

**Alert: Queensland's proposed East Coast Fin Fish Industry – call for submissions and responses on the latest review**

The Queensland Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries ("DPIF") has reviewed the East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery, which covers many of Queensland's important inshore species. The DPIF have proposed a number of changes to the management of the fishery, including the following:

1. New and amended bag and size limits (including to allow the continuation of shark-fining);
2. New netting arrangements (including expanding the types of nets that can be used in Dugong Protected Areas); and
3. Closures.

The DPIF wants feedback and submissions from the broader community about the proposed changes. The deadline to have your say is **5pm on Monday, 17 March 2008**. There are two documents that deal with the changes:

1. Summary of proposed management changes; and
2. Regulatory Impact Statement ("RIS") and draft Public Benefit Statement.

Both of those documents (together with a response form) are available for your feedback at <http://www2.dpi.qld.gov.au/fishweb/18767.html> or contact the DPIF Business Information Centre on 13 25 23.

**EDONQ intends to compile and lodge submissions in response to the DPIF's proposed changes, and strongly encourages you to do so as well.**

Regards,

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