



Queensland

# Fisheries Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2012

## Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 252

made under the  
*Fisheries Act 1994*

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## General outline

### Short title

*Fisheries Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2012.*

### Authorising law

Section 223 of the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the subordinate legislation is to make a range of minor amendments to improve the management of fisheries resources under the *Fisheries (Coral Reef Fin Fish) Management Plan 2003*, the *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010* (the management plans) and the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* (the Regulation).

### Achievement of policy objectives

The amendment regulation will achieve its objectives by incorporating the minor amendments required which have been identified through Fisheries Queensland's regular review of its legislation. These amendments are

needed to better reflect the intent of fisheries policy and to make minor corrections.

Generally the amendments to the Regulation involve:

- removing or amending certain provisions to reduce regulatory burden;
- amending certain descriptions of regulated waters to make corrections and/or to reflect the current status;
- declaring and providing descriptions for a number of fish habitat areas;
- removing provisions now redundant; and
- making consequential amendments to fisheries legislation.

The management plans are to be amended only to the extent necessary for correcting the reference relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. This involves one section in each of the management plans.

### **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the main policy objectives of the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

### **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**

The Regulatory Review Branch of Queensland Treasury and Trade has been consulted regarding the need for a Regulatory Assessment Statement (RAS). The Regulatory Review Branch advised that a RAS was not required for this subordinate legislation as the amendments constitute minor changes to policy and intent and do not impose any additional burdens on stakeholders.

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## **ENDNOTES**

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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