

AUSTRAL FISHERIES ON BOARD AS WFC2020 MAJOR SPONSOR

One of Australia's largest integrated commercial fishing companies, Austral Fisheries, has signed up as a Major Sponsor for the World Fisheries Congress 2020 (WFC2020).

Highly regarded for its commitment to sustainable fishing practises, CEO of Austral Fisheries David Carter, said the decision to sponsor WFC2020 was the right thing to do.

“Events like WFC2020 provide sponsors and attendees with an important forum to learn about the global challenges facing our industry and also the enormous opportunities for growth, innovation and change,” Mr Carter said.

“It also provides a unique opportunity for representatives from commercial, recreational and indigenous sectors to come together and engage on topics that concern the fishing industry as a collective.”

Held every four years, WFC2020 is expected to bring together more than 1500 international delegates from research, industry and management sectors to discuss the latest advances in fisheries world-wide and global issues and concerns facing the fishing industry.

With credentials that include operations in Australia's sub-Antarctic zones, 10 vessels operating in the 'wild frontier' of Australia's Northern Prawn Fishery, and a trapping vessel out of Darwin, Mr Carter said WFC2020 was a key event for the commercial fishing industry.

“Austral Fisheries supporting WFC2020 is both a show of faith in our industry and a means for events of this scale to continue to occur,” he said.

“Our industry gains strength and influence from the free exchange of ideas and insights. WFC2020 will put the industry's issues and concerns on the agenda and also help to push the Australian commercial fishing industry to the forefront.

“It's also an important opportunity to raise awareness of the fantastic work being done to develop safer and more sustainable fisheries for the future.”

Mr Carter said there were a range of issues he was keen to see explored at the congress, including; the increasing threat to property rights in commercial fisheries; industry's capacity to adapt to global climate change; the need to de-carbonise commercial fishing operations and the power of transparency and trusted traceability systems.

Are you interested in being part of WFC2020 and the unique opportunity to sponsor, connect and collaborate with fisheries experts from across the world? A range of sponsorship and trade stand opportunities are available.

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