



Queensland

Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 106

made under the

Fisheries Act 1994

General outline

Short title

Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011.

Authorising law

Section 223 of the *Fisheries Act 1994*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objectives of the subordinate legislation are to amend the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* (the Regulation) to:

1. increase certain prescribed regulatory fees by the annual movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI);
2. increase prescribed commercial fishing fees in the Regulation by three percent; and
3. make minor amendments to the Regulation.

Regulatory fees are reviewed annually under standing Government policy to increase fees and charges by the annual movement in CPI or the equivalent.

Achievement of policy objectives

The subordinate legislation will achieve its objectives by increasing the relevant fees and charges under Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 of the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* by 3 percent. The CPI adjustment to the prescribed regulatory fees in Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 (non commercial fishing fees in Tables 1 and 2 and all fees in Tables 3 and 4) of the Regulation is based on movements in the Brisbane All-Groups CPI from December 2009 to December 2010, which is 3 percent (rounded). The prescribed commercial fishing fees in Tables 1 and 2 of Schedule 9 of the Regulation will be increased by 3 percent. Certain minor amendments to the Regulation will also be made.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the main policy objective of the *Fisheries Act 1994*, which is to provide for the use, conservation and enhancement of the community's fisheries resources and fish habitats.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The subordinate legislation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The State Government will not incur any additional costs in the implementation of this subordinate legislation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The subordinate legislation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Queensland Treasury was consulted in regard to the CPI adjustment for the annual increases in fees and charges for 2011-12 and the increase to commercial fishing fees.

The Queensland Office of Regulatory Efficiency was also consulted regarding the need for a Regulatory Assessment Statement. The result of the consultation was that a Regulatory Assessment Statement was not required for this subordinate legislation.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

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