



Series 1 – National Seafood Industry Safety Initiative

Speaker 4 – Michael O’Brien

Welcome to 2020 and the first episode in a series of podcasts focused on work health and safety in the seafood industry.

Series 1 is discussing the newly formed National Seafood Industry Safety Initiative. There will be four speakers in this series:

John Harrison (Future Focused Consulting)

Michael Drake (AMSA)

Heide Mumme (Mi-Fish Consulting)

Michael O’Brien (Australia Bay Seafoods)

The mission statement of the Initiative is to achieve a positive change in workplace safety culture to ensure that the Australian Seafood Industry ‘KEEPS ITS PEOPLE SAFE ‘

The primary roles of the Initiative is to:

- Develop and implement a strategic safety direction for the seafood industry through partnerships and leadership;
- Identify RD&E priorities, through review and consultation with key fisheries stakeholders and develop projects to address those priorities;
- Ensure future projects are aligned with the strategic safety direction;
- Facilitate effective extension and adoption of RD&E outputs relevant to industry safety; and
- Promote collaboration and co-investment opportunities in RD&E both nationally and internationally.

Michael O’Brien

Michael started working on Prawn trawlers in November 1972 out of Darwin and became a cadet Skipper the following year with Markwell Fisheries He skippered his first vessel 3 years later. After 14 years, prawn fishing in Northern Australia moved into a fleet management position. Michael has been involved in vessel refit for many years and is now the General Manager of Australia Bay Seafoods in Darwin.

Michael can be contacted on 0418 605 512 or mobrien@australiabay.com

For more information on the National Seafood Industry Safety Initiative, please refer to the Strategic Plan.