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FISHERIES ACT 1994

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 1 October 2002]

An Act for the management, use, development and protection of fisheries resources and fish habitats and the management of aquaculture activities, and for related purposes

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Division 1—Introduction

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Division 2—Objectives

3 Main purpose of Act

(1) The main purpose of this Act is to provide for the use, conservation and enhancement of the community's fisheries resources and fish habitats in a way that seeks to—

- (a) apply and balance the principles of ecologically sustainable development; and
- (b) promote ecologically sustainable development.

(2) In balancing the principles, each principle is to be given the relative emphasis appropriate in the circumstances.

(3) In this section—

“ecologically sustainable development” means using, conserving and enhancing the community’s fisheries resources and fish habitats so that—

- (a) the ecological processes on which life depends are maintained; and
- (b) the total quality of life, both now and in the future, can be improved.

“principles of ecologically sustainable development” means the following principles—

- (a) enhancing individual and community wellbeing through economic development that safeguards the wellbeing of future generations;
- (b) providing fairness within and between generations;
- (c) protecting biological diversity, ecological processes and life-support systems;
- (d) in making decisions, effectively integrating fairness and short and long-term economic, environmental and social considerations;
- (e) considering the global dimension of environmental impacts of actions and policies;
- (f) considering the need to maintain and enhance competition, in an environmentally sound way;
- (g) considering the need to develop a strong, growing and diversified economy that can enhance the capacity for environmental protection;
- (h) that decisions and actions should provide for broad community involvement on issues affecting them;
- (i) the precautionary principle.

“precautionary principle” means the principle that, if there is a threat of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of scientific certainty should not be used as a reason to postpone measures to prevent environment degradation, or possible environmental degradation, because of the threat.

3A How purpose is to be primarily achieved

The main purpose of this Act is to be primarily achieved by—

- (a) giving the chief executive appropriate powers to perform the chief executive's functions under this Act; and
- (b) providing for the following—
 - (i) the management and protection of fish habitats;
 - (ii) the management of commercial, recreational and indigenous fishing;
 - (iii) the prevention, control and eradication of disease in fish;
 - (iv) the management of aquaculture.

Division 3—Interpretation

Subdivision 1—Dictionary

4 Definitions

The dictionary in the schedule defines particular words used in this Act.

Subdivision 2—Key definitions

5 Meaning of “fish”

(1) **“Fish”** means an animal (whether living or dead) of a species that throughout its life cycle usually lives—

- (a) in water (whether freshwater or saltwater); or
- (b) in or on foreshores; or
- (c) in or on land under water.

(2) **“Fish”** includes—

- (a) prawns, crayfish, rock lobsters, crabs and other crustaceans; and
- (b) scallops, oysters, pearl oysters and other molluscs; and

- (c) sponges, annelid worms, beche-de-mer and other holothurians, sea snakes, marine mammals and turtles; and
- (d) trochus and green snails.

(3) However, “**fish**” does not include—

- (a) crocodiles; or
- (b) protected animals under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*; or
- (c) animals prescribed under a regulation not to be fish.

(4) “**Fish**” also includes—

- (a) the spat, spawn and eggs of fish; and
- (b) any part of fish or of spat, spawn or eggs of fish; and
- (c) treated fish, including treated spat, spawn and eggs of fish; and
- (d) coral, coral limestone, shell grit or star sand; and
- (e) freshwater or saltwater products declared under a regulation to be fish.

(5) A regulation under subsection (4)(e) may declare a product to be fish only—

- (a) for a particular provision of this Act; or
- (b) if the product is used for a particular purpose.

(6) Subsection (5) does not limit the following provisions of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*—

- section 24 (Statutory instrument may be of general or limited application)
- section 25 (Statutory instrument may make different provision for different categories).

7 Meaning of “fishery”

“**Fishery**” includes activities by way of fishing, including, for example, activities specified by reference to all or any of the following—

- (a) a species of fish;
- (b) a type of fish by reference to sex, size or age or another characteristic;
- (c) an area;

- (d) a way of fishing;
- (e) a type of boat;
- (f) a class of person;
- (g) the purpose of an activity;
- (h) the effect of the activity on a fish habitat, whether or not the activity involves fishing;
- (i) anything else prescribed under a regulation.

8 Meaning of “marine plant”

(1) **“Marine plant”** includes the following—

- (a) a plant (a **“tidal plant”**) that usually grows on, or adjacent to, tidal land, whether it is living, dead, standing or fallen;
- (b) material of a tidal plant, or other plant material on tidal land;
- (c) a plant, or material of a plant, prescribed under a regulation or management plan to be a marine plant.

(2) **“Marine plant”** does not include a declared plant under the *Rural Lands Protection Act 1985*.

9 Meaning of “quota”

“Quota” includes a restriction on activities by way of fishing, including, for example, a restriction specified by reference to all or any of the following—

- (a) a quantity of fish;
- (b) a percentage of a quantity of fish;
- (c) a period of time;
- (d) an area;
- (e) the length or another reference to the size of a boat;
- (f) a quantity or type of fishing apparatus or aquaculture furniture;
- (g) an activity affecting a fish habitat, whether or not the activity involves fishing;
- (h) anything else prescribed under a regulation.

Division 4—Operation of Act**10 Act binds all persons**

This Act binds all persons, including the State.

11 General application of Act

(1) This Act applies to persons, things, acts and omissions on or in—

- (a) land within the limits of the State; and
- (b) Queensland waters.

(2) However, this Act does not apply to—

- (a) activities to which a Commonwealth law cooperative fishery applies; or
- (b) the taking of fish, within the meaning of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* (Cwlth), for the purposes of a Commonwealth law Torres Strait cooperative fishery; or
- (c) the landing in Queensland of fish taken under a Commonwealth fishing concession as mentioned in section 10(2)(c) of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act; or
- (d) exclusive Commonwealth matters for a State law cooperative fishery.

(3) This Act also applies to—

- (a) recreational fishing carried on in the part of the Australian fishing zone that is the adjacent area for Queensland by the use of an Australian boat; and
- (b) activities in the Australian fishing zone to which a State law cooperative fishery applies.

(4) Subsection (3)(a) does not apply to recreational fishing regulated by a Commonwealth plan of management.

(5) Subsection (3)(b) does not apply to exclusive Commonwealth matters for the State law cooperative fishery.

(6) In this section—

“**adjacent area**” for Queensland has the meaning given by the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* (Cwlth).

“Australian fishing zone” has the meaning given by the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“Commonwealth fishing concession” means a fishing concession within the meaning of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“Commonwealth law cooperative fishery” means a Commonwealth-State fishery managed under Commonwealth law.

“Commonwealth law Torres Strait cooperative fishery” means a fishery managed under Commonwealth law under an arrangement under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*, part 3.

“Commonwealth plan of management” means a plan of management within the meaning of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“exclusive Commonwealth matter”, for a State law cooperative fishery, means any of the following matters—

- (a) foreign boats;
- (b) operations on and from foreign boats;
- (c) persons on foreign boats;
- (d) for activities in the Australian fishing zone—matters that happened before the Commonwealth-State arrangement for the fishery took effect if Commonwealth law applies to the matters.

“recreational fishing” has the same meaning as in the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“State law cooperative fishery” means a Commonwealth-State fishery managed in accordance with State law.

12 When Act does not apply

This Act does not apply to—

- (a) the unintentional taking of regulated fish or marine plants if the fish or plants are not intentionally or recklessly injured or damaged and are immediately put back; or
- (b) the unintentional possession of regulated fish or marine plants by a person if the fish or plants are not intentionally or recklessly injured or damaged and the person can not, because of circumstances beyond the person’s control, put the fish or plants back immediately they come into the person’s possession; or

- (c) the use of a hand net to lift from water fish taken by other fishing apparatus; or
- (d) the use of a gaff to secure fish taken by other fishing apparatus.

13 Exemptions from Act

(1) A regulation may exempt a person from this Act or a provision of this Act.

Example—

1. A regulation may exempt a person who keeps live fish, for sale, in a pet shop or restaurant from all provisions of the Act.
2. A regulation may exempt a person from all provisions of the Act for the use or possession of specified fishing apparatus.

(2) The exemption may be given on conditions stated in the regulation.

(3) A person must not contravene a condition of an exemption that applies to the person.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—200 penalty units.

14 Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' rights to take fisheries resources etc.

(1) An Aborigine may take, use or keep fisheries resources, or use fish habitats, under Aboriginal tradition, and a Torres Strait Islander may take, use or keep fisheries resources, or use fish habitats, under Island custom.

(2) However, subsection (1) is subject to a provision of a regulation or management plan that expressly applies to acts done under Aboriginal tradition or Island custom.

(3) A regulation or management plan mentioned in subsection (2) may be developed only after cooperating with Aborigines or Torres Strait Islanders, considered by the chief executive to be appropriate, to reach agreement, or reasonably attempt to reach agreement, about the proposed regulation or plan.

PART 2—MINISTERIAL ADVISORY BODIES

15 Minister may establish advisory bodies

The Minister may establish an advisory committee or other body to assist the Minister in the administration of this Act.

PART 3—CHIEF EXECUTIVE

20 Chief executive's functions

(1) The chief executive is, on behalf of the State, responsible under this Act for—

- (a) the management, use, development and protection of aquaculture, marine plants, fish habitats and, coral limestone and fisheries resources generally; and
- (b) the management, control and, if possible, elimination of diseased fisheries resources; and
- (c) fish ways.

(1A) The other functions of the chief executive are—

- (a) to ensure the fair division of access to fisheries resources for commercial, recreational and indigenous use; and
- (b) to supervise and control the way, extent and conditions of producing, harvesting, treating, transporting and selling of fisheries resources for use in the State or elsewhere; and
- (c) to ensure that economic efficiency is properly taken into account in developing management arrangements for fisheries resources; and
- (d) to conduct or support fisheries research and development; and
- (e) to supply or support fisheries educational programs and codes of practice for fisheries management; and
- (f) to examine, and advise the Minister on, issues affecting fisheries resources and fish habitats; and

- (g) to examine, and advise the Minister on, the administration of this Act, and to make any recommendations the chief executive considers appropriate; and
- (h) to perform other functions given to the chief executive under this or another Act.

(2) This Act does not limit the functions and powers of the chief executive under other laws.

20A Powers

(1) The chief executive may, for performing the chief executive's functions—

- (a) enter into contracts; and
- (b) acquire, deal with and dispose of property; and
- (c) appoint agents and attorneys; and
- (d) charge for services and facilities supplied; and
- (e) join and take part in industry associations; and
- (f) support financially or in another way an entity promoting or wanting to promote fisheries resources; and
- (g) enter into agreements or arrangements with the Commonwealth, another State or an entity prescribed by regulation for the management, use, development or protection of fisheries resources; and
- (h) formulate and operate arrangements (including funding) for adjusting the use of fisheries resources, including, for example, by adjusting the number of authorities for a fishery; and
- (i) formulate fisheries restocking and enhancement programs; and
- (j) perform, or arrange for the performance of, research, education and environmental programs; and
- (k) do anything else necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, the performance of the chief executive's functions.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the chief executive has the powers given to the chief executive under this or another Act.

(3) The chief executive may exercise the chief executive's powers inside and outside Queensland, including outside Australia.

21 Chief executive may delegate

(1) The chief executive may delegate the chief executive's powers under this Act to—

- (a) a local government or an entity prescribed under a regulation (a “**prescribed entity**”); or
- (b) an officer or employee of the public service; or
- (c) an officer or employee of a local government or prescribed entity; or
- (d) an officer or employee of the Commonwealth or another State.

(2) A delegation of a power to a local government or a prescribed entity may permit the subdelegation of the power.

(3) This section does not limit powers of delegation the chief executive has under other laws.

22 Integrated development approval system regulations and guidelines

(1) A regulation may make provision about, or empower the chief executive to make guidelines about—

- (a) the policy objectives and criteria to which a person (the “**delegate**”) exercising a power delegated by the chief executive must have regard; and
- (b) the way in which the delegate must exercise the power, including, for example, time limits for the making of decisions; and
- (c) appeals from decisions of the delegate; and
- (d) the cases involving the exercise of a power delegated by the chief executive that must be referred to the chief executive or someone else for decision, including the criteria to be applied in deciding whether a particular case must be referred; and
- (e) the conditions to which an authority issued by the delegate must be subject; and

- (f) the consequences of contravention of the regulation or guidelines.

(2) This section does not limit the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 27A (Delegation of powers).

PART 5—FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Division 1—Management plans

32 Making management plans

(1) The chief executive may make a management plan for the following—

- (a) a fishery;
- (b) a fish habitat or declared fish habitat area;
- (c) a fish way;
- (d) fisheries resources;
- (e) aquaculture.

(2) A management plan is subordinate legislation.

33 Procedure to make management plan

(1) Before making a management plan, the chief executive must prepare a draft plan and take reasonable steps to engage in consultation about the draft plan.

(2) The draft plan must be published in the way and contain the information prescribed under a regulation.

34 Management plan must be approved by Governor in Council

A management plan does not have effect until it has been approved by the Governor in Council.

35 What management plan must deal with

A management plan must state its objectives and how they are to be achieved.¹

36 What management plan may deal with

The management plan may make provision about anything prescribed under a regulation for this section or the chief executive considers appropriate to deal with in the plan.

Examples of what the chief executive may consider appropriate to deal with—

1. Fishing capacity of a fishery and its measurement.
2. The way a fishery is to be managed, which may include, for example, the regulation of the following—
 - (a) fishing methods;
 - (b) taking of a species, type or quantity of fisheries resources;
 - (c) the use of a type, size or quantity of fishing apparatus;
 - (d) use of a type or number of boats;
 - (e) a period of fishing.
3. Management of a fishery by a system of authorities and for any of the following in relation to the authorities—
 - (a) their issue;
 - (b) their conditions;
 - (c) whether they can or can not be amended, renewed or transferred;
 - (d) if they can be amended, renewed or transferred—conditions for the amendment, renewal or transfer;
 - (e) for their cancellation or suspension or for how the chief executive may cancel or suspend them.
4. Procedures to be followed to select persons to whom authorities are to be issued.
5. Obligations of holders of authorities which may include, for example, a requirement to install, maintain and use VMS equipment.
6. Regulation of recreational activities in a fishery.
7. Regulation of fishing for research purposes in a fishery.
8. Formulation and funding of restructuring or adjustment schemes.

¹ See also section 39(3) (Amendment of management plan).

9. Formulation and funding of fisheries restocking or enhancement programs.
10. Research, education and environmental issues.
11. Enforcement.
12. Boundaries of, and buffer zones for, a fish habitat or declared fish habitat area.
13. Regulation of development in a fish habitat or declared fish habitat area.
14. How a fish way must be operated.
15. How a fish habitat, declared fish habitat area or fisheries resources are to be managed or restored.
16. Fish migration.

37 Management plan may declare closed season, closed waters etc.

(1) A management plan may also declare—

- (a) a period to be a closed season; or
- (b) waters to be closed waters; or
- (c) fish to be regulated fish.

(2) A declaration under subsection (1)(a) (a “**closed season declaration**”) may regulate taking or possessing of fish in the closed season.

(3) A declaration under subsection (1)(b) (a “**closed waters declaration**”) may regulate—

- (a) taking or possessing of fish in the closed waters; or
- (b) engaging in activities in the closed waters; or
- (c) using or possessing a boat, aquaculture furniture, fishing apparatus or anything else in the closed waters.

(4) A declaration under subsection (1)(c) (a “**regulated fish declaration**”) may regulate taking, possessing or selling regulated fish.

Examples of matters that may be provided under a regulated fish declaration under a management plan—

1. A limit may be placed on the size or number of a species or type of fish that may be taken, possessed or sold.
2. A total prohibition may be placed on the taking, possessing or selling of fish of a particular species or type.

38 Management plan may provide for quota

A management plan may prescribe, or authorise the issue of, a quota.

38A Management plan to protect things that are not fish

A management plan may be made to protect things that are not fish.

Example—

A management plan may regulate taking or possessing fish in an area to protect dugong in the area.

39 Amendment of management plan

(1) The chief executive may amend a management plan only if the chief executive has—

- (a) prepared a draft amending management plan and taken reasonable steps to engage in consultation about the draft; or
- (b) conducted a review of the plan, or part of the plan to which the amendment relates, the result of which included a proposal to make the amendment.

(2) However, subsection (1) does not apply if, under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 46,² a regulatory impact statement is not required to be prepared for the amending management plan.

(3) The management plan may provide for how the consultation or review must be conducted.

(4) In this section—

“**amend**” includes repeal.

39A Effect of repeal of management plan on authorities

If a management plan is repealed, authorities issued by the chief executive in relation to the plan end, unless the plan otherwise provides.

² *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 46 (When is preparation of a regulatory impact statement unnecessary?)

40 Compensation not payable on making, amendment or repeal

(1) Compensation is not payable if a management plan is made, amended or repealed, or anything previously permitted is prohibited or regulated under the plan.

(2) However, subsection (1) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

41 Management plan may provide penalty for contravention

A management plan may provide that contravention of the management plan is an offence and, if a penalty for the contravention is not otherwise provided under this Act, prescribe a maximum penalty of not more than 500 penalty units.

42 Regulation may make provision about management plan matters

(1) Anything that may be declared by a management plan may also be declared by regulation.

(2) A regulation may also make provision about anything else about which provision may be made by a management plan.

(3) If there is an inconsistency between a regulation and a management plan, the regulation prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

*Division 2—Fisheries declarations***43 Declaration of closed season, closed waters etc.**

(1) The chief executive may declare—

- (a) a period to be a closed season; or
- (b) waters to be closed waters; or
- (c) fish to be regulated fish.

(2) A declaration under subsection (1)(a) (a “**closed season declaration**”) may regulate taking or possessing fish in the closed season.

(3) A declaration under subsection (1)(b) (a “**closed waters declaration**”) may regulate—

- (a) taking or possessing fish in the closed waters; or

- (b) engaging in activities in the closed waters; or
- (c) using or possessing a boat, aquaculture furniture, fishing apparatus or anything else in the closed waters.

(4) A declaration under subsection (1)(c) (a “**regulated fish declaration**”) may regulate taking, possessing or selling regulated fish.

Examples of matters that may be provided in a regulated fish declaration under this section are given in section 37(4) (Management plan may declare closed season, closed waters etc.).

(5) Before making a declaration, the chief executive must take reasonable steps to engage in consultation about the declaration.

44 Declaration of quotas

(1) The chief executive may declare a quota for a fishery.

(2) A declaration (a “**quota declaration**”) may be made under subsection (1) for a fishery only if a quota has not been decided for the fishery under a management plan.

(3) Before making a quota declaration, the chief executive must take reasonable steps to engage in consultation about the declaration.

45 Fisheries declaration is subordinate legislation

(1) A declaration under this division (a “**fisheries declaration**”) is subordinate legislation.

(2) However, an emergency fisheries declaration is not subordinate legislation.

45A Declaration to protect things that are not fish

A declaration under this division may be made to protect things that are not fish.

Example—

A declaration may regulate taking or possessing fish in an area to protect dugong in the area.

46 Emergency fisheries declarations

(1) The chief executive may make an emergency closed season declaration, closed waters declaration or regulated fish declaration (an “**emergency fisheries declaration**”).

(2) The chief executive may make an emergency fisheries declaration only if the chief executive is satisfied that urgent action is needed to meet a significant threat to fisheries resources or a fish habitat or another emergency.

(3) The declaration must state it is an emergency fisheries declaration and outline the nature of the emergency.

(4) The chief executive is not required to engage in consultation about the declaration.

(5) The chief executive must publish the declaration in the gazette and may publish it in other ways the chief executive considers appropriate having regard to the emergency.

(6) The chief executive must repeal the declaration as soon as possible after the chief executive is satisfied the emergency no longer exists.

(7) Unless it is earlier repealed, the declaration expires 2 months after it is gazetted.

(8) However, if the declaration is inconsistent with a regulation or management plan, then, unless it is earlier repealed, the declaration expires 21 days after it is gazetted.

(9) The following sections of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* apply to an emergency fisheries declaration as if it were subordinate legislation—

- (a) section 49 (Subordinate legislation must be tabled);
- (b) section 50 (Disallowance);
- (c) section 51 (Limited saving of operation of subordinate legislation that ceases to have effect).

47 Compensation not payable on making, amendment or repeal

(1) Compensation is not payable if a fisheries declaration (including an emergency fisheries declaration) is made, amended or repealed, or anything previously permitted is prohibited or regulated under the declaration.

(2) However, subsection (1) does not prevent a regulation, management plan or fisheries declaration providing for payment of compensation.

48 Regulation may make provision about fisheries declaration matters etc.

(1) Anything that may be declared by a fisheries declaration may also be declared by a regulation.

(2) A regulation may also make provision about anything else about which provision may be made by a fisheries declaration.

(3) If there is an inconsistency between a regulation or management plan and a fisheries declaration, the regulation or management plan prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(4) However, if there is an inconsistency between an emergency fisheries declaration, a regulation, management plan or fisheries declaration that is not an emergency fisheries declaration, the emergency fisheries declaration prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Division 3—Authorities

Subdivision 1—General

49 Authorities that may be issued under Act

A regulation or management plan may prescribe the authorities that may be issued under this Act.

50 Who issues authorities (other than permits)

(1) An authority under this Act may be issued by the chief executive.

(2) However, a regulation may provide that subsection (1) applies or does not apply to a stated activity or thing.

(4) This section does not apply to the issue of permits.

51 Who issues permits

(1) The following permits under this Act may be issued by the chief executive—

- (a) a permit to possess regulated fish or nonindigenous fisheries resources for aquaculture purposes;
- (b) a permit to use boats, aquaculture furniture and fishing apparatus for aquaculture purposes;
- (c) a permit to remove, destroy or damage marine plants;
- (d) a permit to perform works or related activity in a declared fish habitat area;
- (e) a permit about diseased fisheries resources;
- (f) a permit about fish ways;
- (g) a permit prescribed under a regulation;
- (h) any other permit under this Act.

(2) However, a regulation may provide that subsection (1) applies or does not apply to a stated activity or thing.

52 Things authorised by authorities

(1) An authority authorises the holder of the authority to do the things permitted under a regulation or management plan or stated in the authority.

(2) A regulation or management plan, or the authority itself, may also authorise other persons to do all or any of the things authorised by it.

Example of someone else authorised by an authority—

A person who is a member of the crew of a boat owned by the holder

(3) However, an authority does not authorise the holder or anyone else (other than an inspector) to enter, or remain on, someone else's land.

53 Form, content and term of authorities

An authority—

- (a) must be in the approved form; and
- (b) must contain the particulars decided by the chief executive; and
- (c) is issued for the term specified in it.

Subdivision 2—Issue and renewal**54 Application for authority**

(1) An application for the issue of an authority must—

- (a) be made to the chief executive in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

(2) If asked by the chief executive, the applicant must give the further relevant information or evidence the chief executive requires to decide the application.

55 Consideration of application for issue of authority

(1) The chief executive must consider an application for the issue of an authority and may issue the authority or refuse to issue it.

(2) In considering the application, the chief executive must comply with any relevant regulation or management plan.

56 Application for renewal of authority (other than permit)

(1) The holder of an authority (other than a permit) may apply for its renewal to the chief executive.

(2) Also, a person may apply to renew an expired former authority if—

- (a) the person held the former authority immediately before its expiry; and
- (b) the application is—
 - (i) for an authority of the same type, and on substantially the same terms, as the former authority; and
 - (ii) made within 3 months after the expiry.

(3) However, the chief executive may, at any time, extend the period for applying to renew an expired former authority.

(4) An application under this section must—

- (a) be made in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

(5) If asked by the chief executive, the applicant must give the further relevant information or evidence the chief executive requires to decide the application.

57 Permit not renewable

(1) A permit can not be renewed.

(2) However, the holder may apply for the issue of another permit.

(3) Compensation is not payable if the chief executive refuses to issue another permit.

(4) However, subsection (3) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

58 Consideration of application for renewal of authority (other than permit)

(1) The chief executive must consider an application for renewal of an authority (other than a permit) and may renew the authority or refuse to renew it.

(2) In considering the application, the chief executive must comply with any relevant regulation or management plan.

(3) If the application is an application under section 56(2) to renew an expired former authority and the chief executive decides to renew it—

- (a) the chief executive must fix the term of the renewed authority from the day after the former authority expired; but
- (b) the renewed authority takes effect only from the day the renewed authority is issued.

59 Refusal to issue or renew

(1) The chief executive may refuse to issue or renew an authority if the chief executive is satisfied the refusal is necessary or desirable for the best management, use, development or protection of fisheries resources or fish habitats.

Examples of the bases on which the chief executive may be satisfied—

1. The authority was issued in error or because of a document or representation—
 - (a) that is false, misleading or omits a material particular; or

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- (b) obtained or made in another improper way.
- 2. The applicant has been convicted of an offence against fisheries legislation.
- 3. The applicant has had a licence, permit, concession or other authority under fisheries legislation (a “**fishing authority**”) cancelled or suspended.
- 4. The applicant has not complied with a condition of a fishing authority.
- 5. The applicant has not kept or given returns as required by the chief executive under this Act.
- 6. The applicant has given a false or misleading return to the chief executive under this Act.
- 7. The applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence.
- 8. The applicant has not satisfied the training or competency requirements or other criteria for the authority as decided by the chief executive or prescribed under a regulation or management plan.
- 9. The applicant has not paid fees payable under this Act.
- 10. Another matter specified in a relevant regulation or management plan.

(2) Compensation is not payable if the chief executive refuses to issue or renew an authority.

(3) However, subsection (2) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

60 Notice of refusal of application for issue or renewal etc.

If the chief executive refuses to issue or renew an authority sought by an applicant, the chief executive must promptly—

- (a) give the applicant a written notice informing the applicant—
 - (i) of the refusal and the reasons for the refusal; and
 - (ii) that the applicant may appeal against the decision to the Fisheries Tribunal within 28 days; and
- (b) refund the fees paid by the applicant, other than fees for assessing the application.

Subdivision 3—Conditions**61 Conditions imposed on issue or renewal**

(1) When the chief executive issues or renews an authority, the chief executive may impose reasonable and relevant conditions, including, for example—

- (a) if the authority is not itself a quota—a condition fixing a quota for the authority; and
- (b) a condition requiring payment of a bond to ensure the holder will comply with the conditions of the authority; and
- (c) a condition conferring powers on inspectors; and
- (d) a condition requiring the holder to install, maintain and use VMS equipment.

(2) The conditions must be stated in the authority.

(3) In fixing a quota for an authority, the chief executive must comply with any relevant regulation, management plan or quota declaration.

(4) If a power conferred on inspectors by a condition of an authority is exercised by an inspector, the power is taken to be exercised with the consent of the authority's holder.

(5) A power conferred on inspectors by a condition of an authority is not limited by the powers given to an inspector under a provision of this Act.

(6) If an inspector may exercise a power under this Act and under a condition of an authority, the inspector may exercise the power under either or both.

(7) To remove any doubt, a condition may be imposed by the chief executive even though the effect is to stop the holder or someone else taking fisheries resources, or using a boat or fishing apparatus that could, apart from the condition, be lawfully taken or used under the authority.

(8) Compensation is not payable if conditions are imposed on an authority, or anything previously permitted is prohibited or regulated under the authority.

(9) However, subsection (8) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

62 Conditions imposed under regulations and management plans

(1) An authority is also subject to the conditions prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

(2) To remove any doubt, any condition that may be imposed on an authority by the chief executive may be prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

Subdivision 4—Amendment

63 Amendment of authority

(1) If the chief executive considers an authority (including the conditions stated in it) should be amended, the chief executive must give the holder of the authority a written notice (the “**show cause notice**”) that—

- (a) states the proposed amendment; and
- (b) states the reasons for the proposed amendment; and
- (c) outlines the facts and circumstances forming the basis of the reasons; and
- (d) invites the holder to show, within a stated time of at least 28 days, why the authority should not be amended.

(2) The chief executive may amend the authority if, after considering all representations made within the stated time, the chief executive still considers the authority should be amended—

- (a) in the way mentioned in the show cause notice; or
- (b) in another way, having regard to the representations.

(3) If the chief executive decides to amend the authority, the chief executive must give the holder of the authority a written notice stating—

- (a) how the authority has been amended; and
- (b) that the holder may appeal against the amendment to the Fisheries Tribunal within 28 days.

(4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply if the authority is amended only—

- (a) by omitting a condition if the omission does not adversely affect the holder’s interests; or
- (b) for a formal or clerical reason; or

- (c) in another way that does not adversely affect the holder's interests; or
- (d) at the holder's request; or
- (e) by changing a quota for the authority.

(5) The chief executive may make an amendment of a type mentioned in subsection (4) by written notice given to the holder.

(6) To remove any doubt, any condition that may be imposed on an authority when it is issued may be imposed on the authority by amendment.

(7) Compensation is not payable if an authority is amended, or anything previously permitted under the authority is prohibited or regulated.

(8) However, subsection (7) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

64 Notice to return authority for alteration after amendment

(1) The chief executive may, by written notice, require the holder of an authority issued by the chief executive to return the authority to the chief executive within a stated time, of at least 28 days, to enable the chief executive to alter the authority to reflect an amendment made to it.

(2) The holder must comply with the notice, unless the holder has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—80 penalty units.

(3) After altering the authority, the chief executive must return it to the holder.

(4) The amendment of an authority by the chief executive does not depend on it being altered under this section.

Subdivision 5—Transfer

65 Transfer of authority (other than permit)

(1) The chief executive may transfer an authority (other than a permit) issued by the chief executive, unless the authority is not transferable under a regulation or management plan.

(2) An application for the transfer of an authority must—

- (a) be made—
 - (i) jointly by each holder of the authority and the proposed transferee; and
 - (ii) to the chief executive, in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations; and
- (c) be accompanied by the written approval of each person (other than the holder) who has an interest in the authority noted in the relevant register of authorities.

(3) If asked by the chief executive, the applicant must give the further relevant information or evidence the chief executive requires to decide the application.

(4) The transfer may be granted on—

- (a) conditions prescribed under the regulations or a management plan; or
- (b) conditions imposed by the chief executive.

(5) If the chief executive refuses to transfer the authority, the chief executive must promptly—

- (a) give the applicant a written notice informing the applicant—
 - (i) of the refusal and the reasons for the refusal; and
 - (ii) that the applicant may appeal against the decision to the Fisheries Tribunal within 28 days; and
- (b) refund the fees paid by the applicant, other than fees for assessing the application.

(6) Compensation is not payable if the chief executive refuses to transfer the authority, the transfer is granted on conditions or anything previously permitted under the authority is prohibited or regulated.

(7) However, subsection (6) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

66 Permits not transferable

A permit can not be transferred.

Subdivision 6—Suspension and cancellation**67 Suspension or cancellation of authorities by chief executive**

(1) The chief executive may suspend or cancel an authority issued by the chief executive on any of the following grounds—

- (a) the suspension or cancellation is necessary or desirable for the best management, use, development or protection of fisheries resources or fish habitats;
- (b) the holder has been convicted of a serious fisheries offence.

Examples of the bases on which the chief executive may be satisfied under paragraph (a) are the examples mentioned in section 59(1) (Refusal to issue or renew).

(2) In acting under subsection (1)—

- (a) the chief executive may disregard any third party interests in the authority; and
- (b) the chief executive must have regard to—
 - (i) criteria prescribed under the regulations or a management plan for the suspension or cancellation of the authority; and
 - (ii) if the holder has been convicted of a fisheries offence—the penalty imposed by the court for the offence.

Example of subsection (2)(b)(i)—

A regulation or management plan may provide to the effect that, for each conviction for a serious fisheries offence, the offender accumulates points against the offender's authority and that the chief executive may cancel the authority or suspend it for a particular time, when the offender has accumulated a particular number of points.

(3) The chief executive may, in appropriate circumstances, have regard to previous convictions recorded against an authority in the relevant register of authorities, even though its current holder was not its holder when the conviction was recorded.

(4) If the person in control of a boat is convicted of a serious fisheries offence involving the use of the boat, the chief executive may, in appropriate circumstances, record the conviction in the fisheries register against the authority applying to the boat even though the person is not the holder of the authority.

(5) If a chief executive suspends or cancels an authority, the chief executive may also suspend or cancel other authorities issued by it that are held by the holder.

(6) This section does not affect the suspension or cancellation of an authority under a regulation or management plan.

68 Procedure for cancellation or suspension by chief executive

(1) If the chief executive considers grounds exist under section 67(1) to suspend or cancel an authority (the “**proposed action**”), the chief executive must give the holder of the authority a written notice that—

- (a) states the proposed action; and
- (b) states the grounds for the proposed action; and
- (c) outlines the facts and circumstances forming the basis for the grounds; and
- (d) if the proposed action is suspension of the authority—states the proposed suspension period; and
- (e) invites the holder to show, within a stated time of at least 28 days, why the proposed action should not be taken.

(2) If, after considering all written representations made within the stated time, the chief executive still considers grounds to take the proposed action exist, the chief executive may—

- (a) if the proposed action was to suspend the authority for a specified period—suspend the authority for not longer than the proposed suspension period; or
- (b) if the proposed action was to cancel the authority—either cancel the authority or suspend it for a period.

(3) The chief executive must inform the holder of the decision by written notice.

(4) If the chief executive decides to suspend or cancel the authority, the notice must state—

- (a) the reasons for the decision; and
- (b) that the holder may appeal against the decision to the Fisheries Tribunal within 28 days.

(5) The decision takes effect on the later of—

- (a) the day when the notice is given to the holder; or
- (b) the day of effect stated in the notice.

(6) However, if the authority is suspended or cancelled because of the conviction of a person for an offence—

- (a) the suspension or cancellation does not take effect until—
 - (i) the end of the time to appeal against the conviction; and
 - (ii) if an appeal is made against the conviction—the appeal is finally decided; and
- (b) the suspension or cancellation has no effect if the conviction is quashed on appeal.

(7) Compensation is not payable if the chief executive suspends or cancels an authority.

(8) However, subsection (7) does not prevent a regulation or management plan providing for payment of compensation.

(9) This section does not affect the suspension or cancellation of an authority under a regulation or management plan.

69 Effect of suspension on renewal

If an authority has been suspended, it may be renewed but continues to be suspended until the end of the suspension period.

70 Authority to be returned

(1) The holder of an authority suspended, or the former holder of an authority cancelled, must return the authority to the chief executive within 7 days after the suspension or cancellation takes effect, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not returning it or not returning it within that time.

Maximum penalty—80 penalty units.

(2) If a suspended authority is returned to the chief executive, the chief executive must return it to the holder at the end of the suspension period.

Subdivision 6A—Death of authority holder**70A Application of sdiv 6A**

This subdivision applies if an individual is a holder of an authority and the individual dies.

70B General effect of death

Subject to section 70C, on the individual's death—

- (a) the individual ceases to be a holder of the authority; and
- (b) the individual's entitlement as a holder of the authority ceases.

70C Continuance of particular authorities

(1) This section applies only if the authority is of a type prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

(2) If, immediately before the individual's death, the individual was the only holder of the authority—

- (a) the authority continues in force, subject to this Act; and
- (b) the individual's personal representative becomes the holder of the authority.

(3) If, immediately before the death, there was more than 1 holder of the authority—

- (a) the individual's personal representative becomes a holder of the authority; and
- (b) the other holders of the authority continue to be holders of the authority, unaffected by the individual's death.

(4) A personal representative who, under this section, becomes a holder takes the entitlement the individual had under the authority immediately before the death.

70D Provisions for changeover to personal representative

(1) This section applies if, under section 70C, a personal representative (the **“new holder”**) becomes a holder of the authority.

(2) The change in the holdership to the new holder is taken to be a circumstance for section 73(3).³

(3) Until the change is recorded in the register the chief executive keeps under section 73(1), a notice under this Act from the chief executive to the new holder may be given at the deceased individual's address last known to the chief executive.

Subdivision 7—Replacement and surrender

71 Replacement of authorities

(1) The holder of a lost, damaged or destroyed authority may apply to the chief executive for a replacement authority.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

(3) The chief executive may replace the authority if the chief executive is satisfied it has been lost, damaged or destroyed.

72 Surrender of authorities

(1) The holder of an authority may surrender it by giving notice of surrender to the chief executive.

(2) The notice must be in an approved form and be accompanied by the authority.

Subdivision 8—Registers and certificates

73 Registers of authorities

(1) The chief executive must keep a register of authorities issued by the chief executive.

3 Section 73 (Registers of authorities)

(2) The register must contain the particulars prescribed under the regulations or management plan and may include other particulars decided by the chief executive.

(3) Within 21 days after a change in circumstances prescribed under a regulation or a management plan, the holder of an authority must give the chief executive written particulars of the change in the approved form.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(4) A person may, on payment of the fee prescribed under the regulations and subject to reasonable conditions imposed by the chief executive—

- (a) inspect the register at the department's head office during business hours; and
- (b) take extracts from, or obtain a copy of details in, the register.

(5) The chief executive may publish details in the register at the times and in the way decided by the chief executive.

(6) The holder of an authority may apply to the chief executive in the approved form to have noted on the register an interest that a specified person has in the authority.

74 Certificates about authorities

(1) The chief executive may issue a certificate stating—

- (a) that a particular person was or was not the holder of an authority on a particular day or over a particular period; or
- (b) the type or conditions of a particular authority; or
- (c) the cancellation or suspension of an authority; or
- (d) anything else contained in the register of authorities kept by the chief executive.

(2) The certificate is admissible in a proceeding as evidence of a matter stated in it.

(3) An application for a certificate must—

- (a) be made to the chief executive in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

Subdivision 9—Offences about authorities and registers**75 False representations about authorities**

A person must not intentionally or recklessly falsely represent that someone (whether the person or someone else) holds an authority or an authority of a particular type.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

76 Offences about registers

A person must not intentionally or recklessly—

- (a) make, cause to be made, or agree to the making of, a false or misleading entry in the register of authorities kept by the chief executive; or
- (b) produce or tender in evidence a document falsely purporting to be—
 - (i) an instrument, or a copy of or extract from an instrument, given to or by the chief executive under this part; or
 - (ii) a copy of or extract from an entry in a register of authorities kept by the chief executive.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

Division 4—Fisheries offences**77 Closed season and closed waters offences**

A person must not unlawfully contravene a closed season or closed waters declaration.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

78 Prohibited acts about regulated fish

- (1) A person must not unlawfully take, possess or sell a regulated fish.

(2) A person must not mutilate or disfigure a regulated fish with intent to hide the fact that it is a regulated fish.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

79 Quota offences

A person must not unlawfully contravene a quota.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

80 Fish not to be taken in prohibited way

A person must not unlawfully take fish in a way prohibited under a regulation or management plan.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

81 Use of explosives etc. prohibited

(1) A person must not unlawfully—

- (a) use an explosive, powerhead or other explosive propelled missile, firearm or noxious substance (a “**restricted thing**”) to take fish; or
- (b) have a restricted thing on board a boat—
 - (i) with intent to take fish; or
 - (ii) by which fish may be injured or destroyed; or
- (c) use or possess, with intent to take fish, a device that creates an electrical field in waters or on land; or
- (d) possess fish taken by a thing mentioned in paragraph (b) or a device mentioned in paragraph (c).

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1)(b)(ii) does not apply to a firearm on board a boat, or a powerhead attached to a spear gun or hand propelled spear, if the firearm or powerhead is used, or intended for use, only in defence against sharks.

82 Offence to do prescribed act

A person must not unlawfully do an act prescribed under a regulation or management plan as an act that must only be done by the holder of an authority.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

83 Additional penalty based on value of fish taken in trade or commerce

(1) If, having convicted a person of an offence against this Act involving the taking or possessing of fish, the court is satisfied the person took or possessed the fish in trade or commerce, it may, under this section, impose a fine of not more than 5 times the amount calculated by it to be the wholesale value of the fish when they were taken.

(2) The court may impose the fine as well as imposing another fine or penalty prescribed under this or another Act.

(3) The court may regard fish taken or possessed in contravention of this Act to have a wholesale value equivalent to the wholesale value of fish of the same or a similar species or type taken lawfully.

84 Prohibited fishing apparatus

(1) A person must not unlawfully use or possess fishing apparatus.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(2) A person must not unlawfully use or possess a greater number of fishing apparatus than the number permitted under a regulation or management plan.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a boat lawfully passing through waters if the fishing apparatus is stowed and secured.

85 Sale etc. of commercial fishing apparatus prohibited in certain circumstances

(1) In this section—

“**commercial fishing apparatus**” means fishing apparatus that may be used, bought or possessed only by the holder of a particular type of

authority, and includes netting material ordinarily used in the manufacture of commercial fishing apparatus.

(2) If commercial fishing apparatus may be bought only by the holder of a particular type of authority, a person must not sell the fishing apparatus to a person who is not the holder of an authority of that type.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(3) If commercial fishing apparatus may be bought only by the holder of a particular type of authority, a person must not buy the fishing apparatus unless the person is the holder of an authority of that type.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(4) If commercial fishing apparatus may be used or possessed only by the holder of a particular type of authority, a person must not use or possess the fishing apparatus unless the person is the holder of an authority of that type.

Maximum penalty—300 penalty units.

(5) This section does not apply to the selling, buying, using or possessing of commercial fishing apparatus to be used or used—

- (a) in sporting activities, other than fishing; or
- (b) to protect trees or collect fruit from trees; or
- (c) for display or decorative purposes; or
- (d) for other purposes prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

Examples of sporting activities mentioned in paragraph (a)—

1. Indoor cricket.
2. School sports.

Examples of purposes mentioned in paragraph (c)—

1. Use in shopfitting.
2. Use as part of a restaurant's decor.

(6) This section does not apply to a person who possesses commercial fishing apparatus if the person is—

- (a) a genuine maker, dealer in or repairer of fishing apparatus; or
- (b) a person acting for a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

- (c) transporting the fishing apparatus to or from the place where it is made, used, dealt in, repaired or stored for a person who has an authority to use or possess the apparatus.

86 Dockets for wholesale sale of fisheries resources etc.

(1) This section applies if fisheries resources are sold by a person (the “**seller**”) to someone else (the “**buyer**”) and the buyer—

- (a) is a person engaged in the business of selling fisheries resources by wholesale or retail; or
- (b) intends to resell any of the fisheries resources in trade or commerce.

(2) The seller must give to the buyer, and the buyer must obtain from the seller, a docket (the “**required docket**”) for the sale containing the particulars prescribed under a regulation.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

(3) The seller and the buyer comply with subsection (2) if the buyer prepares the required docket and the seller signs it.

(4) The buyer must have the required docket available for immediate inspection while the buyer has the fisheries resources or part of the fisheries resources in the buyer’s possession.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(5) Also, if the fisheries resources are abalone and the seller consigns them to the buyer, the seller must ensure they are accompanied by a copy of the required docket.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(6) In addition, if the required docket relates to the sale of abalone the seller and the buyer must each keep a copy of the required docket for 5 years after the day the abalone are sold.⁴

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

⁴ Under section 173 (Power to require production of documents), an inspector may require a person to produce a document required to be kept.

86A Records for processing abalone

(1) This section applies to a person carrying on the business of processing abalone.

(2) The person must keep a record containing the following particulars for any abalone the person processes—

- (a) the person's full name and usual address;
- (b) if the person is not the owner of the abalone—the full name and usual address of the owner;
- (c) the species of abalone processed;
- (d) the date of processing;
- (e) the weight of each species of abalone before processing;
- (f) the weight of each species of abalone after processing;
- (g) the way the abalone are processed.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

(3) The person must keep the record for 5 years after the day the abalone are processed.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(4) In this section—

“**processing**”, abalone, includes doing any of the following to the abalone—

- (a) shelling;
- (b) filleting;
- (c) cooking;
- (d) preserving;
- (e) packing.

87 Interference etc. with aquaculture activity or fishing apparatus

(1) A person must not unlawfully interfere with an aquaculture activity or fishing apparatus.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(2) In this section—

“interfere with” includes—

- (a) for an aquaculture activity—the removal of fisheries resources, damage and destroy; and
- (b) for fishing apparatus—the removal of fisheries resources, damage, destroy, mark, remove and trample.

88 Holder of authority to have it available for immediate inspection etc.

(1) The holder of an authority must have the authority available for immediate inspection while the holder is doing anything authorised by it.

(2) If anyone else is doing anything the other person is authorised to do under the authority and the holder is not present, the other person must have the authority available for immediate inspection.

(3) If a number of persons on a boat are doing anything the persons are authorised to do under the authority and the holder is not present, the person in control must have the authority available for immediate inspection.

88A Possessing fish taken in contravention of other fisheries legislation

A person must not unlawfully possess fish knowing the fish have been taken in contravention of a law of the Commonwealth or another State about fishing, fisheries resources or fish habitats.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

Division 5—Noxious and nonindigenous fisheries resources and aquaculture fish

89 Noxious fisheries resources not to be possessed, released etc.

A person must not unlawfully—

- (a) bring noxious fisheries resources, or cause noxious fisheries resources to be brought, into Queensland; or
- (b) possess, rear, sell or buy noxious fisheries resources; or

- (c) release noxious fisheries resources, or cause noxious fisheries resources to be placed or released, into Queensland waters.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

90 Nonindigenous fisheries resources not to be possessed, released etc.

(1) A person must not unlawfully—

- (a) bring nonindigenous fisheries resources, or cause nonindigenous fisheries resources to be brought, into Queensland; or
- (b) possess, rear, sell or buy nonindigenous fisheries resources; or
- (c) release nonindigenous fisheries resources, or cause nonindigenous fisheries resources to be placed or released, into Queensland waters.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(2) Subsections (1)(a) and (b) do not apply to nonindigenous fisheries resources prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

91 Aquaculture fisheries resources not to be released

A person must not unlawfully release aquaculture fisheries resources, or cause aquaculture fisheries resources to be released, into Queensland waters.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

92 Duty of person who takes or possesses noxious or nonindigenous fisheries resources

(1) A person who unlawfully takes or possesses noxious or nonindigenous fisheries resources must immediately—

- (a) if the fisheries resource is a fish—kill it; or
- (b) if the fisheries resource is a plant—destroy it.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to nonindigenous fisheries resources prescribed under a regulation or management plan.

93 Recovery of costs of removing noxious fisheries resources etc.

(1) If a person commits an offence against this division, the costs reasonably incurred by the chief executive in taking and removing, or destroying, the fisheries resources in relation to which the offence was committed are a debt payable by the person to the chief executive.

(2) If the person is convicted of an offence against this division, the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the chief executive.

(3) Subsection (2) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

Division 6—Diseased fisheries resources

94 Chief executive may declare diseases

(1) In this section—

“**chemical**” includes an element.

“**disease**” means—

- (a) a disease, parasite, pest, plant or other thing (the “**disease**”) that has, or may have, the effect (directly or indirectly) of killing or causing illness in fisheries resources, or in humans or animals that eat fisheries resources infected with or containing the disease; or
- (b) a chemical or antibiotic residue.

(2) The chief executive may declare a disease to be a declared disease.

(3) A declaration may prescribe a concentration level for a chemical or antibiotic residue and declare a residue over the prescribed concentration level for the residue to be a declared disease.

(4) A declaration under this section (a “**disease declaration**”) is subordinate legislation.

95 Chief executive may declare quarantine area

(1) The chief executive may declare an area to be a quarantine area because of the presence, or suspected presence, of a declared disease in the area (a “**declared quarantine area**”).

(2) A declaration under subsection (1) (a “**quarantine declaration**”) must state the nature of the quarantine.

(3) The quarantine declaration may make provision about the matters the chief executive considers necessary or desirable for the management, control and elimination of the declared disease.

Examples of what may be considered to be appropriate—

1. Functions and powers of inspectors in, or in relation to, the declared quarantine area, including the giving of directions by inspectors to ensure the proper management, control and elimination of the declared disease.
2. Regulating the taking or removal of fisheries resources, plants, fishing apparatus, aquaculture furniture or anything else from or into the declared quarantine area.
3. Regulating the pumping, discharge or removal in another way of water from the declared quarantine area
4. Regulating what persons may, or may not, do in the declared quarantine area.
5. Regulating how fisheries resources and anything else infected with or containing the declared disease are to be treated or dealt with when found by an inspector or anyone else.
6. Authorising or requiring seizure and destruction of fisheries resources and anything else infected with or containing, or suspected of being infected with or containing, the declared disease.
7. Authorising or requiring testing and treatment of fisheries resources, plants and anything else in the declared quarantine area.

(4) A quarantine declaration is subordinate legislation.

96 Emergency disease or quarantine declarations

(1) The chief executive may make an emergency disease or quarantine declaration.

(2) The chief executive may make an emergency disease or quarantine declaration only if the chief executive is satisfied that urgent action is needed to meet a significant threat to fisheries resources or a fish habitat or another emergency.

(3) The declaration must state that it is an emergency disease or quarantine declaration and outline the nature of the emergency.

(4) The chief executive must repeal the declaration as soon as possible after the chief executive is satisfied the emergency no longer exists.

(5) Unless it is earlier repealed, the declaration expires 3 months after it is gazetted.

(6) The declaration is subordinate legislation.

97 Regulation may make provision about disease or quarantine declaration matters etc.

(1) Anything that may be declared by a disease or quarantine declaration may also be declared by a regulation.

(2) A regulation may also make provision about anything else about which provision may be made by a disease or quarantine declaration.

(3) If there is an inconsistency between a regulation and a disease or quarantine declaration (other than an emergency disease or quarantine declaration), the regulation prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(4) However, if there is an inconsistency between a regulation or declaration under this division and a regulation, management plan or declaration under another provision of this Act, the regulation or declaration under this division prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(5) Also, if there is an inconsistency between an emergency disease or quarantine declaration and a regulation or declaration under this division that is not an emergency disease or quarantine declaration, the emergency disease or quarantine declaration prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

98 Offence to contravene quarantine or emergency quarantine declaration

A person who contravenes a quarantine or emergency quarantine declaration commits an offence.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

99 Holder of authority to help in declared quarantine area

(1) A quarantine or emergency quarantine declaration may state what action must be taken in the declared quarantine area by the holder of an authority applying to a place within the area.

(2) The action may include the destruction or treatment of fisheries resources or plants.

(3) The holder of the authority must not contravene the declaration.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—3 000 penalty units.

100 Notice to be given about diseased fisheries resources or habitat

A person who knows or reasonably suspects fisheries resources or a fish habitat is showing signs of disease, or knows or reasonably suspects disease may be in fisheries resources or a fish habitat, must immediately notify the chief executive or an inspector.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

101 Chief executive or inspector may take action required by quarantine declaration

(1) If the chief executive or an inspector believes on reasonable grounds a person has not taken the action the person is required to take under a quarantine or emergency quarantine declaration, or an inspector's direction under the declaration, the chief executive or inspector may take the action.

(2) The chief executive or inspector may act even though other fisheries resources, plants or other property may be destroyed.

(3) The costs reasonably incurred in taking action under this section are a debt payable by the person to the State.

(4) If the action is necessary because the person committed an offence against this Act and the person is convicted of the offence, the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the State.

(5) Subsection (4) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

102 Revocation of quarantine declaration

The chief executive must revoke a quarantine declaration, other than an emergency quarantine declaration, as soon as possible after the chief executive is satisfied the relevant declared disease is no longer present in the declared quarantine area.

103 Compensation

Compensation is payable for fisheries resources, plants or property destroyed because of action taken under a quarantine or emergency quarantine declaration only if the chief executive decides that compensation should be payable in the circumstances of the particular case.

104 Offence to communicate disease to live fisheries resources or fish habitat

A person must not unlawfully and intentionally or recklessly communicate a disease to live fisheries resources or fish habitat.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

105 Offence to sell diseased fisheries resources and products

A person must not unlawfully sell fisheries resources, or a product derived from fisheries resources, knowing the fisheries resources or product is infected with or contains a declared disease.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

106 Offence to leave diseased fisheries resources and products in a place

A person must not leave fisheries resources, or a product derived from fisheries resources, in a place knowing the fisheries resources or product is infected with or contains a declared disease.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

107 Offence to bring diseased fisheries resources and products into Queensland

A person must not unlawfully bring fisheries resources, or a product derived from fisheries resources, into Queensland knowing the fisheries resources or product is infected with or contains a declared disease.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

*Division 7—Orders for destruction***108 Order for taking and removing, or destroying, noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources or aquaculture fish**

(1) The chief executive may order an inspector to take and remove, or destroy, fisheries resources (the “**relevant fisheries resources**”).

(2) The chief executive may make the order only if the chief executive is satisfied—

- (a) the relevant fisheries resources are—
 - (i) noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources; or
 - (ii) aquaculture fisheries resources; and
- (b) the relevant fisheries resources are a significant threat to other fisheries resources or a fish habitat; and
- (c) it is necessary or desirable for the relevant fisheries resources to be taken and removed, or destroyed.

(3) The chief executive may make the order even though other fisheries resources, plants or other property may be destroyed.

(4) The inspector must take the action necessary to comply with the order.

(5) Compensation is payable for fisheries resources, plants or property taken and removed, or destroyed, under the order only if the chief executive decides that compensation should be payable in the circumstances of the particular case.

109 Order to stop or delay escape of noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources or aquaculture fish

(1) If the chief executive is satisfied there is no practicable way to take and remove, or destroy, noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources or aquaculture fish, the chief executive may order an inspector to take the action necessary to stop or delay the fisheries resources from escaping.

(2) The chief executive may make the order even though other fisheries resources, plants or other property may be destroyed.

(3) The inspector must take the action necessary to comply with the order.

(4) Compensation is payable for fisheries resources, plants or property taken and removed, or destroyed, under the order only if the chief executive decides that compensation should be payable in the circumstances of the particular case.

110 Recovery of costs of complying with order

(1) If an order under this division is necessary because a person has committed an offence against this Act, the costs incurred by the chief executive in taking action reasonably necessary to comply with the order are a debt payable by the person to the chief executive.

(2) If the person is convicted of an offence against this Act relevant to the order, the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the chief executive.

(3) Subsection (2) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

Division 8—Fish ways

111 Purpose of division

(1) Many important fish stocks need access to particular fresh or salt water environments for breeding or rearing their young or to critical habitats for food and protection.

(2) This division is intended to provide a balance between the need for additional dams and other barriers across waterways and the need to protect fish stock access to these environments and habitats.

112 Offence to build waterway barrier works without approval

(1) A person must not build waterway barrier works without the chief executive's approval.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who holds an approval prescribed under a regulation.

113 Application for approval to build waterway barrier works

(1) An application for an approval to build waterway barrier works must—

- (a) be made to the chief executive in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

(2) If asked by the chief executive, the applicant must give further relevant information or evidence the chief executive requires to decide the application.

114 Consideration of application

(1) The chief executive must consider an application for an approval to build waterway barrier works, and may give the approval or refuse to give it.

(2) In considering the application, the chief executive must comply with any relevant regulation or management plan.

(3) In considering the application, the chief executive must also have regard to the *Water Act 2000*.

115 Notice of refusal to give approval etc.

If the chief executive refuses to give an approval to build waterway barrier works, the chief executive must promptly—

- (a) give the applicant a written notice informing the applicant—
 - (i) of the refusal and the reasons for the refusal; and
 - (ii) that the applicant may appeal against the decision to the Fisheries Tribunal within 28 days; and
- (b) refund the fees paid by the applicant, other than fees for assessing the application.

116 Chief executive may direct building of fish way

(1) If the chief executive approves the building of waterway barrier works, the chief executive may, by written notice, direct the person given the approval to build a specified fish way for the works in the time stated in the notice.

(2) The person must comply with the direction, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(3) If the person does not comply with the direction, the chief executive may build the fish way.

(4) To enable the fish way to be built, the chief executive may authorise persons, with or without vehicles, machinery, plant and equipment to enter and stay on any land or in any waters.

(5) If the chief executive builds the fish way, the costs reasonably incurred in building the fish way are a debt payable by the person to the State.

(6) If the person is convicted of an offence for failing to comply with the direction, the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the State.

(7) Subsection (6) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

(8) In deciding whether to give a direction under this section, the chief executive must have regard to the *Water Act 2000*.

Division 9—Fisheries Research Fund

117 Fisheries Research Fund

(1) The Fisheries Research Fund (the “**fund**”) is continued in existence subject to the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, part 8, division 2.⁵

(2) Accounts for the fund must be kept as part of the departmental accounts of the department.

(3) Amounts received for the fund must be deposited in a departmental financial-institution account of the department but may be deposited in an account used for depositing other amounts of the department.

(4) Amounts received for the fund include—

⁵ *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, part 8 (Transitional provisions), division 2 (Transitional provisions for *Financial Administration Legislation Amendment Act 1999*)

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- (a) amounts paid to the department as part of the department's departmental vote under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* and made available by the department for the fund; and
- (b) penalties, costs and fees recovered or received by the chief executive; and
- (c) other amounts recovered or received under this Act if, under a regulation, the amounts must be paid into the fund.

(5) Amounts in the fund must be spent for—

- (a) scientific or other research, training of persons, dissemination of information, or publication of material, for or about fisheries activities; or
- (b) other fisheries related activities approved by the chief executive.

(6) In this section—

“departmental accounts”, of a department, means the accounts of the department under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 12.

“departmental financial-institution account”, of a department, means an account of the department kept under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 18.

“other amounts”, of a department, means amounts received by the department other than amounts received for the fund.

Division 10—General

118 Statistical returns to be kept

(1) A regulation or management plan, or the chief executive by written notice, may require a person to—

- (a) keep, in the approved form, stated records, documents or other information about a fishery or fisheries resources; and
- (b) give the chief executive the records, documents or other information in a stated way, or at stated times.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not the person performs activities by way of fishing or other activities at the relevant time.

(3) A person of whom a requirement mentioned in subsection (1) has been made must comply with the requirement.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—500 penalty units.

119 Codes of practice

(1) The chief executive may prepare a code of practice for persons to whom this Act applies.

(2) The code may, for example, include the following—

- (a) the way recreational or commercial fishing is to be conducted in a fishery;
- (b) guidelines to be followed by persons engaged in particular activities in fishing;
- (c) processes to be followed to resolve conflicts;
- (d) standards to be adopted for boats, activities or processes in fishing or aquaculture;
- (e) anything else decided by the chief executive.

(3) In preparing a code of practice, the chief executive must take reasonable steps to engage in consultation about the code.

PART 6—PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF FISH HABITATS

120 Declaration of fish habitat areas

An area may be declared under a regulation to be a fish habitat area.

122 Protection of fisheries resources in declared fish habitat area

A person must not unlawfully perform, or cause to be performed, works or related activity in a declared fish habitat area.

Maximum penalty—3 000 penalty units.

123 Protection of marine plants

A person must not unlawfully—

- (a) remove, destroy or damage a marine plant; or
- (b) cause a marine plant to be removed, destroyed or damaged.

Maximum penalty—3 000 penalty units.

Example of removing a marine plant—

Removing seagrass from a beach or foreshore.

Example of destroying a marine plant—

Burning saltcouch.

Example of damaging a marine plant—

Pruning or trimming mangroves.

124 Chief executive may rehabilitate or restore land etc.

(1) The chief executive may take the action reasonably necessary to rehabilitate or restore land, waters, marine plants or a declared fish habitat area if—

- (a) the land, waters, marine plants or fish habitat area has been removed, destroyed or damaged; and
- (b) the chief executive reasonably believes the removal, destruction or damage was caused by an act or omission that constituted a failure to comply with any of the following—
 - (i) this Act;
 - (ii) a former Act;
 - (iii) the repealed *Fisheries Act 1957*;
 - (iv) a condition of an authority.

(2) The costs reasonably incurred by the chief executive in rehabilitating or restoring the land, waters, marine plants or declared fish habitat area are a debt payable by the person who caused the removal, destruction or damage to the State.

(3) If the person is convicted of an offence against this Act constituted by the removal, destruction or damage, the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the State.

(4) Subsection (3) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

125 Notice to restore fish habitat etc.

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) litter, soil, a noxious substance, refuse or other matter (the “**polluting matter**”) is on land, in waters, on marine plants or in a fish habitat; and
- (b) it appears to the chief executive—
 - (i) that the polluting matter has prevented, or may prevent, fishing activities and that it is necessary or desirable for action to be taken about the polluting matter to enable the fishing activities to be carried out; or
 - (ii) that the polluting matter has had, or may have, an adverse effect on the quality or productive capacity of a fishery or fish stocks and that it is necessary or desirable for action to be taken about the polluting matter to protect or restore the quality of productive capacity of the fishery or fish stocks; or
 - (iii) that the polluting matter has had, or may have, an adverse effect on the quality or integrity of a fish habitat and that it is necessary or desirable for action to be taken about the polluting matter to protect or restore the quality or integrity of the fish habitat; or
 - (iv) that circumstances prescribed under the regulations exist in relation to the polluting matter and that it is necessary or desirable for action to be taken about the polluting matter to enable fishing activities to be carried out or to protect or restore the quality, productive capacity or integrity of fisheries resources.

(2) The chief executive may, by written notice, require the person who the chief executive suspects on reasonable grounds is responsible for the presence of the polluting matter to take specified action about the polluting matter within the time and in the way (if any) specified in the notice.

(3) The person must comply with the notice, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—2 000 penalty units.

(4) If the person does not comply with the notice, the chief executive may take action on any land or in any waters that the chief executive considers reasonably necessary to ensure that the matters mentioned in 1 or more of the subparagraphs of subsection (1)(b) are achieved.

(5) To enable action to be taken under subsection (4), the chief executive may authorise persons, with or without vehicles, machinery, plant and equipment to enter and stay on any land or in any waters.

(6) The costs reasonably incurred by the chief executive in taking action under subsection (4) are a debt payable by the person to the State.

(7) If the person is convicted of an offence against subsection (3), the court may, as well as imposing a penalty for the offence, order the person to pay the amount of the costs to the State.

(8) Subsection (7) does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

PART 7—COMMONWEALTH—STATE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES

126 Functions and powers of Minister

(1) The Minister may perform a function and exercise a power conferred on the Minister by the Commonwealth Fisheries Act, including a function or power of the Minister as a member of a Joint Authority.

(2) If, in the exercise of the power conferred on the Minister by the Commonwealth Fisheries Act, the Minister appoints a deputy, the deputy may perform the functions and exercise the powers conferred by that Act on the deputy of the Minister as a member of a Joint Authority.

127 Minister to table reports of Joint Authorities

The Minister must table in the Legislative Assembly a copy of each report of a Joint Authority prepared under the Commonwealth Fisheries Act as soon as practicable after the report is received by the Minister.

128 Judicial notice

Judicial notice must be taken of the signature of a person who is or has been a member of a Joint Authority, or a deputy of a member of a Joint Authority, and of the fact that the person is, or was at the particular time, a member of a Joint Authority or a deputy of a member of a Joint Authority.

129 Functions of Joint Authorities

A Joint Authority has the functions conferred on it by this Act or the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

130 Delegation

(1) A Joint Authority may delegate its powers to—

- (a) the chief executive, a local government or an entity prescribed under a regulation (a “**prescribed entity**”); or
- (b) an officer or employee of the public service; or
- (c) an officer, employee or member of a local government or prescribed entity; or
- (d) an officer or employee of the Commonwealth or another State.

(2) A delegation of a power to the chief executive, a local government, a prescribed entity, or an officer or employee of the Commonwealth or another State, may permit the subdelegation of the power.

131 Proceedings of Joint Authorities

(1) A Joint Authority is to conduct its meetings and other proceedings in accordance with the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

(2) A written record of a decision of a Joint Authority, if signed by the Commonwealth Minister, or the Commonwealth Minister’s deputy, who took part in or made the decision is evidence that the decision, as recorded, was properly made and recorded.

(3) In a legal proceeding, a document signed for a Joint Authority by a member of the Joint Authority is taken to have been properly executed by the Joint Authority and, unless the contrary is proved, is taken to accord with a decision of the Joint Authority.

132 Making of Joint Authority and other Commonwealth-State arrangements

(1) The State may make an arrangement under part 5 of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act for the management of a particular fishery, whether or not a Joint Authority is to have the management of a fishery under the arrangement.

(2) To avoid any doubt, an arrangement is a statutory instrument to which the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 17 (Exercise of powers between enactment and commencement) applies under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 14.

133 Ending of Commonwealth-State arrangements

(1) A Commonwealth-State arrangement for a fishery may be ended under the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

(2) On the ending of the arrangement, all authorities issued, and regulations, management plans and declarations made, for the fishery expire.

134 Application of Queensland law to fisheries

(1) If, under a Commonwealth-State arrangement, a fishery is to be managed under Queensland law, Queensland law applies to the fishery.

(2) Despite subsection (1), Queensland law does not apply to foreign boats, operations on or from foreign boats, or persons on foreign boats, or to matters happening before the arrangement commenced to which Commonwealth law applies.

135 Additional functions of Joint Authority for fishery under Queensland law

If, under a Joint Authority arrangement, a fishery is to be managed by a Joint Authority under Queensland law, the Joint Authority has the following additional functions—

- (a) keeping constantly under consideration the fishery's condition;
- (b) formulating policies and plans for the fishery's management;
- (c) exercising for the fishery's management powers conferred on the Joint Authority under this Act;

- (d) cooperating and consulting with other entities on issues of common interest.

136 Exercise of powers for Joint Authority fishery under Queensland law

(1) This section applies to a Joint Authority fishery managed under Queensland law.

(2) An authority authorises something to be done in or to the fishery only if it is issued under this section.

(3) The Joint Authority for the fishery has, to the exclusion of the chief executive, all the chief executive's functions and powers for the fishery.

(4) This Act and other laws apply to the Joint Authority as if, for the fishery, it were the chief executive.

(5) On the fishery becoming a Joint Authority fishery, but subject to any regulation made under this part, all regulations, management plans, declarations and authorities applying to the fishery stop applying to the fishery.

(6) An authority issued by the Joint Authority must contain a condition limiting it to fisheries managed by the Joint Authority.

(7) The Joint Authority may endorse an authority (including an authority issued by the Joint Authority or another Joint Authority within the meaning of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act) to extend its operation to activities over which the Joint Authority has powers under this Act.

(8) If the endorsement mentioned in subsection (7) is made—

- (a) the endorsement ends if the authority ends; and
- (b) the Joint Authority may suspend or cancel the endorsement under this Act as if it were an authority issued by it.

(9) This section does not allow the Joint Authority to issue, or take other action about, an authority for a foreign boat.

137 Application of provisions about offences

The provisions of this Act about offences, the enforcement of offences and proceedings for offences apply—

- (a) to anything done in, or about, a Commonwealth-State fishery (the “**cooperative fishery**”) managed under Queensland law; and
- (b) as if—
 - (i) a reference in this Act to an authority were a reference to an authority, or an endorsement of an authority, issued or made under this part for the cooperative fishery; and
 - (ii) a reference in this Act to a fishery were a reference to the cooperative fishery.

138 Presumption about certain statements in arrangements

(1) A statement in a Commonwealth-State arrangement must be presumed to be correct if it is to the effect that—

- (a) for an arrangement to which the Commonwealth and Queensland are the only parties—stated waters are waters relevant to Queensland; and
- (b) in any other case—stated waters are waters adjacent to the States that are parties to the arrangement or are waters relevant to a stated State or States.

(2) A word or expression used in subsection (1) and the Commonwealth Fisheries Act has the same meaning in subsection (1) as it has in the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

139 Instruments for Commonwealth-State fisheries under Queensland law

(1) If, under a Commonwealth-State arrangement, a Commonwealth-State fishery is to be managed under Queensland law, a regulation may be made about any matter—

- (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed for a fishery or its management; or
- (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to, or enabling the carrying out or giving effect to, decisions made under the arrangement; or
- (c) if the fishery is a Joint Authority fishery—necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to, or

enabling the carrying out or giving effect to, decisions of the fishery's Joint Authority about the fishery or its management.

(2) Subsection (1) does not limit the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 22 (Power to make statutory instrument under Act etc.).

(3) If an issue is to be decided about whether a regulation, management plan or declaration makes provision about a matter for a purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(b) or (c), it must be presumed that it makes provision for the purpose in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

PART 8—ENFORCEMENT

Division 1—Inspectors

140 Appointment

(1) The chief executive may appoint any of the following persons as inspectors—

- (a) employees of the department;
- (b) officers of the public service;
- (c) police officers;
- (d) other persons prescribed under a regulation.

(2) The chief executive may appoint a person (other than a police officer) as an inspector only if—

- (a) in the chief executive's opinion, the person has the necessary expertise or experience to be an inspector; or
- (b) the person has satisfactorily finished training approved by the chief executive.

141 Limitation of inspector's powers

The powers of an inspector may be limited—

- (a) under a regulation; or

- (b) under a condition of appointment; or
- (c) by written notice of the chief executive given to the inspector.

142 Inspector's conditions of appointment

(1) An inspector holds office on the conditions specified in the instrument of appointment.

(2) An inspector—

- (a) if the appointment provides for a term of appointment—ceases holding office at the end of the term; and
- (b) may resign by signed notice of resignation given to the chief executive; and
- (c) if the conditions of appointment provide—ceases holding office as an inspector on ceasing to hold another office stated in the conditions of appointment.

143 Inspector's identity card

(1) The chief executive must give each inspector an identity card.

(2) The identity card must—

- (a) contain a recent photograph of the inspector; and
- (b) be in an approved form; and
- (c) be signed by the inspector; and
- (d) identify the person as an inspector under this Act.

(3) A person who ceases to be an inspector must return the person's identity card to the chief executive within 21 days after the person ceases to be an inspector, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not returning it.

Maximum penalty—80 penalty units.

(4) This section does not apply to an inspector who is a police officer.

144 Production or display of inspector's identity card

(1) This section does not apply to a police officer.

(2) An inspector may exercise a power under this Act in relation to a person only if—

- (a) the inspector first produces the inspector's identity card for inspection by the person; or
- (b) the inspector has the inspector's identity card displayed so that it is clearly visible to the person.

(3) However, if for any reason, it is not practicable to comply with subsection (2), the inspector must produce the identity card for inspection by the person at the first reasonable opportunity.

Division 2—Powers of inspectors for places, boats and vehicles

145 Entry to places

(1) An inspector may enter a place if—

- (a) its occupier consents to the entry or the purpose of the entry is to get the occupier's consent; or
- (b) it is a public place and the entry is made when it is open to the public; or
- (c) it is mentioned in an authority as a place of business, or another place, required to be open for inspection and the entry is made when the place is—
 - (i) open for the conduct of business or otherwise open for entry; or
 - (ii) required under the authority to be open for inspection; or
- (d) the entry is permitted by a warrant; or
- (e) the entry is necessary to take action the inspector is required or authorised to take under—
 - (i) a quarantine declaration; or
 - (ii) an order under this Act for the taking and removal, or destruction, of fisheries resources;⁶ or

⁶ This order is made under section 108 (Order for taking and removing, or destroying, noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources or aquaculture fish).

(iii) an order under this Act for the taking of action to stop or delay fisheries resources or plants from escaping.⁷

(2) An inspector may also enter a place if—

- (a) the place is not within a city or town under the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- (b) the place is not the site or curtilage of a building or other structure used for residential purposes; and
- (c) the purpose of the entry is to gain access, by a direct reasonable route, to a body of water.

(3) In addition, an inspector may enter on, and pass along, the beds, banks or borders of a body of water.

146 Boarding of boats and entry of vehicles

(1) An inspector may board a boat to find out whether this Act is being complied with.

(2) An inspector may also board a boat or enter a vehicle if the inspector has reasonable grounds for suspecting—

- (a) the boat or vehicle is being, or has been, used in the commission of an offence against this Act; or
- (b) the boat or vehicle, or a thing in or on the boat or vehicle, may provide evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act.

(3) Before boarding an unattended boat or entering an unattended vehicle under this section, the inspector must take reasonable steps to advise its owner, or the person in control of it, of the intention to board or enter.

(4) However, an inspector may enter a secured part of an unattended boat only if the owner or person in control of the boat consents or the entry is permitted by a warrant.

⁷ This order is made under section 109 (Order to stop or delay escape of noxious, nonindigenous or diseased fisheries resources or aquaculture fish).

147 Boarding of boat, or entry of vehicle, that is moving or about to move

(1) This section applies if an inspector intends to board a boat or enter a vehicle under this division, including a boat that is being carried or towed by a vehicle.

(2) If the boat or vehicle is moving or about to move, the inspector may signal the person in control of the boat or vehicle to stop the boat or vehicle or not to move it.

(3) To enable the boat to be boarded or vehicle to be entered, the inspector may—

- (a) act with necessary and reasonable help and force; and
- (b) require the person in control of the boat or vehicle to give reasonable help to the inspector.

(4) A person must obey a signal under subsection (2), unless the person has a reasonable excuse for disobeying it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(5) A person must comply with a requirement under subsection (3)(b), unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(6) It is a reasonable excuse for a person to disobey a signal under subsection (2) if—

- (a) the person reasonably believes that to obey the signal immediately would have endangered the person or someone else, or the boat or vehicle; and
- (b) the person obeys the signal as soon as it is practicable to obey it.

148 Warrants

(1) An inspector may apply to a magistrate for a warrant for a place or boat.

(2) The application must be sworn and state the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(3) The magistrate may refuse to consider the application until the inspector gives the magistrate all the information the magistrate requires about the application in the way the magistrate requires.

Example—

The magistrate may require additional information supporting the application be given by statutory declaration.

(4) The magistrate may issue a warrant only if the magistrate is satisfied there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—

- (a) there is a particular thing or activity (the “**evidence**”) that may provide evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the evidence is, or may be within the next 7 days, at the place or on the boat.

(5) The warrant must state—

- (a) the inspector may, with necessary and reasonable help and force, enter the place, or board the boat, and exercise the inspector’s powers under this Act; and
- (b) the evidence for which the warrant is issued; and
- (c) the hours of the day when entry may be made; and
- (d) the day (within 14 days after the warrant’s issue) when the warrant ends.

148A Monitoring warrants for abalone

(1) An inspector may apply to a magistrate for a warrant under this section for a place, other than a place, or part of a place used exclusively as a person’s residence, if the inspector is reasonably satisfied—

- (a) abalone are at the place; and
- (b) it is necessary for the inspector to enter the place to find out if this Act is being complied with in relation to abalone.

(2) The application must be sworn and state the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(3) The magistrate may refuse to consider the application until the inspector gives the magistrate all the information the magistrate requires about the application in the way the magistrate requires.

Example—

The magistrate may require additional information supporting the application to be given by statutory declaration.

(4) The magistrate may issue the warrant only if the magistrate is satisfied it is reasonably necessary that the inspector should have access to the place for the purpose of finding out whether this Act is being complied with in relation to abalone.

(5) The warrant must state—

- (a) that an inspector may, with necessary and reasonable help and force—
 - (i) enter, and from time to time re-enter, the place; and
 - (ii) exercise an inspector's powers under this part; and
- (b) the purpose for which the warrant is sought; and
- (c) the hours of the day or night when the place may be entered; and
- (d) any conditions imposed by the magistrate; and
- (e) the date, within 2 months after the warrant's issue, the warrant ends.

Examples for paragraph (d)—

1. The magistrate may limit the number of times an inspector may enter the place while the warrant is in force.
2. The magistrate may require an inspector to give to the magistrate information about the use of the inspector's powers under the warrant.

149 Warrants—applications made other than in person

(1) An inspector may apply for a warrant by phone, fax, radio or another form of communication if the inspector considers it necessary because of—

- (a) urgent circumstances; or
- (b) other special circumstances, including, for example, the inspector's remote location.

(2) Before applying for the warrant, the inspector must prepare an application stating the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(3) The inspector may apply for the warrant before the application is sworn.

(4) After issuing a warrant, the magistrate must immediately fax a copy to the inspector if it is reasonably practicable to fax the copy.

(5) If it is not reasonably practicable to fax a copy of the warrant to the inspector—

- (a) the Magistrate must—
 - (i) tell the inspector what the terms of the warrant are; and
 - (ii) tell the inspector the date and time the warrant was signed; and
 - (iii) record on the warrant the reasons for issuing it; and
- (b) the inspector must—
 - (i) complete a form of warrant (“**warrant form**”) in the same terms as the warrant issued by the magistrate; and
 - (ii) write on the warrant form the name of the magistrate and the date and time the magistrate signed the warrant.

(6) The facsimile warrant, or the warrant form properly completed by the inspector, is permission for the entry and the exercise of the other powers permitted by the warrant issued by the magistrate.

(7) The inspector must send to the magistrate—

- (a) the sworn application; and
- (b) if a warrant form was completed by the inspector—the completed warrant form.

(8) The sworn application and a completed warrant form must be sent to the magistrate at the earliest practicable opportunity.

(9) When the magistrate receives the application and warrant form, the magistrate must attach them to the warrant issued by the magistrate.

(10) Unless the contrary is proved, a court must presume that the exercise of a power was not permitted by a warrant under this section if an issue arises, in a proceeding before the court, whether the exercise of power was authorised by a warrant under this section and the warrant is not produced in evidence.

150 Inspector’s general powers for places, boats and vehicles

(1) An inspector who enters a place, boards a boat or enters a vehicle under this part may—

- (a) search any part of the place, boat or vehicle; or
- (b) examine, inspect, test, photograph or film anything in or on the place, boat or vehicle; or

- (c) mark or seal a container or other thing in or on the place, boat or vehicle; or
- (d) open a container if the inspector considers it is necessary for exercising a power; or
- (e) take samples of or from anything in or on the place, boat or vehicle; or
- (f) take extracts from, or make copies of, a document in or on the place, boat or vehicle; or
- (g) take into or onto the place, boat or vehicle any persons, equipment and materials the inspector reasonably requires for exercising a power in relation to the place, boat or vehicle; or
- (h) require a person in or on the place, boat or vehicle, or the occupier of the place, to give the inspector reasonable help for the exercise of the powers mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g); or
- (i) if the inspector boards a boat or enters a vehicle—by written notice given to the person in control of the boat or vehicle, require the person—
 - (i) to take the boat or vehicle to a stated reasonable place by a stated reasonable time; and
 - (ii) if necessary, to remain in control of the boat or vehicle at the place for a reasonable time;
 to enable the inspector to exercise the powers mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g); or
- (j) if the inspector boards a boat or enters a vehicle—require the person in control of boat or vehicle to accompany the inspector to enable the inspector to comply with subsection (8).

(2) A person must not unlawfully break, remove or change a mark or seal placed on a container or thing under subsection (1)(c).

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(3) A person who is required by an inspector under subsection (1)(h) to give the inspector reasonable help for the exercise of a power must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(4) If the help is required to be given by a person by—

- (a) answering a question; or
- (b) producing a document (other than an authority or other document required to be kept by the person under this Act);

it is a reasonable excuse for the person to fail to answer the question, or produce the document, if complying with the requirement might tend to incriminate the person.

(5) A person who is required by an inspector under subsection (1)(i) to take action in relation to a boat or vehicle must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(6) If, for any reason, it is not practicable to make a requirement under subsection (1)(i) by written notice, the requirement may be made orally and confirmed by written notice as soon as practicable.

(7) Nothing in this section prevents an inspector making a further requirement under subsection (1)(i) of the same person or another person in relation to the same boat or vehicle, if it is necessary and reasonable to make the further requirement.

(8) The inspector must not enter a part of a boat or vehicle used only as a living area, or exercise a power under subsection (1)(a) to (g) in relation to that part, unless the inspector is accompanied by the person in control of the boat or vehicle.

(9) Subsection (8) does not apply if the person in control of the boat or vehicle is unavailable or unwilling to accompany the inspector or the inspector is unable for another reason to comply with the subsection.

151 Power to seize evidence from places etc.

(1) An inspector who enters a place or boards a boat under this part under a warrant may seize the evidence for which the warrant was issued.

(2) An inspector who enters a place under this part with the occupier's consent may seize the particular thing for which the entry was made if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds the thing is evidence of an offence against this Act.

(3) An inspector who enters a place or boards a boat under this part under a warrant, or enters a place with the occupier's consent, may also seize another thing if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds—

- (a) the thing is evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the seizure is necessary to prevent—
 - (i) the concealment, loss, death or destruction of the thing; or
 - (ii) the use of the thing in committing, continuing or repeating the offence.

(4) An inspector who enters a place under this part other than under a warrant or with the occupier's consent may seize a thing if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds—

- (a) the thing is evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the seizure is necessary to prevent—
 - (i) the concealment, loss, death or destruction of the thing; or
 - (ii) the use of the thing in committing, continuing or repeating the offence.

(5) This section is in addition to, and does not limit, the powers of an inspector who boards a boat without a warrant.

152 Power to seize evidence after boarding a boat or entering a vehicle

An inspector who boards a boat or enters a vehicle under this part may seize—

- (a) a thing in or on the boat or vehicle; or
- (b) the boat or vehicle itself;

if the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, the thing, boat or vehicle is evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act.

153 Additional power to seize fisheries resources etc.

(1) This section applies if an inspector—

- (a) enters a place or vehicle or boards a boat; and
- (b) finds fisheries resources, a container, fishing apparatus or anything else (the **“thing”**).

(2) The inspector may seize the thing if the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds—

- (a) that an offence against this Act has been committed in relation to the thing; or
- (b) that the thing was used in committing an offence against this Act.

(3) If the thing is a container, the inspector may seize the container and its contents if the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that—

- (a) it contains fisheries resources, fishing apparatus or anything else (the **“contents”**); and
- (b) an offence against this Act has been committed in relation to all or some of the contents.

154 Seizure of fisheries resources in heap etc.

(1) In this section—

“declared fisheries resources” means fisheries resources declared under a regulation or management plan to be fisheries resources to which this section applies.

“forfeiture offence” means an offence against this Act declared under a regulation or management plan to be an offence to which this section applies.

“threshold percentage” for declared fisheries resources means the percentage (which may be nil) prescribed under a regulation or management plan for the fisheries resources.

(2) This section applies if—

- (a) particular declared fisheries resources (the **“suspect fisheries resources”**) are part of declared fisheries resources in a heap, collection or container; and
- (b) an inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that—
 - (i) a forfeiture offence has been committed in relation to the suspect fisheries resources; and
 - (ii) the weight or number of the suspect fisheries resources expressed as a percentage of the total weight or number of the declared fisheries resources in the heap, collection or container is more than the threshold percentage for the fisheries resources.

Examples of ‘heap, collection or container’—

1. A freezer on a boat stocked with a large quantity of frozen scallops.

2. Fish in a processing establishment where, because of the quantity of the fish, it is impracticable to count the fish of a particular species or type.

Examples of the ways an inspector may form a belief on reasonable grounds—

A statistical test or random sampling of the declared fisheries resources in the heap, collection or container.

(3) The inspector may seize all the fisheries resources in the heap, collection or container and, if the fisheries resources are in a container, the container.

(4) If a person is later convicted of a forfeiture offence in relation to the suspect fisheries resources, then, for the purposes of the forfeiture of the fisheries resources in the heap, collection or container, all of those fisheries resources are taken to be fisheries resources the subject of the offence.

155 Power to seize explosives etc.

(1) If—

- (a) an inspector finds a person on a boat, a foreshore, or a bed, bank or border of a body of water; and
- (b) the person is in possession of an explosive, powerhead or other explosive propelled missile, firearm, noxious substance, or device that creates an electrical field in waters or on land, (the “**suspect thing**”); and
- (c) the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, the suspect thing has just been used, or is just about to be used, to commit an offence against this Act;

the inspector may seize the suspect thing.

(2) This section is in addition to, and does not limit, any other seizure powers of an inspector.

156 Powers in support of seizure

(1) This section applies if an inspector is permitted to seize a boat, vehicle or anything else.

(2) To enable the boat, vehicle or other thing to be seized, an inspector may, by written notice given to the person in control of the boat, vehicle or thing, require the person—

- (a) to take it to a specified reasonable place by a specified reasonable time; and
- (b) if necessary, to remain in control of it at the place for a reasonable time.

(3) If, for any reason, it is not practicable to make the requirement by a written notice, the requirement may be made orally and confirmed by written notice as soon as practicable.

(4) A person must comply with a requirement under this section, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents an inspector making a further requirement under this section of the same person or another person in relation to the same boat, vehicle or thing, if it is necessary and reasonable to make the further requirement.

Division 3—Procedures after seizure

Subdivision 1—General

157 Receipt to be given

(1) As soon as practicable after a thing (including a boat or vehicle) is seized by an inspector under this Act, the inspector must give a receipt for it to the person from whom it was seized.

(2) The receipt must describe generally the condition of the thing seized and, if more than 1 thing is seized, must include an inventory or general description of them.

(3) If, for any reason, it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1), the inspector must—

- (a) leave the receipt at the place where the thing is seized; and
- (b) ensure the receipt is left in a reasonably secure way in a conspicuous position.

(4) This section does not apply if—

- (a) it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1) or (3); and

- (b) the owner of the thing can not be decided after reasonable inquiries or, having regard to its value, it is not reasonable to make inquiries about its owner.

Example of subsection (4)—

An inspector seizes an unattended crab pot or net that the inspector finds in a creek.

158 Inspector to allow inspection etc.

Until a seized thing is forfeited, returned or otherwise finally dealt with under this Act, an inspector must allow a person who would be entitled to possession of it, if it had not been seized, to inspect it and, if it is a document, make copies of it.

159 Inspector may dispose of fisheries resources taken unlawfully

(1) This section applies if fisheries resources are seized under this Act and an inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that the fisheries resources have been taken unlawfully.

(2) If the fisheries resources are alive, the inspector may immediately return them to the wild or, if appropriate, the place from which they were taken.

(3) If the fisheries resources are dead and the inspector believes, on reasonable grounds, that they are diseased, putrid, unfit for sale, of no value or of insufficient value to justify their sale, the inspector may immediately dispose of the fisheries resources in a way decided by the inspector.

160 Seized fisheries resources become property of State

(1) This section applies if fish are seized under this Act and are not immediately returned to the wild or otherwise disposed of by an inspector under this subdivision.

(2) The fisheries resources become the property of the State if—

- (a) their seizure is not the subject of an appeal to a Magistrates Court within 7 days after their seizure; or
- (b) their seizure is the subject of an appeal to a Magistrates Court within 7 days after their seizure, but the seizure is confirmed on appeal; or

- (c) the chief executive and the owner of the fisheries resources agree, in writing, that the fisheries resources should become the chief executive's property.

(3) If fisheries resources that become the property of the State under this section have a market value and it is practicable to sell them, the chief executive must sell them in a reasonable way decided by the chief executive or in a way agreed with the owner of the fisheries resources.

(4) If the fisheries resources do not have a market value or it is not practicable to sell them, the chief executive may dispose of them in any reasonable way decided by the chief executive or in a way agreed with the owner of the fisheries resources.

(5) However, if the seizure of the fisheries resources is the subject of an appeal to a Magistrates Court, the court may give directions about how the fisheries resources are to be sold or disposed of, whether or not it confirms the seizure.

161 Chief executive may return seized things etc.

(1) The chief executive may return anything seized under this Act to its owner.

(2) If fisheries resources seized under this Act are sold by the chief executive, the chief executive may return the net proceeds of sale to the owner of the fisheries resources.

(3) The chief executive may return the thing or net proceeds of sale to its owner on conditions, including conditions to ensure that the thing or net proceeds of sale are available for forfeiture.

(4) If the thing or net proceeds of sale are not ordered to be forfeited to the State, the chief executive must return any property or security taken by the chief executive under a condition imposed under subsection (3) at the end of—

- (a) 6 months after the seizure; or
- (b) if a prosecution for an offence involving the thing or fisheries resources is started within the 6 months—the prosecution for the offence and any appeal from the prosecution.

162 Obligation to return seized things (other than fisheries resources)

(1) This section applies if a thing (other than fisheries resources) is seized under this Act.

(2) The chief executive must return the seized thing to its owner at the end of—

- (a) 6 months; or
- (b) if a prosecution for an offence involving the thing is started within the 6 months—the prosecution for the offence and any appeal from the prosecution.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the chief executive must return the seized thing to its owner immediately if the chief executive is not satisfied or stops being satisfied its retention as evidence is necessary.

(4) However, the chief executive may keep the seized thing if the chief executive believes, on reasonable grounds, the thing is liable to forfeiture under this Act.

(5) This section does not require the return of the thing if a court has ordered that the thing be forfeited to the State.

163 Obligation to pay net proceeds of sale of fisheries resources

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) fisheries resources are seized under this Act; and
- (b) the fisheries resources are sold after becoming the property of the State.

(2) The chief executive must pay the net proceeds of sale to the owner of the fisheries resources at the end of—

- (a) 6 months; or
- (b) if a prosecution for an offence involving the fisheries resources is started within the 6 months—the prosecution for the offence and any appeal from the prosecution.

(3) This section does not require the payment of the net proceeds of sale if a court has—

- (a) confirmed the seizure; or
- (b) ordered that the net proceeds of sale be forfeited to the State.

164 Chief executive may order forfeiture of unclaimed things

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a thing is seized under this Act; and
- (b) the owner of the thing can not be found after reasonable inquiries or, having regard to its value, it is not reasonable to make inquiries about its owner.

(2) This section also applies if—

- (a) a thing is seized under this Act; and
- (b) the thing contravenes this Act or other fisheries legislation, but a prosecution involving the thing is not started.

Example of subsection (2)—

Fishing apparatus of illegal dimensions.

(3) In addition, this section also applies if—

- (a) a thing is seized under this Act; and
- (b) the chief executive is unable, after making reasonable efforts, to return the thing to its owner.

(4) The chief executive may order the forfeiture of the thing to the State.

Subdivision 2—Appeal against seizure of fisheries resources**165 Where and how to start appeal**

(1) A person whose fisheries resources have been seized under this Act may appeal to the Magistrates Court nearest where the fisheries resources were seized.

(2) However, the person may not appeal, and any appeal already started by the person lapses, if the fisheries resources become the property of the State.

(3) The appeal is started by—

- (a) filing a written notice of appeal with the clerk of the court of the Magistrates Court; and
- (b) giving a copy of the notice to the chief executive.

(4) Without limiting subsection (3)(b), the chief executive is given a copy of the notice if a copy is given to the inspector who seized the fisheries resources.

(5) The notice of appeal must state the grounds of the appeal.

166 Hearing procedures

(1) The power to make rules of court under the *Magistrates Courts Act 1921* includes power to make rules of court for appeals to Magistrates Courts under this Act.

(2) The procedure for an appeal to a Magistrates Court under this Act is to be—

- (a) in accordance with the rules made under the *Magistrates Courts Act 1921*; or
- (b) in the absence of relevant rules, as directed by a magistrate.

(3) In deciding the appeal, the Magistrates Court—

- (a) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and
- (b) must observe natural justice; and
- (c) may hear the appeal in court or chambers.

167 Powers of Magistrates Court on appeal

In deciding the appeal, the Magistrates Court may—

- (a) confirm the seizure of the fisheries resources; or
- (b) set aside the seizure and order the return of the fisheries resources.

168 Court may give directions about disposal of seized fisheries resources

If the Magistrates Court confirms the seizure, it may direct the chief executive how to sell or otherwise dispose of the fisheries resources.

169 Appeal to District Court on questions of law only

A party dissatisfied by the decision of the Magistrates Court may appeal to the District Court, but only on a question of law.

Division 4—Other enforcement powers of inspectors**170 Power to stop persons**

(1) An inspector may require a person to stop, and not to move on until permitted by the inspector, if the inspector—

- (a) finds the person committing an offence against this Act; or
- (b) finds the person in circumstances that lead, or has information that leads, the inspector to suspect on reasonable grounds the person has just committed an offence against this Act.

(2) The inspector may require the person not to move on only for as long as is reasonably necessary for the inspector to exercise the inspector's powers under this Act in relation to the person.

(3) A person must comply with a requirement under subsection (1), unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—200 penalty units.

171 Power to require name and address

(1) An inspector may require a person to state the person's name and address if the inspector—

- (a) finds the person committing an offence against this Act; or
- (b) finds the person in circumstances that lead, or has information that leads, the inspector to suspect on reasonable grounds the person has just committed an offence against this Act.

(2) When making the requirement, the inspector must warn the person it is an offence to fail to state the person's name and address, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

(3) The inspector may require the person to give evidence of the correctness of the person's stated name or address if the inspector suspects, on reasonable grounds, the stated name or address is false.

(4) A person must comply with an inspector's requirement under subsection (1) or (3), unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(5) The person does not commit an offence against this section if—

- (a) the inspector required the person to state the person's name and address on suspicion of the person having committed an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the person is not proved to have committed the offence.

172 Power to require information from certain persons

(1) This section applies if an inspector suspects, on reasonable grounds, that—

- (a) an offence against this Act has been committed; and
- (b) a person may be able to give information about the offence.

(2) The inspector may require the person to give information about the offence.

(3) When making the requirement, the inspector must warn the person it is an offence to fail to give the information, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

(4) The person must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(5) It is a reasonable excuse for the person to fail to give information if giving the information might tend to incriminate the person.

(6) The person does not commit an offence against this section if the information sought by the inspector is not in fact relevant to the offence.

173 Power to require production of documents

(1) An inspector may require a person to produce for inspection—

- (a) a document required to be kept by the person under this Act; or
- (b) if the person is engaged in the business of buying or selling fisheries resources by wholesale or retail—a document about the

buying or selling of fisheries resources in the person's possession.

(2) A person required under this Act to have a document available for immediate inspection must produce it immediately for inspection by the inspector or someone else specified by the inspector, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not producing it.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(3) In any other case, a person required under this Act to keep a document must produce it immediately, or within a reasonable time allowed by the inspector, for inspection by the inspector or someone else specified by the inspector, unless the person has a reasonable excuse for not producing it.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(4) The inspector may keep the document to make a copy of it.

(5) The inspector must return the document to the person as soon as practicable after making the copy.

Division 5—Other enforcement matters

174 Restraining orders against persistent offenders

(1) The chief executive may apply to the District Court for an order restraining a person from—

- (a) continuing or repeating a particular activity; or
- (b) committing an offence against this Act.

(2) The court may make an order under subsection (1)(a) if it is satisfied—

- (a) the person will commit an offence against this Act if the person continues or repeats the activity; and
- (b) the activity may seriously harm fisheries resources or a fish habitat.

(3) The court may make an order under subsection (1)(b) if it is satisfied that the person has been convicted of an offence against this Act on at least 3 separate occasions.

(4) If a person contravenes an order under this section, the person commits an offence against this subsection.

Maximum penalty for subsection (4)—1 000 penalty units.

175 False or misleading information

(1) A person must not—

- (a) state anything to an inspector the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) omit from a statement made to an inspector anything without which the statement is, to the person's knowledge, misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(2) A complaint against a person for an offence against subsection (1)(a) or (b) is sufficient if it states the statement made was false or misleading to the person's knowledge.

176 False, misleading or incomplete documents

(1) A person must not give the chief executive or an inspector a document containing information the person knows is false, misleading or incomplete in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who, when giving the document—

- (a) informs the chief executive or inspector, to the best of the person's ability, how it is false, misleading or incomplete; and
- (b) gives the correct information to the chief executive or inspector if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information.

(3) A complaint against a person for an offence against subsection (1) is sufficient if it states the document was false, misleading or incomplete to the person's knowledge.

177 Forfeiture on conviction

(1) On the conviction of a person for an offence against this Act, the court may order the forfeiture to the State of any of the following—

- (a) anything (including a boat or vehicle) used to commit the offence;
- (b) fisheries resources the subject of the offence or, if the fisheries resources have been sold by the chief executive, the net proceeds of sale;
- (c) anything else the subject of the offence.

(2) The court may make an order under subsection (1) in relation to a thing or fisheries resources—

- (a) whether or not the thing or fisheries resources have been seized under this Act; and
- (b) if the thing or fisheries resources have been seized—whether or not the thing or fisheries resources have been returned to its or their owner.

(3) The court may make any order to enforce the forfeiture that it considers appropriate.

(4) This section does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or any other law.

178 Dealing with forfeited things

(1) On the forfeiture of a thing (including fisheries resources or net proceeds of sale), the thing becomes the property of the State and may be dealt with by the chief executive as the chief executive considers appropriate.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the chief executive may—

- (a) sell it to its previous owner or a person who had a legal or beneficial interest in it; or
- (b) sell it to anyone else (by auction, tender or otherwise); or
- (c) destroy it or give it away.

179 Compensation

(1) A person may claim compensation from the chief executive if the person incurs loss or expense because of the exercise or purported exercise of a power under this part.

(2) Payment of compensation may be claimed and ordered in a proceeding for—

- (a) compensation brought in a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (b) an offence against this Act brought against the person making the claim for compensation.

(3) A court may order the payment of compensation for the loss or expense only if it is satisfied it is just to make the order in the circumstances of the particular case.

(4) However, the court may not order payment of compensation for the lawful seizure, or lawful seizure and forfeiture, of anything under this part.

180 Inspector to give notice of damage

(1) An inspector who, in the exercise or purported exercise of a power under this part, damages anything must immediately give written notice of the particulars of the damage.

(2) The notice must be given to—

- (a) for damage to a boat or vehicle or a thing on a boat or vehicle—the person in control of the boat or vehicle; or
- (b) for damage to anything else—the person who appears to the inspector to be the owner of the thing.

(3) If, for any reason, it is not practicable to comply with subsection (2), the inspector must—

- (a) leave the notice at the place where the damage happened; and
- (b) ensure the notice is left in a reasonably secure way and in a conspicuous position.

(4) This section does not apply to a police officer.

181 Consent to entry

(1) This section applies if an inspector intends to seek the consent of an occupier of a place to an inspector entering the place under this part.

(2) This section also applies if an inspector intends to seek the consent of the owner or person in control of an unattended boat to an inspector entering a secured part of the boat under this part.

(3) Before seeking the consent, the inspector must inform the occupier, owner or other person (the “**person**”)—

- (a) of the purpose of the search; and
- (b) that anything seized during the search may be used in evidence in court; and
- (c) that the person is not required to consent.

(4) If the consent is given, the inspector may ask the person to sign an acknowledgment of the consent.

(5) The acknowledgment must—

- (a) state the person was informed—
 - (i) of the purpose of the search; and
 - (ii) that anything seized during the search may be used in evidence in court; and
 - (iii) that the person was not required to consent; and
- (b) state the person gave the inspector consent under this part—
 - (i) to enter the place or secured part of the boat; and
 - (ii) to exercise powers under this Act; and
- (c) state the time and date the consent was given.

(6) If the person signs an acknowledgment of consent, the inspector must immediately give a copy to the person.

182 Obstruction etc. of inspector

A person must not obstruct, hinder or resist an inspector in the exercise of a power, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

183 Impersonation of inspector

A person must not pretend to be an inspector.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

Division 6—Evidence**184 Evidentiary provisions**

(1) This section applies to a proceeding under this Act or other fisheries legislation.

(2) The appointment or power of an inspector must be presumed unless a party, by reasonable notice, requires proof of—

- (a) the appointment; or
- (b) the inspector's power to do anything under this Act.

(3) A signature purporting to be the signature of the chief executive or an inspector is evidence of the signature it purports to be.

(4) A certificate purporting to be signed by a person mentioned in subsection (3) and stating any of the following matters is evidence of the matter—

- (a) a stated document is—
 - (i) an authority or a copy of an authority; or
 - (ii) an order, direction, requirement or decision, or a copy of an order direction, requirement or decision, given or made under this Act; or
 - (iii) a notice, or a copy of a notice, given under this Act; or
 - (iv) a record, or a copy of a record, kept under this Act; or
 - (v) a document, or a copy of a document, kept under this Act;
- (b) on a stated day, or during a stated period, a stated person was or was not the holder of an authority or a stated authority;
- (c) a stated authority was or was not in force on a stated day or during a stated period;
- (d) on a stated day, an authority—
 - (i) was suspended for a stated period; or
 - (ii) was cancelled;
- (e) on a stated day, a stated person was given a stated notice, order, requirement or direction under this Act;

(f) a stated fee or other amount is payable by a stated person to the chief executive and has not been paid;

(g) anything else prescribed by regulation.

(5) A certificate purporting to be signed by a person mentioned in subsection (3) stating that, at a stated time on a stated day, the person, using equipment prescribed under a regulation, located a signal coming from the VMS equipment for a stated boat at a stated place is evidence that the boat was at the place at the time.

(6) In this section—

“**VMS equipment for a stated boat**” means the VMS equipment required by an authority to be carried on the stated boat.

PART 9—ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Division 1—Fisheries Tribunal

185 Establishment

The Fisheries Tribunal is established.

186 Composition

(1) The tribunal consists of the following members—

(a) the chairperson who must be a barrister or solicitor; and

(b) 2 other members, at least 1 of whom must have wide knowledge and experience of the fishing industry and other fisheries issues.

(2) The members are to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

(3) A person is not eligible to be appointed as a member of the tribunal if the person is a member of the Legislative Assembly, a House of Parliament of the Commonwealth or another State, or the legislature of a territory.

(4) A member of the tribunal must be appointed for a 3 year term.

(5) The office of a member of the tribunal becomes vacant if the member—

- (a) resigns by signed notice of resignation given to the Minister; or
- (b) is absent from 3 consecutive sittings of the tribunal without the chairperson's or Minister's leave and without reasonable excuse; or
- (c) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (d) becomes employed by, or a contractor of, the department; or
- (e) is removed from office by the Governor in Council under subsection (6).

(6) The Governor in Council may remove a member of the tribunal from office if the member—

- (a) engages in misbehaviour; or
- (b) becomes incapable of performing the duties of a member because of physical or mental incapacity; or
- (c) is incompetent; or
- (d) becomes a person who, because of subsection (3), would not be eligible to be appointed as a member of the tribunal; or
- (e) uses the office for party political purposes; or
- (f) is convicted of an offence against this Act.

187 Acting members

The Governor in Council may appoint a person to act as a member of the tribunal—

- (a) during a vacancy in the office of a member; or
- (b) for a period, or all periods, when the member is absent or can not, for any reason, perform the duties of the office.

188 Fees and allowances

The members of the tribunal are entitled to be paid the fees and allowances decided by the Governor in Council.

*Division 2—Proceedings of tribunal***190 Places of sitting**

Sittings of the tribunal are to be held at the places fixed by the chairperson.

191 Decisions of tribunal

(1) The tribunal may be formed by the chairperson and 1 or 2 other members to hear an appeal.

(2) If the tribunal is formed by 3 members, the decision in which a majority of the members agrees is the tribunal's decision.

(3) If the tribunal is formed by 2 members, the decision of the chairperson is the tribunal's decision if there is a disagreement.

192 Evidence and procedure

(1) The tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence and may inform itself in a way it considers appropriate, but must observe natural justice.

(2) Subject to procedural rules prescribed under a regulation, the tribunal may decide its own procedures.

(3) A party to an appeal may appear personally or by an agent before the tribunal but may be represented by a barrister or solicitor only with leave of the tribunal or the chairperson.

(4) The tribunal, formed by the chairperson alone, may conduct a preliminary hearing of an appeal to decide interlocutory and other preliminary matters.

(5) In a preliminary hearing, the tribunal may—

- (a) make orders for the conduct of the appeal; or
- (b) require parties to make discovery or allow inspection of evidentiary material; or
- (c) require parties to file pleadings; or
- (d) give a party leave to be represented by a barrister or solicitor; or

- (e) strike out the appeal on the ground that it is frivolous or vexatious; or
- (f) stay a decision of the chief executive.

193 Costs

(1) Each party in an appeal bears the party's own costs of the appeal.

(2) If the tribunal of its own initiative requires a person to appear before the tribunal, the person's witness fees are to be paid by the chief executive.

(3) However, if the tribunal strikes out an appeal because it is frivolous or vexatious, the tribunal may order the appellant to pay the chief executive the amount the tribunal considers to be the cost to the State of the tribunal's expenses for the appeal.

(4) The amount may be recovered as a debt payable to the State by the appellant.

194 Powers in relation to witnesses etc.

(1) The chairperson, or a person who has the chairperson's written permission, may, by written notice given to a person, require the person to appear before the tribunal at a specified time and place to give evidence or to produce specified documents.

(2) The chairperson, or a person permitted by the chairperson, may administer an oath or affirmation to a person appearing as a witness before the tribunal.

(3) A person who is given a notice under subsection (1) must—

- (a) attend as required by the notice; and
- (b) continue to attend as required by the chairperson until excused from further attendance.

Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.

(4) A person appearing as a witness before the tribunal must not—

- (a) fail to take an oath or make an affirmation when required by the chairperson; or
- (b) fail, without reasonable excuse, to answer a question the person is required to answer by the chairperson; or

- (c) fail, without reasonable excuse, to produce a document the person is required to produce by a notice under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty—40 penalty units.

(5) It is a reasonable excuse for a person to fail to answer a question or to produce a document if answering the question or producing the document might tend to incriminate the person.

(6) A person required to appear as a witness before the tribunal is entitled to the witness fees prescribed under a regulation or, if no witness fees are prescribed, the witness fees decided by the chairperson.

195 Questions of law etc. to be decided by chairperson

The tribunal, formed by the chairperson alone, must—

- (a) decide a question of law in a proceeding; and
(b) deal with a proceeding in which a consent order is to be made.

Division 3—Jurisdiction of tribunal

196 Appeals to tribunal

(1) A person whose interests are adversely affected by an order, direction, requirement or other decision of the chief executive, and who is dissatisfied with the decision, may appeal against the decision to the tribunal but only on 1 or more of the following grounds—

- (a) the decision of the chief executive was contrary to this Act;
(b) the decision of the chief executive was manifestly unfair;
(c) the decision of the chief executive will cause severe personal hardship to the appellant.

(2) However, the following decisions can not be appealed against—

- (a) the chief executive about policy;
(b) a decision of the chief executive about starting or continuing a prosecution against a person for an offence against this Act;
(c) a decision of the chief executive about an officer or employee of the department in the person's capacity as an officer or employee;

- (d) a decision of the chief executive about delegating a power by the chief executive;
- (e) a decision of the chief executive about making a management plan or declaration;
- (f) a decision of the chief executive about appointing a person as an inspector.

(3) In this section, a reference to a decision includes a reference to a failure to make a decision within a reasonable time.

197 How to start an appeal

(1) An appeal is started by filing a written notice of appeal with the tribunal in the form approved by the tribunal.

(2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the fees prescribed under the regulations.

(3) The tribunal must give a copy of the notice to the chief executive.

(4) The notice of appeal must be filed within 28 days after the appellant receives notice of the decision appealed against.

(5) The tribunal may at any time extend the period for filing the notice of appeal.

(6) The notice of appeal must state the grounds of the appeal.

198 Stay of operation of decisions etc.

(1) The tribunal may stay a decision appealed against to secure the effectiveness of the appeal.

(2) A stay—

- (a) may be given on conditions the tribunal considers appropriate; and
- (b) operates for the period specified by the tribunal; and
- (c) may be revoked or amended by the tribunal.

(3) The period of a stay specified by the tribunal must not extend past the time when the tribunal decides the appeal.

(4) The starting of an appeal against a decision affects the decision, or the carrying out of the decision, only if the decision is stayed.

199 Powers of tribunal on appeal

- (1) In deciding an appeal, the tribunal may—
- (a) confirm the decision appealed against; or
 - (b) set the decision aside and substitute another decision; or
 - (c) set the decision aside and return the matter to the chief executive with directions the tribunal considers appropriate.

(2) In substituting another decision, the tribunal has the same powers as the chief executive.

Example—

The tribunal may decide that an unsuccessful applicant for an authority be issued the authority and state specified conditions in it.

(3) If the tribunal substitutes another decision, the substituted decision is taken, for this Act, other than this division, to be the decision of the chief executive.

PART 11—MISCELLANEOUS**215 Attempts to commit offences**

(1) A person who attempts to commit an offence against this Act commits an offence.

Maximum penalty—half the maximum penalty for committing the offence.

(2) Section 4 (Attempts to commit offences) of the Criminal Code applies to subsection (1).

216 Responsibility for acts or omissions of representatives

(1) In this section—

“representative” means—

- (a) of a corporation—an executive officer, employee or agent of the corporation; or
- (b) of an individual—an employee or agent of the individual.

“state of mind” of a person includes—

(a) the person's knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and

(b) the person's reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.

(2) Subsections (3) and (4) apply in a proceeding for an offence against this Act.

(3) If it is relevant to prove a person's state of mind about a particular act or omission, it is enough to show—

(a) the act or omission was done or omitted to be done by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority; and

(b) the representative had the state of mind.

(4) An act or omission done or omitted to be done for a person by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority is taken to have been done or omitted to be done also by the person, unless the person proves the person took all reasonable steps to prevent the act or omission.

217 Protection from liability

(1) In this section—

“official” means—

(a) the chief executive; or

(b) an officer or employee of the department; or

(d) an inspector; or

(e) a person helping an inspector at the inspector's direction.

(2) An official does not incur civil liability for an act done, or omission made, honestly and without negligence under this Act.

(3) If subsection (2) prevents a civil liability attaching to an official, the liability attaches instead to the State.

218 Identification of boundaries

If, under this Act, a place or area is prescribed under a regulation or is specified in another way under this Act or in a document issued under this Act, the boundaries of the place or area may be described—

- (a) by reference to posts, stakes, buoys, marks or natural features; or
- (b) by reference to points or areas identified from satellite navigation data, latitude or longitude or map grid references; or
- (c) in another way that is reasonably adequate to identify the place or area.

219 Holder of authority responsible for ensuring Act complied with

(1) The holder of an authority must ensure that everyone acting under the authority complies with this Act.

(2) If another person acting under the authority commits an offence against a provision of this Act, the holder of the authority also commits an offence, namely, the offence of failing to ensure the other person complied with the provision.

Maximum penalty—the penalty prescribed for contravention of the provision.

(3) Evidence that the other person has been convicted of an offence against the provision while acting under the authority is evidence that the holder of the authority committed the offence of failing to ensure the other person complied with the provision.

(4) However, it is a defence for the holder of the authority to prove—

- (a) the holder issued appropriate instructions and used all reasonable precautions to ensure compliance with this Act; and
- (b) the offence was committed without the holder's knowledge; and
- (c) the holder could not by the exercise of reasonable diligence have stopped the commission of the offence.

220 Start of offence proceedings

A proceeding for an offence against this Act may be started within—

- (a) 1 year after the offence is committed; or
- (b) 1 year after the offence comes to the complainant's knowledge, but within 2 years after the offence is committed.

221 Inspector not to have interest in authority

(1) An inspector must not hold or have an interest in an authority.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(2) This section does not apply to an authority prescribed under a regulation or in circumstances prescribed under a regulation.

221A Approved forms

The chief executive may approve forms for use under this Act, other than for part 9.⁸

223 Regulation making power

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

(2) A regulation may—

- (a) impose fees; or
- (b) create offences and prescribe penalties of not more than 100 penalty units for each offence; or
- (c) prescribe circumstances in which an act or omission that is otherwise an offence under this Act is not an offence.

PART 12—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS***Division 1—Transitional references*****224 Application of division**

This division applies to references in Acts or documents.

8 Part 9 (Administrative appeals)

225 Fisheries Act 1976 references

A reference to the *Fisheries Act 1976* is taken to be a reference to this Act.

226 Fishing Industry Organisation and Marketing Act 1982 references

A reference to the *Fishing Industry Organisation and Marketing Act 1982* is taken to be a reference to this Act.

Division 2—Savings and transitional provisions for Primary Industries and Natural Resources Legislation Amendment Act 2000**227 Definitions for div 2**

In this division—

“**amending Act**” means the *Primary Industries and Natural Resources Legislation Amendment Act 2000*.

“**Authority**” means the Queensland Fisheries Management Authority in existence immediately before the commencement.

“**commencement**” means the commencement of section 5 of the amending Act.

“**contract employee**” means a person who, immediately before the commencement, was employed by the Authority under a written contract, whether or not for a fixed term.

228 Dissolution of Authority

On the commencement, the Authority is dissolved and its members go out of office.

229 Vesting of assets, rights and liabilities

On the commencement—

- (a) the assets, rights and liabilities of the Authority vest in the State;
- and

- (b) the State is substituted for the Authority in all contracts to which the Authority is a party.

230 Decisions, documents etc. of Authority

A decision or recommendation made, licence, notice or other document made or given, or other action taken, before the commencement, by the Authority is taken to have been made, given or taken by the chief executive.

231 Legal proceedings

A legal proceeding that could have been started or continued by or against the Authority before the commencement may be started or continued by or against the State.

232 References to Authority

A reference in an Act or document in existence immediately before the commencement to the Authority is—

- (a) if the reference is to the ownership or vesting of property in the Authority—a reference to the State; and
- (b) otherwise—a reference to the chief executive.

233 Duty to register transfer of property

(1) The registrar of titles and all persons who keep registers of dealings in property must, if asked by the State, make in the register all entries necessary to record the vesting of stated properties in the State by this division.

- (2) The request is not liable to fees.

234 Employees of the Authority

(1) On the commencement, a person who, immediately before the commencement, was an employee of the Authority—

- (a) becomes a public service employee; and
- (b) has a right to a salary or wage rate not lower than the person's salary or wage rate immediately before the commencement.

(2) For subsection (1)(a)—

- (a) a person who, immediately before the commencement was a permanent employee of the Authority is taken to be a public service officer; and
- (b) a person who, immediately before the commencement was a temporary employee of the Authority is taken to be a temporary employee; and
- (c) a person who, immediately before the commencement was a casual employee of the Authority is taken to be a temporary employee on a casual basis.

(3) This section does not apply to a contract employee.

235 Contract employees

(1) On the commencement, a contract employee becomes a public service officer.

(2) Despite anything in the *Public Service Act 1996*—

- (a) the person continues to be engaged and employed in the department under the terms of the person's contract with the Authority; and
- (b) to remove doubt, it is declared that, if the person's employment under the contract is terminated under the terms of the contract, the termination does not affect any rights to compensation to which the person is entitled under the terms of the contract.

(3) Subject to subsection (2), the person's contract with the Authority is taken to be a contract under the *Public Service Act 1996*, and that Act applies to the contract as if it were a contract for a fixed term under that Act.

(4) The *Public Service Act 1996*, section 71,⁹ does not apply to the person.

(5) A reference in the contract to the Authority as the employer under the contract is taken to be a reference to the chief executive.

⁹ *Public Service Act 1996*, section 71 (Tenure on termination etc. of certain contracts)

236 Accrued entitlements

A person who becomes a public service employee under this division keeps all entitlements to recreation, sick, long service and other leave, superannuation and other benefits accrued by the person, immediately before the commencement, as an employee of the Authority.

237 Industrial instruments

Industrial instruments under the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* in force immediately before the commencement, and applying to an employee of the Authority, continue in force under that Act after the commencement and apply to the person as a public service employee.

238 Amendment of management plan

Sections 33 and 39(1) do not apply to an amendment of a management plan that is merely consequential on the enactment of the *Primary Industries and Natural Resources Legislation Amendment Act 2000*, part 2.

Division 3—Transitional provision for Fisheries Amendment Act 2001

239 Validation of renewals of expired former authorities

(1) This section applies if, under former section 58, a fisheries agency renewed, or purported to renew, an expired former authority (other than a permit) that expired before the relevant renewal application was made.

(2) The renewal, or purported renewal, is taken to be, and to have always been, validly made under this Act whether or not it could lawfully have been made under former section 58.

(3) In this section—

“**fisheries agency**” means the chief executive or the former Queensland Fisheries Management Authority.

“**former section 58**” means section 58 of this Act, as in force from time to time before the *Fisheries Amendment Act 2001* commenced.

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“abalone” means a mollusc of the genus *Haliotis*.

“approved form” means a form approved by the chief executive under section 221A.

“aquaculture” means the cultivation of live fisheries resources for sale other than in circumstances prescribed under a regulation.

“aquaculture fisheries resources” means live fish and marine plants cultivated in aquaculture.

“aquaculture furniture” means a cage, rack, tank, tray or anything else used, or capable of being used, in aquaculture or to assist in aquaculture.

“area” means an area of land, waters or both land and waters, and includes a place.

“arrangement” includes agreement, promise, scheme, transaction (with or without consideration), understanding and undertaking (whether express or implied).

“Australian boat” has the meaning given by the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“authority” means a licence, permit, quota or other authority in force under this Act.

“boat” includes a ship or other vessel of any size or type and however propelled or moved, including, for example, a hovercraft and a submersible vessel.

“body” of water includes a dam and waterway.

“buy” includes—

- (a) buy by wholesale, retail or auction; and
- (b) accept, acquire or receive in trade or commerce or under an arrangement; and

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(c) agree, attempt or offer to buy; and

(d) cause or permit to be bought.

“closed season declaration” means a declaration in force under section 37(1), 42(1), 43(1), 46(1) or 48(1) declaring a period to be a closed season.

“closed waters declaration” means a declaration in force under section 37(1), 42(1), 43(1), 46(1) or 48(1) declaring waters to be closed waters.

“coastal waters” of the State has the meaning given by Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“Commonwealth Fisheries Act” means the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cwlth).

“Commonwealth Minister” has the meaning given by part 5 of the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“Commonwealth-State arrangement” means an arrangement made by the State with the Commonwealth under this Act,¹⁰ and includes a Joint Authority arrangement.

“Commonwealth-State fishery” means a fishery for which there is in force a Commonwealth-State arrangement, and includes a Joint Authority fishery.

“condition” includes restriction.

“container” includes a basket, case and tray.

“conviction” includes a finding of guilt, and the acceptance of a plea of guilty, by a court.

“coral limestone” means a calcareous deposit derived from coral, but does not include shell grit or star sand.

“declaration” means a declaration in force under this Act.

“declared disease” means anything that is declared under section 94(2), 96(1) or 97(1) to be a declared disease.

¹⁰ Part 7 deals with Commonwealth-State fisheries management arrangements.

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“declared fish habitat area” means an area that is declared under this Act to be a fish habitat area.¹¹

“declared quarantine area” means an area that is declared under section 95(1), 96(1) or 97(1) to be a quarantine area.

“entitlement”, for the holder of an authority, means the things that, under section 52, the holder is authorised to do as the holder of the authority.

“entity” includes an entity established under the law of the Commonwealth or another State.

“fee” includes a charge or tax.

“fish” see section 5.

“fisheries legislation” includes—

- (a) this Act or a former Act; and
- (b) the Commonwealth Fisheries Act or the *Fisheries Act 1952* (Cwlth); and
- (c) the *Marine Parks Act 1982* and the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (Cwlth); and
- (d) another law of the State, the Commonwealth or another State—
 - (i) about fishing, fisheries resources or fish habitats; or
 - (ii) prescribed under a regulation.

“fisheries offence” means an offence against fisheries legislation, and includes a serious fisheries offence.

“fisheries resources” includes fish and marine plants.

“fishery” see section 7.

“fish habitat” includes land, waters and plants associated with the life cycle of fish, and includes land and waters not presently occupied by fisheries resources.

“fishing” includes—

- (a) searching for, or taking, fish; and
- (b) attempting to search for, or take, fish; and

¹¹ Section 120 deals with declaration of fish habitat areas.

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- (c) engaging in other activities that can reasonably be expected to result in the locating, or taking, of fish; and
- (d) landing fish (from a boat or in another way), bringing fish ashore or transshipping fish.

“fishing apparatus” means anything used, or capable of being used, to take fish, or assist in the taking of fish, and includes, for example—

- (a) a hook, line or rod used, or capable of being used, to take fish; and
- (b) a crab pot, crayfish pot, net, pitch fork, spear gun or trap used, or capable of being used, to take fish.

“fish way” means a fish ladder or another structure or device by which fish can pass through, by or over waterway barrier works.

“foreign boat” has the meaning given by the Commonwealth Fisheries Act.

“foreshore” means parts of the banks, bed, reefs, shoals, shore and other land between high water and low water.

“former Act” means the *Fisheries Act 1976* or *Fishing Industry Organisation and Marketing Act 1982*.

“high water” means the mean height of the highest high water at spring tide.

“holder” of an authority means the person to whom it is issued or transferred.

“inspector” means a person who is appointed under this Act as an inspector.

“issue” an authority (other than a permit) includes renew the authority.

“Joint Authority” means a Joint Authority established under the Commonwealth Fisheries Act of which the Minister is a member.

“Joint Authority arrangement” means an arrangement made by the State with the Commonwealth under this Act,¹² whether or not it is also made with another State.

¹² Part 7 deals with Commonwealth-State fisheries management arrangements.

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“Joint Authority fishery” means a fishery for which there is in force a Joint Authority arrangement under which the fishery is to be under the management of a Joint Authority.

“keep” includes possess.

“land” includes foreshores and tidal and nontidal land.

“leave” includes put.

“low water” means the mean height of the lowest low water at spring tide.

“management plan” means a management plan in force under section 32 or 42.

“marine plant” see section 8.

“net” means netting material used, or capable of being used, to take fish, and includes tackle and equipment used, or capable of being used, with a net.

“net proceeds of sale” of fisheries resources seized under this Act means the amount left from the proceeds of the sale of the fisheries resources after payment of—

- (a) expenses incurred in—
 - (i) seizing the fisheries resources; and
 - (ii) transporting the fisheries resources from the place of seizure to the place of sale; and
 - (iii) performing any necessary treatment of the fisheries resources; and
 - (iv) storing the fisheries resources until delivery for sale; and
 - (v) selling the fisheries resources; and
- (b) any other expenses prescribed under a regulation.

“netting material” includes material of any type formed into mesh.

“nonindigenous fisheries resources” means fisheries resources—

- (a) if used in relation to an area—
 - (i) not spawned, born or grown in the area; and
 - (ii) not belonging to a species of fisheries resources native to the area; or

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- (b) if used without reference to an area—
- (i) not spawned, born or grown in Queensland; and
 - (ii) not belonging to a species of fisheries resources native to Queensland.

“nontidal land” includes land permanently or periodically submerged by waters not subject to tidal influence.

“noxious fisheries resources” means fisheries resources prescribed under a regulation or management plan to be noxious fisheries resources.

“noxious substance” means anything that—

- (a) is harmful, or produces conditions that are harmful, to fisheries resources or fish habitats; or
- (b) is prescribed under a regulation or management plan to be a noxious substance.

“occupier” of a place includes a person who reasonably appears to be the occupier, or in charge, of the place.

“owner” of a seized thing includes the person from whom the thing was seized unless the chief executive is aware of its actual owner.

“permit” means a permit in force under this Act.

“person in control” includes—

- (a) for a boat—the person who has, or reasonably appears to have, command or charge of the boat; and
- (b) for a vehicle—the vehicle’s driver or the person who reasonably appears to be the vehicle’s driver.

“place” includes premises and a place on or in waters or on land, but does not include a vehicle or boat.

“possess” a thing includes—

- (a) have custody or control of the thing; and
- (b) have an ability or right to obtain custody or control of the thing.

“premises” includes—

- (a) a building, wharf or other structure; and
- (b) a part of a building, wharf or other structure; and

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(c) land or waters where a building, wharf or other structure is situated.

“public place” means a place that the public is entitled to use, is open to the public or is used by the public, whether or not on payment of money.

“quarantine declaration” means a declaration in force under section 95(1), 96(1) or 97(1) declaring an area to be a quarantine area.

“Queensland waters” means all waters that are—

- (a) within the limits of the State; or
- (b) coastal waters of the State.

“quota” means a quota (within the meaning of section 9) in force under section 38, 42, 44(1), 48(1) or 61(1)(a).

“regulated fish” means fish declared to be regulated fish by a regulated fish declaration.

“regulated fish declaration” means a declaration in force under section 37(1), 42(1), 43(1), 46(1) or 48(1) declaring fish to be regulated fish.

“release” includes place.

“renew” an authority (other than a permit) includes the renewal of a former authority made because of an application under section 56(2).

“sell” includes—

- (a) sell by wholesale, retail or auction; and
- (b) supply in trade or commerce or under an arrangement; and
- (c) agree, attempt or offer to sell; and
- (d) keep or expose for sale; and
- (e) cause or permit to be sold.

“serious fisheries offence” means an offence against fisheries legislation prescribed under a regulation or management plan to be a serious fisheries offence.

“species” of a fish or plant means a species, subspecies, hybrid, variant, race, mutation or geographically separate population of the animal or plant.

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“stowed and secured” has the meaning given under a regulation or management plan.

“take” fisheries resources includes—

- (a) catch, gather, kill or obtain from water or land; and
- (b) attempt to catch, gather, kill or obtain from water or land; and
- (c) land (from a boat or in another way), bring ashore or tranship.

“tidal land” includes reefs, shoals and other land permanently or periodically submerged by waters subject to tidal influence.

“trade or commerce” includes—

- (a) a business activity; and
- (b) anything else done for gain or reward.

“tribunal” means the Fisheries Tribunal.

“unlawfully” means without authority under this Act or other legal authority, justification or excuse under an Act.

“vehicle” includes a caravan, trailer and aircraft, but does not include a boat.

“VMS equipment” means equipment used as part of a system that monitors the position and operation of a vessel.

“waterway” includes a river, creek, stream, watercourse or inlet of the sea.

“waterway barrier works” means a dam, weir or other barrier across a waterway.

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3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	s	= section
o in c	= order in council	sch	= schedule
om	= omitted	sdiv	= subdivision
orig	= original	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
p	= page	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
para	= paragraph	SL	= subordinate legislation
prec	= preceding	sub	= substituted
pres	= present	unnum	= unnumbered
prev	= previous		

4 Table of earlier reprints

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If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

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remaining provisions commenced 27 January 1995 (1995 SL No. 9)

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date of assent 5 December 1996

commenced on date of assent

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remaining provisions commence 19 December 1997 (1997 SL No. 475)

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date of assent 30 April 1999

commenced on date of assent

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date of assent 16 June 1999

ss 1–2, 50 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 1 July 1999 (1999 SL No. 122 and see 1999 SL No. 119, 1999 SL No. 70 s 2(3))

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date of assent 27 June 2000

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s 144 amd 1996 No. 13 s 16; 2000 No. 5 s 373 sch 2; 2002 No. 49 s 37 sch

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s 148A ins 1999 No. 45 s 27

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s 154 amd 1994 No. 87 s 3 sch 2

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prov hdg sub 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

s 160 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

Chief executive may return seized things etc.

prov hdg sub 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

s 161 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 162 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 163 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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prov hdg sub 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

s 164 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 165 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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prov hdg sub 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

s 168 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 169 amd 1999 No. 19 s 3 sch

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s 171 amd 2000 No. 5 s 373 sch 3

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s 174 amd 2000 No. 5 s 373 sch 3; 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 176 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 177 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 178 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 179 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 180 amd 2000 No. 5 s 373 sch 3

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s 186 amd 1996 No. 59 s 36; 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 192 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 193 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 197 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 199 amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2; 2001 No. 23 s 20

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s 201 om 1996 No. 59 s 38

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s 202 om 1996 No. 59 s 38

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s 203 amd 1996 No. 59 s 39; 1999 No. 29 s 50 sch
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s 204 om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 206 om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 211 om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 212 om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2

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s 213 amd 1996 No. 54 s 9 sch
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s 229 prev s 229 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 229(6) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 230 prev s 230 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 230(3) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 231 prev s 231 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 231(3) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 233 prev s 233 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 233(3) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 234 prev s 234 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 234(2) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 235 prev s 235 exp 10 March 1996 (see s 235(6) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 236 prev s 236 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 236(2) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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s 237 prev s 237 exp 10 March 1995 (see s 237(2) and 1995 SL No. 56)
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def “**abalone**” ins 1999 No. 45 s 22

reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**approved form**” ins 2002 No. 49 s 21(1)

def “**aquaculture**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**aquaculture fisheries resources**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**aquaculture furniture**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**area**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**arrangement**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

def “**Australian boat**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

- def **“Authority”** om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2
- def **“authority”** om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2
- def **“boat”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“body”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“buy”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“closed season declaration”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def **“closed waters declaration”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def **“coastal waters”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Commonwealth Fisheries Act”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Commonwealth Minister”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Commonwealth-State arrangement”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Commonwealth-State fishery”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“condition”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“container”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“conviction”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“coral limestone”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“declaration”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“declared disease”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def **“declared fish habitat area”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“declared quarantine area”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def **“entitlement”** ins 2002 No. 49 s 21(1)
- def **“entity”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fee”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fisheries agency”** om 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2
- def **“fisheries legislation”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fisheries offence”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fisheries resources”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fishery”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fish habitat”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fishing”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fishing apparatus”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“fish way”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“foreign boat”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“foreshore”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“former Act”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“high water”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“holder”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“inspector”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“issue”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Joint Authority”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Joint Authority arrangement”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“Joint Authority fishery”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“land”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“leave”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def **“low water”** reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

- def “**management plan**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
sub 2002 No. 36 s 45 sch 2
- def “**marine plant**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**net**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**net proceeds of sale**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**netting material**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**nonindigenous fisheries resources**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**nontidal land**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**noxious fisheries resources**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**noxious substance**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**occupier**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**owner**” amd 2000 No. 26 s 13 sch 2
reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**permit**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**person in control**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**place**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**Policy Council**” om 1996 No. 59 s 33
- def “**possess**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**premises**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**public place**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**public place**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**quarantine declaration**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def “**Queensland waters**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**quota**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
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- def “**regulated fish declaration**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
sub 2002 No. 36 s 45 sch 2
- def “**release**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**renew**” ins 2001 No. 23 s 4
reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**sell**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**serious fisheries offence**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**species**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**take**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**temporary transfer**” ins 2002 No. 49 s 21(2)
- def “**tidal land**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**trade or commerce**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**tribunal**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**unlawfully**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**vehicle**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**VMS equipment**” ins 1997 No. 73 s 26
reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**waterway**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3
- def “**waterway barrier works**” reloc from prev s 4 2001 No. 23 s 3

SCHEDULE 1—ACTS REPEALED

om R1 (see RA s 40)

SCHEDULE 2—ACTS AMENDED

om R1 (see RA s 40)

7 Provisions that have not commenced and are not incorporated into reprint

The following provisions are not incorporated in this reprint because they had not commenced before the reprint date (see Reprints Act 1992, s 5(c)).

Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 No. 12 s 329 sch 2 reads as follows—

FISHERIES ACT 1994

1 Section 8(2)—

omit, insert—

‘(2) **“Marine plant”** does not include a plant that is a declared pest under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*.’.

Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 2002 No. 49 ss 14, 21(2) reads as follows—

14 Insertion of new ss 65A and 65B

After section 65—

insert—

‘65A Temporary transfers

‘(1) A transfer under section 65(1) may provide that it is only for a stated period fixed by the chief executive (a **“temporary transfer”**).

‘(2) The stated period—

- (a) may, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d), be fixed by reference to the happening of a stated event; and

Example for paragraph (a)—

If the entitlement under the relevant authority is subject to a quota, the start or end of the period may be fixed by reference to the start or end of the restriction the subject of the quota.

- (b) must not start before the day the chief executive approves the application in writing; and

- (c) must not be longer than the term of the authority; and
- (d) must be at least 28 days.

‘(3) If an authority is subject to a temporary transfer (the “**first transfer**”), a further temporary transfer of the authority may be granted for a stated period not longer than the period of the first transfer.

‘(4) If the chief executive decides to grant an application for a temporary transfer, the chief executive must, as soon as practicable, give the applicants written notice stating the following—

- (a) that the authority has been transferred temporarily;
- (b) the names of—
 - (i) the holder from whom the authority was transferred; and
 - (ii) the transferee;
- (c) the period of the transfer;
- (d) conditions the chief executive has, under section 65(4)(b), imposed on the transfer.

‘65B Effect of temporary transfer

‘(1) This section applies for a temporary transfer until—

- (a) generally—the end of the period for which the transfer is granted; or
- (b) if, during the period, the chief executive receives a signed notice from each interested party that the transfer has ended—the chief executive’s receipt of the notice.

‘(2) A reference in the following to the holder of the transferred authority, or to the holder of an authority, is, if the context permits, taken to include a reference to the transferee as if the transferee were the holder of the transferred authority—

- (a) a provision of this Act, other than section 4, 56, 57, 63(4)(d) and (5), 72 or 73;
- (b) a regulation or management plan;
- (c) the conditions of the transferred authority.

‘(3) The things authorised by the transferred authority—

- (a) may be done by the transferee as if the transferee were the person who was the holder of the authority immediately before the temporary transfer was granted (the **“original holder”**); and
- (b) can not be done by original holder.

‘(4) Despite the temporary transfer, the original holder continues to be the holder of the transferred authority.

‘(5) If a further temporary transfer is granted for the transferred authority, subsections (2) to (4) apply to the transferee under the first temporary transfer as if a reference to the original holder includes that transferee.

‘(6) In this section—

“interested party” means—

- (a) the original holder; and
- (b) the transferee; and
- (c) if a further temporary transfer is granted for the transferred authority—the transferee under that transfer; and
- (d) anyone else who is noted on the register the chief executive keeps under section 73 as having an interest in the authority.’.

21 Amendment of schedule (Dictionary)

(2) Schedule—

insert—

‘ **“temporary transfer”** see section 65A(1).’.