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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **A celebration of excellence**

Tonight ten awards were presented to industry leaders and achievers within the Northern Territory seafood industry at the *Developing the North - 2017 NT Seafood Industry Awards*.

'The NT Seafood industry has much to celebrate and tonight we celebrated the passion, dedication and leadership of the many people who work hard to bring seafood and seafood products to the plates and homes of consumers,' said Northern Territory Seafood Council Chief Executive Officer, Ms Katherine Winchester.

'With great delight we saw industry leader and NT Seafood Council Board member Mr Chris Calogeras awarded the Industry Ambassador Award.' Ms Winchester said.

'After over 30 years of dedicated service to the seafood industry, Chris is widely respected and admired for his leadership and contribution to the industry.' Ms Winchester went on to say.

'Pee Wees at the Point delighted us a special menu featuring Northern Territory seafood from start to end and a reminder of just how lucky we are in the Territory to have access to delicious seafood.' stated Ms Winchester.

Other awards categories were Seafood Business Awards, Primary Producer, Environment, Promotion, People Development, Restaurant and Take-Away Fish and Chips.

NT winners will now have the opportunity to be nominated for the Australian Seafood Industry Awards being held in Sydney on 28 September 2017.

For a full list of winners, please see the next page.

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## 2017 NT Seafood Industry Award winners:

Award: Industry Ambassador Award

Sponsor: *Developing the North*

**Winner: Chris Calogeras**

Award: Seafood Business (Small) Award

Sponsor: *Developing the North*

**Winner: Monsoon Aquatics**

Award: Seafood Business (Large) Award

Sponsor: *Developing the North*

**Winner: Humpty Doo Barramundi**

Award: Primary Producer Award

Sponsor: *Sydney Fish Market*

**Winner: Australia Bay Seafoods**

Award: Promotion Award

Sponsor: *Department of Tourism and Culture*

**Winner: Women's Industry Network Seafood Community (WINSC)**

Award: Environment Award

Sponsor: *Darwin Port*

**Winner: Sea Darwin – Bare Sand Island Marine Debris Initiative**

Award: People Development Award

Sponsor: *Northern Territory Seafood Council*

**Winner: Australian Maritime & Fisheries Academy**

Award: Take-Away Fish & Chips Award

Sponsor: *Fisheries Research and Development Corporation*

**Winner: Frying Nemo Fish & Chippery**

Award: People's Choice Take-Away Fish & Chips Award

Sponsor: *Fisheries Research and Development Corporation*

**Winner: Jetty & the Fish**

Award: Restaurant Award

Sponsor: *Australia Bay Seafoods*

**Winner: Saffron Restaurant**