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Wooden Boat Festival Combines Tasmania's Maritime and Seafood Story

The 2019 Wooden Boat Festival is again showcasing Tasmania's rich maritime history, drawing large crowds to Hobart's waterfront with a large range of boats to marvel at, food stalls, and entertainment, the Festival is a great family day out.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is pleased to support this iconic festival by providing \$750,000 towards this year's event, with the same amount committed towards the next festival in two years' time.

The Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council's (TSIC) seafood marquee is also a great chance to show off the best of our \$947 million per annum seafood sector, which has become synonymous with our premium food brand.

In partnership with the industry we are delivering our \$26.15 million plan to grow the value of our world class wild catch and farmed seafood sector supporting thousands of jobs in regional areas.

This includes \$150,000 over 3 years supporting TSIC to improve safety for commercial fishers and marine farmers.

We have also extended the successful East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Program which is helping to re-build rock lobster stocks on the East Coast for both commercial and recreational fishers.

We are building the \$5 million Fisheries Integrated Licensing and Management System to enable real time data transfer which will further reduce red tape and modernise fisheries management.

And, we have increased funding of \$14 million over 5 years to our world-class Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) is providing fishing industry-relevant research and development to support new sustainable fisheries opportunities.

I congratulate Festival organisers, TSIC and everyone involved in making this year's event another great success.