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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **The time is right to identify infrastructure pathways**

Northern Territory Seafood Council is excited about unlocking future infrastructure pathways that will support the growth of the professional seafood industry as a result of a new infrastructure needs project.

'With the assistance of the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation we have commenced a project titled - *Identifying infrastructure needs that underpin growth of the NT seafood industry in the next ten years* which will aid the potential of accelerating local business growth,' says Chairman of Northern Territory Seafood Council, Mr Daniel Kimberley.

'The timing is right for this study, both in wild catch and aquaculture the industry is poised for further development and growth and it is critical that a co-ordinated and business case approach is taken to identify appropriate future investments.

'Working collaboratively with the Government and key organisations we want to understand the current and planned infrastructure and align this with the future needs of the seafood industry.

'We want to hear from all businesses, big and small, that are involved in the NT seafood supply chain to better understand where there are hurdles and opportunities to determine the infrastructure needs for the NT seafood industry for the next 10 years.

'Identifying the pathways for growth opportunities is front and centre of the charter for Northern Territory Seafood Council.

'We need to identify where there is growth opportunities in the seafood industry and where infrastructure upgrades to existing facilities could accelerate industry growth as well as improve safety.

'This week, work has commenced to collate background information on existing infrastructure and in the coming weeks we will be launching an online survey to seek the views from people in the NT seafood supply chain.

'The project will identify the infrastructure that is currently utilised, current limitations and the opportunities that will improve both NT wild catch fisheries and the NT aquaculture sector.

*Identifying infrastructure needs that underpin growth of the NT seafood industry in the next ten years* is proudly sponsored by the Northern Territory Government.

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