How to join

- 1 Complete the application form included in this prospectus.
- 2 Email the completed form to members@wcfc.au, or post it to the address shown on the form.
- 3 Pay the membership fee using the bank details on the application form and use your surname as the payment reference.

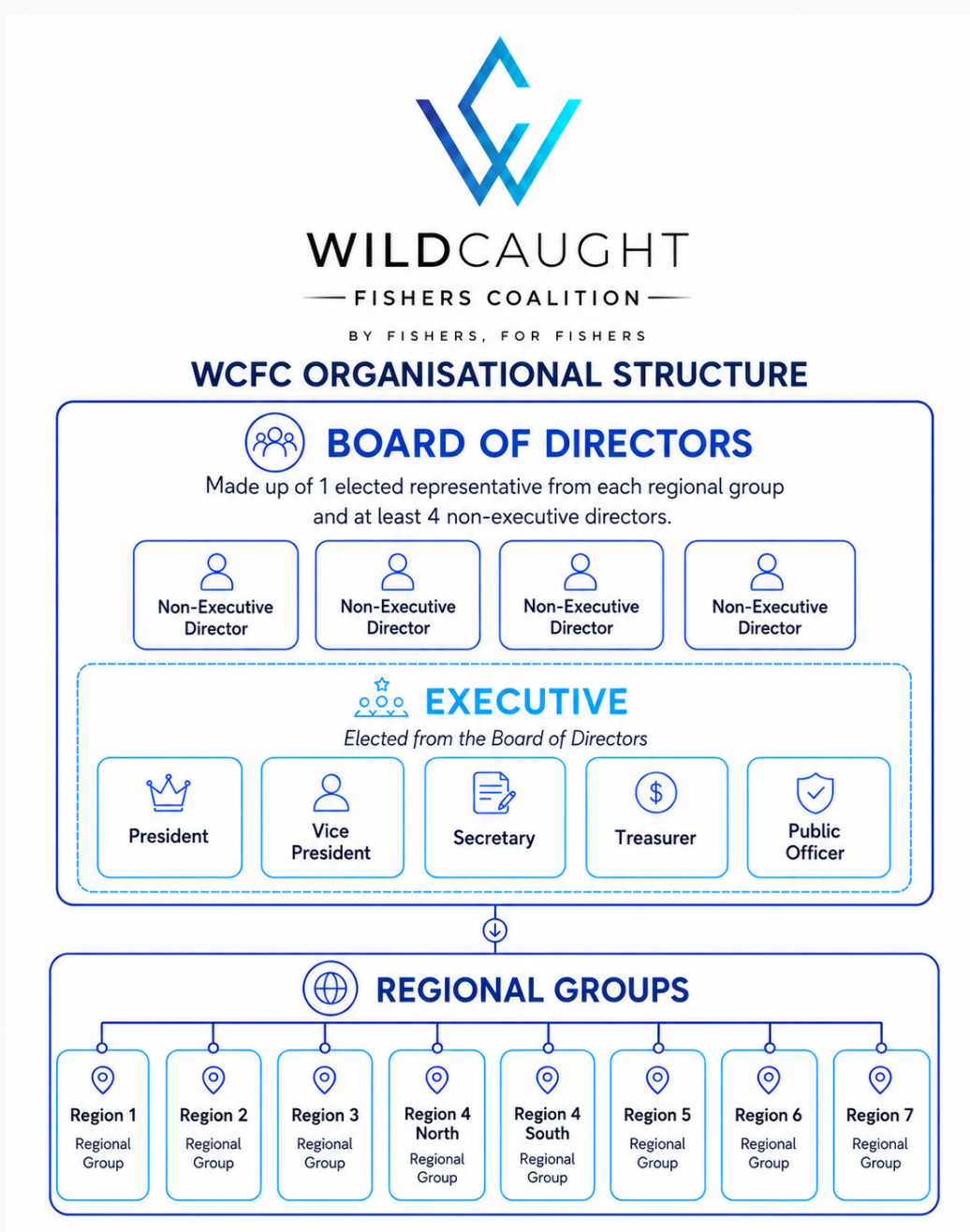


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HOW WCFC WORKS

Organisational Structure

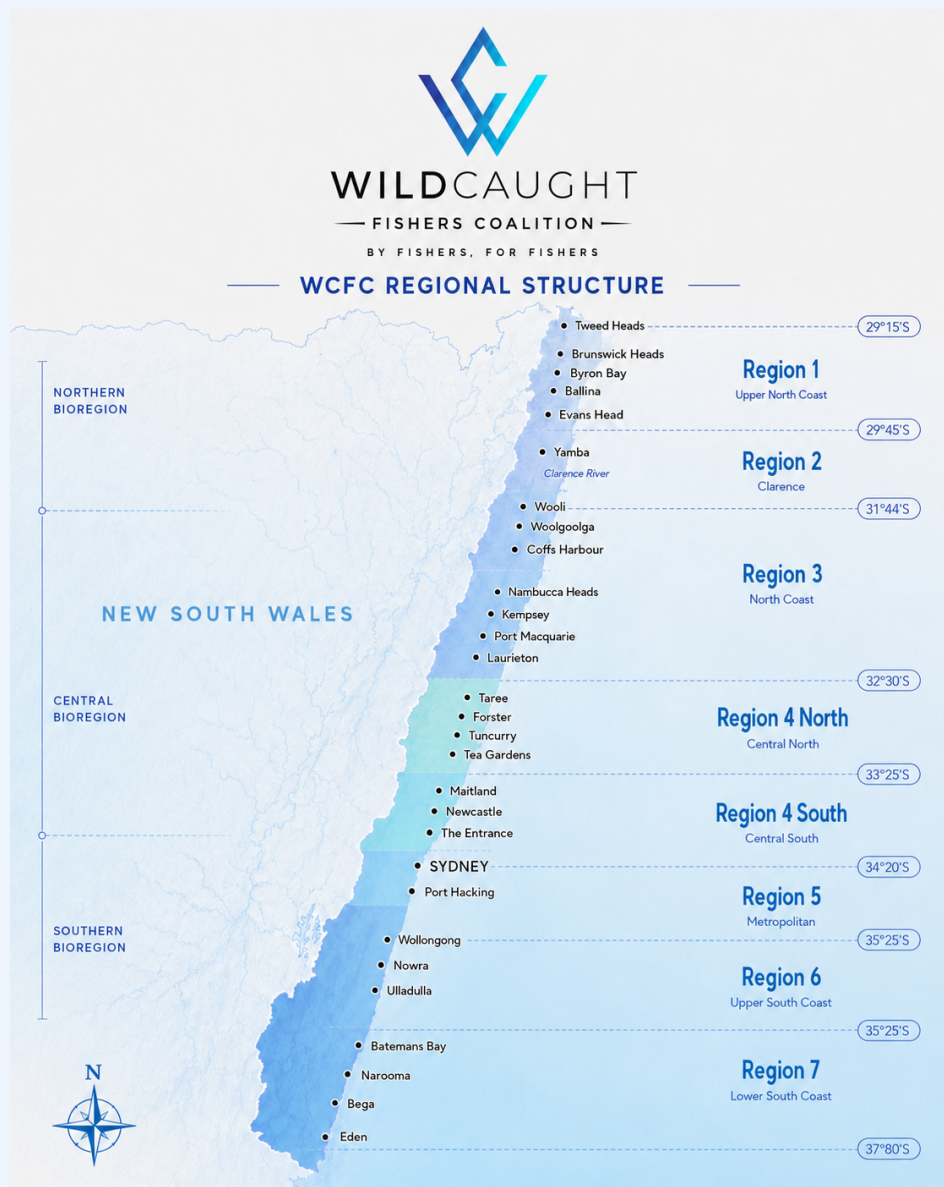
Regional groups connect local fishers to the Board of Directors. The Executive is elected from the Board and is responsible for reviewing issues and determining the appropriate WCFC response.



A STATEWIDE NETWORK

WCFC Regional Structure

The regional structure is designed to make statewide representation practical. Each region provides a local connection for fishers - someone who understands your area, your challenges and your opportunities. Together, we ensure that every part of NSW's fishing community has a voice.



Our regional representatives are the link between local voices and statewide decisions. They bring regional issues, opportunities and concerns forward so the Executive can review them, identify patterns and respond where support, advocacy or action is needed.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

A Stronger Voice in Every Region

WCFC is rebuilding its regional network so issues affecting fishers are identified early and brought directly to the Executive for review.

1

A direct link to WCFC

Regional Representatives will maintain contact with local fishers and act as the link between each region and the WCFC Executive.

2

Early awareness of issues

They will identify emerging concerns and opportunities, gather the initial facts and make sure regional issues are not missed or discovered only by chance.

3

Executive review and action

Their role is not to solve every issue themselves. Once a matter is raised, the Executive can assess whether advice, advocacy, investigation or formal representation is required.

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This structure will move WCFC from discovering problems by chance to maintaining an active statewide network that understands what is happening in every region.

Regional Representatives do not simply speak for their region. They make sure their region is heard.

CASE STUDY

The Hastings Case

WHY REGIONAL AWARENESS MATTERS

A Hastings fisher contacted WCFC after seeing an Ocean Truth Australia article about the NSW Fisheries Resource Sharing Policy. He had already attempted to use the formal process to seek improved fishing access, but felt his case had not received fair consideration.

What WCFC did

- Listened to the fisher and clarified the circumstances.
- Reviewed the process already attempted and the response received.
- Helped bring the issue forward for wider consideration.
- Considered whether the individual experience revealed a broader access or policy problem.

The pathway regional representation creates



The lesson

Had the fisher not happened to see the article, WCFC may never have known the issue existed. A functioning regional network makes these referrals routine rather than accidental.

CASE STUDY

Sea Garfish: Standing Behind Fishers

When concerns arose within the Eastern Sea Garfish fishery, WCFC provided support to the affected fisher and helped ensure the issue received wider attention.

WCFC's role

WCFC did not claim to have led or resolved the matter. Its role was to:

- Stand behind the fisher.
- Provide organisational support.
- Reinforce the importance of industry representation.
- Help ensure the fisher was not left to face the system alone.

Why it matters

Representation is not always about taking over a case. Sometimes the most valuable role is to strengthen the position of a fisher who is already doing the work.

The eventual outcome showed that support can matter even when WCFC is not the organisation leading the fight.

WHAT MEMBERSHIP BUILDS

A network that can support, strengthen and stand beside fishers.

Not every issue requires WCFC to lead. Every issue deserves the opportunity to be heard and properly considered.

Sometimes the most important role is simply making sure a fisher is not left to face the system alone.

1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Please complete each item of this form and email to members@wcfc.au
or post to: 577 Singleton Road Laughtondale Via Wisemans Ferry 2775.

Applicant

I,
(Full name of applicant)

of
(Address)

Fishermen/Other/Company Hereby apply to become a member of the above
named incorporated association. In the event of my admission as an active member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association
in force at the time.

..... Signature of Applicant Date.....

Applicant Contact Information

Mobile Telephone:

Email:

Telephone: Fax:

Postal Address: Town/Suburb Postcode

Preferred Contact email mail (please circle)

Note: Email will be the preferred option of communication.

I wish to be associated with the following Region: (e.g.: Region 1-7).....

I am a Member of a Fishermen's Co-operative/Company/Association: Yes/No (please circle)

Membership Fee

Annual membership fee for commercial fishers is \$80.00

This is falls due with the financial year ending 30th June. Please transfer into the bank account details below. Please add your name
as reference in the message field when making the payment:

Bank: Bendigo

Name: NSW Wild Caught Fishers Coalition

BSB: 633 000

Account: 228 548 608

Direct credit transfer please enter your surname as ID

Proposer

I nominate myself as a member for the association,

..... Date.....
Signature of proposer

Membership Category: Commercial Fisher: \$80.00 Associate Member: \$40.00 Corporation: \$80.00 Pensioner: \$5.00