

Code of Practice for Aquaculture Vessels

Summary

There is an identified need to develop a Code of Practice (COP) specific to offshore aquaculture vessels for use in the growing blue economy sector.

The National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV), existing rules and regulations of Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), and guidelines of International Association of Classification Societies are relevant in describing the requirements of offshore aquaculture vessels. However, those rules and guidelines are not placed in a single Code of Practice (COP) document.

Therefore, future offshore aquaculture vessels deployed by the growing Blue Economy sector may have to refer to many documents with multiple interpretations in a time-consuming and non-user-friendly process.

This project will conduct a comprehensive review of existing National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV) and the guidelines of classification societies to develop a new set of “Deemed to Satisfy” rules and regulations for offshore aquaculture vessels.

The final COP will be a reference document for Australian operations, to be submitted to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) for possible adoption.



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