

Fisheries (Coral Reef Fin Fish) Quota Declaration 2015

Explanatory Notes for SL 2015 No. 21

made under the

Fisheries Act 1994

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 44 of the *Fisheries Act 1994* (the Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The coral reef fin fish fishery is managed by annual quotas to ensure the fishery remains commercially and ecologically sustainable. The policy objective of the subordinate legislation is to provide for the declaration of the annual quota for coral reef fin fish taken from the reef line commercial fishery for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

Achievement of policy objectives

The subordinate legislation will achieve its objectives by prescribing the annual quota for taking coral reef fin fish from the reef line commercial fishery for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

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 annual quota for the reef line commercial fishery is governed by a set of decision rules. These decision rules were developed and finalised in consultation with the industry and scientists in 2014.

Fisheries Queensland will notify all operators in the Coral Reef Fin Fish Fishery of the commencement of the Declaration.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) of the Queensland Competition Authority was consulted. The OBPR advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement was not required as the proposed changes were excluded from the Regulatory Impact System on the basis that they are of a machinery nature.