

Zenadth Kes Fisheries

When will Zenadth Kes Fisheries be operational?

ZK Fisheries, as it's known, became a registered company on 3 December 2020. It is in the process of recruiting a Chief Executive Officer. The company is likely to make announcements about the appointment of their new CEO in coming weeks.

How are Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people involved in Zenadth Kes Fisheries?

ZK Fisheries has five interim Directors on its Board and 25 Company Members – all of Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal descent. The Torres Strait community is evenly represented by the 25 Members; five from each of the five community cluster groups. Company Members will have the opportunity to provide input to Board decisions impacting Torres Strait commercial fisheries.

Does the TSRA Board control or have influence over ZK Fisheries?

No. ZK Fisheries is an independent organisation. The TSRA will not have any control or input to decisions made by the ZK Fisheries Board.

Will I be forced to sell my catch to Zenadth Kes Fisheries?

No. ZK Fisheries will have to compete for your business – the same as any other fisheries business in the area. ZK Fisheries will be working to establish trade links and logistical relationships in the first two years. It is unlikely that ZK Fisheries will be buying or selling product during the 'start-up' phase.

Will Zenadth Kes Fisheries take responsibility for Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) matters?

No. ZK Fisheries is a commercial fisheries company, the same as any other fisheries company in the region. It will not have any powers or influence over the PZJA or the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA).

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Will my access to TRL/Beche-de-mer/Finfish fishing areas be limited by ZK Fisheries?

No. The right of a Traditional Inhabitant Boat licence holder to fish commercially in the Protected Zone is controlled by Commonwealth and State legislation and remains the same.

How will ZK Fisheries interact with Malu Lamar and Gur A Baradharaw Kod (GBK)?

Malu Lamar and GBK supported the development of a separate entity, with attendees of the 2020 Summit endorsing the establishment of ZK Fisheries. Malu Lamar and GBK continue to be represented through Directors and Members of ZK Fisheries and have a voice on commercial fisheries matters.