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**Fisheries assessments open for public comment –
Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery – comments by 21 September 2007**

Coral Sea Fishery – comments by 28 September 2007

Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel - Fisheries assessment open for public comment.

The current export approval for the Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery is valid until 1 November 2007 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. The Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) received three East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery annual reports as a submission - *Annual Status Report 2005 and Fisheries Regulation 1995 biennial review - East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery, July 2005*; *Annual Status Report - East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery, April 2007*; and - *Summary Report - East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery, 2007* from the Queensland Government Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries in July 2007.

The report has been prepared to address the Australian Government Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries (the Guidelines) and to provide updates on the implementation of recommendations made in the original DEW assessment. The submission will be used to assess the operation of the fishery for the purposes of Parts 13 and 13A of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). Consideration will be given to:

- declaring the Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery as managed consistent with the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 1995*, as an Approved Wildlife Trade Operation under section 303FN of the EPBC Act; and
- including on the list of exempt native specimens, specimens harvested in the Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery under the provisions of the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 1995*.

In accordance with the provisions of sections 303FR and 303DC of the EPBC Act, you are invited to comment on this proposal.

The Northern Water Treatment Plant project is located within the Paluma Range National Park 60km north of Townsville and consists of the following major components;

- Construction of a 40ML/D WTP at the top of Kinduro Hill;
- Construction of connecting pipelines from/to the Mt Spec Pipelines within an existing service corridor.

Comments due Friday **21 September 2007**. For further information go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/fisheries/qld/east-coast-spanish-mackerel/submission-august07.html>

Coral Sea Fishery - Fisheries assessment open for public comment.

The current export approval for the Coral Sea Fishery is valid until 19 November 2007 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. The Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) received three documents - the *Strategic and Export Reassessment Report - Coral Sea Fishery, August 2007*, the *Statement of Management Arrangements, Coral Sea Fishery 2007*; and the supplementary *2007/08 Coral Sea fishery Annual Management Arrangements Booklet* from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority in August 2007. The Reassessment Report has been prepared to address the Australian Government *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries* (the Guidelines) and to provide updates on the implementation of recommendations made in the original DEW assessment. The three documents provided by AFMA will be used to assess the operation of the fishery for the purposes of Parts 13 and 13A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Consideration will be given to:
declaring the Coral Sea Fishery as managed consistent with the *Fisheries Act 1991* and the *Statement of Management Arrangements, Coral Sea Fishery 2007*, as an Approved Wildlife Trade Operation under section 303FN of the EPBC Act; and
including on the list of exempt native specimens, specimens harvested in the Coral Sea Fishery under the provisions of the *Fisheries Act 1991* and the *Statement of Management Arrangements, Coral Sea Fishery 2007*.

In accordance with the provisions of sections 303FR and 303DC of the EPBC Act, you are invited to comment on this proposal. Comments due Friday **28 September 2007**. For further information go to:

www.environment.gov.au/coasts/fisheries/commonwealth/coral-sea/submission-august07.html

Please send your comments regarding the Fisheries assessments to:

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Any comments received will form part of the documentation provided to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources for a decision. Copies of comments may be made available to other persons with a particular interest in the application. If you wish to claim confidentiality for any part of your comments, would you please discuss the matter with the Director of the Sustainable Fisheries Policy and Assessment Section on (02) 6274 1917.