

Impact Analysis Statement template

Summary IAS

Lead department	Department of Primary Industries
Name of the proposal	Fisheries (East Coast Spanish Mackerel Management) Amendment Declaration 2025
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Fisheries Declaration 2019
Date of issue	19 December 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	This proposal is machinery in nature to align the regulatory environment with the harvest strategy for East Coast Spanish Mackerel. The regulatory environment used to manage fisheries in Queensland relies on implementation of management arrangements set out in an approved harvest strategy. Management arrangements in an approved harvest strategy are informed by stock assessments in combination with consultation of fishery working groups to provide science-based, stakeholder informed, management of fisheries. On 4 December 2025, the Minister for Primary Industries approved an amended East Coast Spanish Mackerel Harvest Strategy (Harvest Strategy) to improve access to fishery resources, recognising improvement in stock biomass. The amended Harvest Strategy increased the recreational boat in possession limit from 2 fish per boat with 2 or more fishers on board, to 4 fish per boat with 4 or more fishers on board. The recreational limit of 1 fish per fisher is to remain. Additionally, the new Harvest Strategy continues the Northern Spanish mackerel waters regulated periods based on lunar phasing and continues for 2026-2028. The impact of aligning the regulatory environment with the harvest strategy is expected to be beneficial in nature, providing improved access to fishery resources while maintaining sustainable fishery development.

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