

NORTHERN ROCK LOBSTER FISHERMAN

Position Details

Occupation: Northern Rock Lobster Fisherman (equivalent to ANZSCO Skill Level 4)

6-digit Code: 070499

Reports to: Mother-ship Master

Position Description: The primary role of the Northern Rock Lobster Fisherman is to harvest lobster from waters of the Northeast Coast of Queensland (north of latitude 16 degrees), primarily operating and/or diving from a dory associated with a mother-ship.

Main Duties and Tasks:

The main duties and tasks include some or all of the following:

- Perform underwater dives to collect Tropical Rock Lobster using a surface supplied compressed air hose apparatus.
- Check, clean and maintain dive equipment in optimum working condition.
- Communicate with the dory driver using agreed signal lines.
- Assist in steering the dory to the specified reef or fishing location.
- Ensure that the compressed air apparatus is running correctly for supply of air to the diver, and that the compressor air intake is not obstructed or likely to be fouled by pollutant.
- Maintain fuel levels for the outboard motor and the compressed air apparatus.
- Maintain a safe look-out for other vessels and divers, and for changes to the sea and weather conditions in the area.
- Display the "A" flag at all times whilst a diver is in the water, maintaining all-round visibility.
- Store, transport, transfer and grade live and processed product at sea in accordance with strict product handling and quality assurance requirements.
- Perform regular preventative maintenance routines on the dory and primary vessel equipment, reporting any damage, breakdowns or errors in a timely manner.
- Maintain and update vessel and daily dive logbooks as required.
- Assist in mooring and unmooring vessels.
- Perform other duties lawfully requested from time to time within capabilities and skill set.
- Assist in the maintenance or upgrade of the vessels and dories during refit.
- Comply with the Vessel Safety Management plan requirements.
- Participate in training and induction on relevant OH&S policies & procedures.

Skills, qualifications and experience:

Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate II or III, or, have at least one year of full-time relevant experience.

Hold a Queensland RSML (Recreational Shipmaster's license) or higher. Hold an Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme (ADAS) Dive ticket or an Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) qualification in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2299. Hold a current Senior First Aid including CPR and Oxygen administration.