1. The *Fisheries Legislation Amendment and Repeal Regulation (No.1) 2011* provides for amendments to the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* which will incorporate relevant and reviewed provisions that currently exist in the *Fisheries (Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish) Management Plan 1999* and insert a new declared Fish Habitat Area for Pine River Bay, located in the north west region of Albatross Bay (Weipa).
2. The proposals have been made following significant consultation with all key stakeholders. The amendments regarding the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Finfish Fishery have been made following a consultation process which has included stakeholder meetings and a Regulatory Impact Statement. The Pine River Bay Fish Habitat Area declaration has been proposed following three rounds of consultation with the community.
3. Broadly the proposals include:
* Restructuring the commercial net fishery outside 7 nautical miles to improve economic efficiency, reduce complexity, reduce the capacity for excess fishing capacity to be utilised and reduce risk;
* New arrangements for the harvest of shark and grey mackerel by commercial fishers;
* Amending the size and/or in-possession limits for barramundi, black jewfish, giant queenfish and golden snapper to ensure sustainability and greater consistency throughout Queensland;
* Removing the current filleting restrictions applying to recreationally caught barred javelin;
* Amending the timing of the seasonal closure for the barramundi fishery to simplify it and make it more equitable with other fishing sectors;
* Changing the way that some regulated waters are described to provide greater certainty as to where boundaries are;
* Declaring Pine River Bay as a Fish Habitat Area to protect key fish habitats from future development;
* Inserting current and unchanged provisions from the existing Management Plan in the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.
1. Cabinet endorsed that the *Fisheries Legislation Amendment and Repeal Regulation (No. 1) 2011* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
2. *Attachments*
* [*Fisheries Legislation Amendment and Repeal Regulation (No. 1) 2011*](Attachments/Att%201%20Fisheries%20Legislation%20Amendment%20and%20Repeal%20Regulation%20%28No.%201%29%202011.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for the *Fisheries Legislation Amendment and Repeal Regulation (No. 1) 2011*](Attachments/Att%202%20Fisheries%20Legislation%20Amendment%20and%20Repeal%20Regulation%20%28No.%201%29%202011%20explanatory%20note.PDF)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement – Management arrangements for the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery](Attachments/Att%203%20Fisheries%20Legislation%20Amendment%20and%20Repeal%20Regulation%20%28No.%201%29%202011%20Regulatory%20Impact%20Statement.PDF)