1. The Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery (the Fishery) is a multi-species fishery operating in Queensland waters west of Cape York comprising a commercial inshore net fishery, a commercial offshore net fishery, a commercial line fishery, commercial bait netting, recreational fishing, Indigenous fishing charter boat fishing.
2. The Fishery is managed under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994*, *Fisheries Regulation 2008* and *Fisheries (Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish) Management Plan 1999*. Management of the commercial take of mackerels, sharks and rays in the Gulf of Carpentaria is shared between Queensland and the Commonwealth through the Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority (QFJA).
3. A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been developed for possible amendments to the management arrangements for the Fishery.
4. The proposals contained in the RIS include:
* that the provisions of the *Fisheries (Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish) Management Plan 1999* necessary for the continued management of the Fishery be incorporated into the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.
* that the commercial net fishery outside 7 nautical miles (includes permits issued by the QFJA and operations under the commercial offshore (N9) fishery symbol) be restructured to improve economic efficiency and reduce complexity in the management framework;
* that the commercial take of shark and grey mackerel in the Fishery be limited to ensure the long term sustainability of these species;
* proposed changes to the incidental catch limits that apply to the commercial net fishery for shark, grey mackerel, longtail tuna and guitarfish;
* proposed changes to the size and/or in-possession limits for barramundi, black jewfish, giant queenfish and golden snapper to ensure sustainability and greater consistency throughout Queensland;
* proposed amendments to the current fish form restrictions which apply to barred javelin to address concerns over the illegal take of undersized barred javelin;
* proposed amendments to the timing of the seasonal closure for barramundi in the fishery to simplify it and make it more equitable between stakeholders; and
* proposed amendments to the way that some regulated waters are described to provide greater clarity.
1. Cabinet noted the proposed release of a Regulatory Impact Statement concerning amendments to the management arrangements for the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery.
2. *Attachments*
* [Management arrangements for the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery - Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/Gulf-RIS-web.pdf).