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Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to position the fishing operation to locate concentrations of fish and fishing environments. It includes the ability to use electronic aids and sources of information to position the vessel and locate fishing grounds.

The unit applies to individuals who have responsibilities for locating suitable environments for fishing operations.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Licencing and regulatory requirements apply to this unit. Users are required to check with the relevant maritime authority for requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Fishing Operations (FSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Position operation to optimise fishing opportunity	1.1 Determine accurate position of vessel using electronic or visual fixing methods according to workplace procedures 1.2 Use personal protective safety equipment and position vessel at selected location at appropriate time for fishing operations

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	1.3 Maintain vessel position within the range and level of exposure to prevailing and anticipated weather conditions appropriate to the vessel 1.4 Position vessel based on assessment of relevant environmental factors 1.5 Use vessel performance records and other sources of relevant information to aid decision making 1.6 Alter area of operation to optimise fishing opportunity in response to available information 1.7 Ensure vessel position complies with all relevant state, territory and federal regulations
2. Detect and identify fish concentrations and fishing environments	2.1 Operate electronic aids to optimise available information on fish concentrations 2.2 Interpret available indications to extract relevant information on fish concentrations 2.3 Determine size, density, position and movement of fish concentrations accurately within the limitations of available information 2.4 Determine relevant environmental factors accurately within the limitations of available information 2.5 Ensure selected fishing environment is appropriate to target species and fishing gear

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Keeps and reviews records
Numeracy	- Accesses and interprets information, graphs and tables showing abundance - Calculates time, speed and distance
Interact with others	Selects and uses appropriate vocabulary, conventions and

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	protocols, including technical language to communicate with crew members
Get the work done	- Operates and maintains electronic aids and communication technology - Manages risks around the safe selection of fishing area, grounds and stocks

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFIFSH305 Locate fishing grounds and stocks of fish	SFIFISH401C Locate fishing grounds and stocks of fish	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Minor changes to elements and performance criteria for clarity	Equivalent unit

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has positioned a vessel to locate fishing grounds and stocks of fish for at least one fishing operation, including:

- obtaining, correcting and plotting position lines and positions on navigational and fishing charts
- using protective safety equipment
- positioning the vessel safely based on environmental factors and regulatory requirements
- using appropriate methods to detect fish concentrations and fishing grounds of target species of fish
- matching the configuration of fishing gear to the target environment and species.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- operation of position fixing equipment and methods
- calculation of the times required for movement in positioning a vessel for fishing operations
- sources of information used to position a vessel and locate fishing grounds and the means of accessing them, including fisheries information for best potential fishing outcome
- state, territory and national legislation and regulations relevant to fishing operations
- relevance of environmental and other factors affecting fishing operations
- interpretation of information from electronic systems
- operation and adjustment of fish-finding equipment
- visual indications of fish concentrations
- fishing gear types and their effect on differing fishing environments.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a fishing operation setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - electronic aids for locating fish
 - navigational and fishing charts
 - logs of fishing operations and other sources of information used to make decisions on fishing operations
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures for fishing operations that include advice on health and safety and environmental requirements.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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