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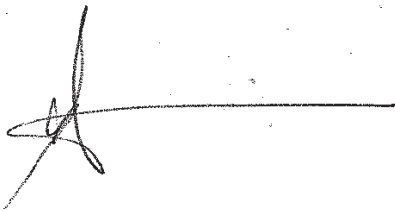
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**QUEENSLAND FISHERIES JOINT AUTHORITY
REPORTS FOR THE PERIODS**

1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

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Dr Nick Rayns, Executive Manager,
Fisheries, Australian Fisheries
Management Authority

**Deputy to the Commonwealth
Member,**

Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister
for Agriculture

A cursive signature that reads "Scott Spencer" in a fluid, handwritten style.

Scott Spencer, Deputy Director General,
Fisheries and Forestry; Department of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

**Deputy to the Queensland State
Member,**

The Hon. Dr John McVeigh MP,
Queensland Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

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1. Introduction

This report of the Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority (QFJA) outlines activities undertaken and decisions made during the period **1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**, predominantly through the “record of decisions” from the QFJA annual meeting. It also reports the status of fisheries for this reporting period.

The QFJA is responsible for the management of commercial fishing in:

- Gulf of Carpentaria Developmental Fin Fish Trawl Fishery
- Offshore net fishing sector of the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery
- Gulf of Carpentaria set line, drop line and trolling line Fishery.

The Queensland Government is responsible for managing a number of other fisheries in the Gulf of Carpentaria that take the same species as the QFJA managed fisheries. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the total catch of each species group between all fisheries and QFJA managed fisheries.

2. Enabling legislation

Sections 61-70 of the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991* set out the establishment, functions, administration and reporting requirements for Joint Authorities.

Part 7 of the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* sets out complementary State legislation and other matters relating to the establishment, functions, administration and reporting requirements of the Joint Authority and the management of Joint Authority fisheries in Queensland.

The QFJA is established in the *Arrangement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland in relation to the Fishery for Northern Demersal and Pelagic Fish in the Gulf of Carpentaria (Annex A)*. The 1995 arrangement provides, among other things, that the relevant commercial fisheries be managed under Queensland law.

There is a further arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, in relation to commercial fishing for grey mackerel in the Gulf of Carpentaria (**Annex B**), under section 71 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and section 132 of the *Fisheries Act 1994* of Queensland. The 2003 arrangement provides, among other things, that the commercial fishery for grey mackerel also be managed by the QFJA under Queensland law.

3. Report on the status of fisheries managed by the Joint Authority

Tables 1 and 2 present a summary of the catches and status of the fisheries managed by the QFJA. Detailed catch and effort statistics for each fishery are compiled annually and presented in the Queensland Fishery Annual Fishery Updates, available for download at:

- GOC Developmental Fin Fishery Annual Fishery Report 2011 (pub 2013)
 - <http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/fisheries/monitoring-our-fisheries/data-reports/sustainability-reporting/fishery-updates/gulf-of-carpentaria-developmental-fin-fish-trawl-fishery>

- GOC Inshore Fin Fish Fishery Annual Fishery Report 2011 (pub 2013)
 - <http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/fisheries/monitoring-our-fisheries/data-reports/sustainability-reporting/fishery-updates/gulf-of-carpentaria-inshore-fin-fish-fishery>
- GOC Line Fishery Annual Fishery Report 2012 (pub 2013)
 - <http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/fisheries/monitoring-our-fisheries/data-reports/sustainability-reporting/fishery-updates/gulf-of-carpentaria-line-fishery>

Table 1 shows an overview of the total commercial catches of fin fish species relevant to fishing under QFJA jurisdiction during the reporting period, with QFJA catches in brackets. These catches were taken using a combination of set mesh net, line and trawl fishing gear. Catch information has been drawn from the Queensland Commercial Fisheries Log Book System (CFISH) for waters adjacent to Queensland west of 142°31'49" east longitude (at Cape York). 'Shark' catch includes all catches of shark and ray species taken by operators in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria net and line fisheries, while 'other fin fish' and 'trawled fin fish' catch includes all fish species except barramundi and threadfin (which are not QFJA managed species) and those species otherwise listed separately in the table.

It is important to note that Table 1 presents a summary of the total catches in Gulf fisheries. Detailed information on catches of individual species within a particular fishery is available from the annual fishery updates (refer to previous web links) that are available for a range of fisheries through the DAFF Queensland website.

In 2012, the stock status of six QFJA stocks was assessed using Queensland's Stock Status Assessment Framework developed in 2009 (Table 2). Fisheries Queensland has now adopted the Australian Government's framework for assessing stock status. 2013 assessments are currently underway and will be published (online at www.fish.gov.au) in December 2014.

Table 1 - Commercial catches¹ of fin fish in the Gulf during the period 2007-2014. Catches in brackets represent those taken under QFJA authorities

Species Group	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Shark	333(106)	266 (51)	342 (57)	263 (17)	150 (6)	242 (3)	248 (0)
Grey mackerel	600 (131)	525 (0.1)	622 (71)	866 (41)	747 (3)	791 (0.5)	504 (0)
Spanish mackerel	291 (7)	323 (0.1)	227 (0.8)	213 (2)	275 (0.7)	252 (0)	244(0)
Other fin fish (Line)	53 (8)	12 (9)	12 (2)	3 (0)	5 (0)	4 (0)	0.4 (0)
Other fin fish (Net)	149 (1)	152 (0.1)	136 (0.3)	127 (0.1)	119 (0.1)	123 (0)	130 (0)
Trawled fin fish	714 (714)	715 (715)	781 (781)	502 (502)	448 (448)	25 (25)	0 (0)
Grand total	2,139 (967)	1,993 (775)	2,121 (912)	1,976 (562)	1,745 (458)	1,436 (29)	1,126 (0)

¹ Harvest estimates are rounded to nearest tonne based on reports from compulsory commercial fisheries logbooks. Weights are converted from reported product forms (fillets, gilled and gutted, trunk) to reflect live weight as a standard reporting approach. Data have been revised and updated since preliminary figures were presented in the 2013 QFJA minutes.

Table 2 – Summary of status of assessed stocks in QFJA Fisheries²

Gulf of Carpentaria Stock	Stock Status
Grey mackerel (GOCIFFF)	Uncertain (2012)
Sharks(GOCIFFF)	Undefined (2012)
Spanish mackerel (GOCLF)	Sustainably fished (2012)
Red emperor (GOCLF; GOCDFFTF)	Uncertain (2012)
Crimson snapper (GOCLF; GOCDFFTF)	Uncertain (2012)
Saddletail snapper (GOCLF; GOCDFFTF)	Uncertain (2012)

4. Report on the activities of the Joint Authority during the reporting periods

An annual meeting of the QFJA is held in the first or second quarter of each financial year (reporting period). At each meeting key issues within the QFJA fisheries are discussed and decisions regarding these issues may be made. A record of decisions for the 2013 meeting is provide in Annex C. Table 3 lists the Commonwealth and State members of the QFJA for each reporting period. The deputies of these members are stated in the Annexes (Record of decisions for each meeting).

Table 3 – QFJA Members and deputies for the period 2013/14

Role	Commonwealth	Queensland
Member	<p>Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, (1 July 2013 – 18 September 2013)</p> <p>Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, (18 September 2013 – 30 June 2014)</p>	The Hon. John McVeigh MP, Queensland Minister for Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014)
Deputy	Dr Nick Rayns, Executive Manager, Fisheries, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)	Andrew Thwaites, Director, Fisheries Policy and Strategy, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

² The status of these stocks is currently being updated using 2013 data and will be published in December 2014 as part of the 'Status of Key Australian Fish Stocks Reports 2014' (to be published online at www.fish.gov.au).

Annex A - Arrangement Between The Commonwealth Of Australia And The State Of Queensland In Relation To The Fishery For Northern Demersal And Pelagic Fin Fish In The Gulf Of Carpentaria, 8 February 1995

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ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND IN RELATION TO THE FISHERY FOR NORTHERN DEMERSAL AND PELAGIC FIN FISH IN THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA

AN ARRANGEMENT entered into between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) of the one part and the State of Queensland (the State) of the other part.

WHEREAS -

- (a) Part 5 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* of the Commonwealth (the Management Act), which provides for co-operation with the States and Northern Territory in the management of fisheries, commenced on 3 February 1995 upon the ceasing to have effect of the *Fisheries Act 1952* of the Commonwealth;
- (b) Paragraph 7(4)(b) of the *Fisheries Legislation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991* (the Consequential Provisions Act) provides that upon the commencement of Part 5 of the Management Act, any Arrangement made with a State or Territory under subsection 12H(1) or (4) of the *Fisheries Act 1952* that was in force immediately before that commencement continues in force as if it had been made under Part 5 of the Management Act;
- (c) an Arrangement was entered into under section 12H(4) between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland in relation to the Demersal Gillnet Fishery, published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S104 on 1 June 1987;
- (d) subsection 75(1) of the Management Act provides that an Arrangement under Division 3 of Part 5 of the Management Act may be terminated by instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (e) subsection 236(1) of the *Fisheries Act 1994* of Queensland (the State Act) provides that an arrangement in force under Part 6A of the *Fisheries Act 1976* of Queensland has effect as if it had been entered into under Part 7 of the State Act on the commencement of Part 7;
- (f) subsection 133(1) of the State Act provides that the State may terminate, under Part 5 of the Management Act, an arrangement;
- (g) subsection 61(1) of the Management Act provides that the Commonwealth may make an arrangement with a State or States for the establishment of a Joint Authority consisting of the Commonwealth Minister together with the appropriate Minister or Ministers of that State or States
- (h) subsection 61(2) of the Management Act provides that each arrangement under subsection 61(1) is to be made by instrument approved by the Governor-General



and the Governor or Governors of the State or States represented on the Joint Authority

- (i) subsection 71(1) of the Management Act provides that the Commonwealth may make an arrangement with the State or States represented on a Joint Authority that the Joint Authority is to have the management of a particular fishery in waters relevant to that State or any of those States;
- (j) subsection 71(2) of the Management Act provides that an Arrangement with only one State may provide that the fishery is to be managed in accordance with the law of the State;
- (k) subsection 74(1) of the Management Act provides that an arrangement under, inter alia, section 71 is to be made by instrument approved by the Governor-General and the Governor or Governors of the State or States concerned;
- (l) subsection 132(1) of the State Act empowers the State to make an arrangement, under Part 5 of the Management Act, for the management of a particular fishery; and
- (m) both the Commonwealth and the State are desirous of exercising their powers to make a further Arrangement in relation to the fishery referred to in clause 2 of this Arrangement.

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Management Act and the State Act and of all other powers so enabling, it is mutually arranged as follows:

1. The Arrangement entered into between the Commonwealth and the State as listed in paragraph (c) of the recitals to this Arrangement is, pursuant to subsection 75(1) of the Management Act and subsection 133(1) of the State Act, terminated on the date of publication referred to in clause 6.
2. The Commonwealth and the State hereby arrange for the establishment of the Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority consisting of the Commonwealth Minister and the State Minister to manage the fishery to which this Arrangement applies in accordance with the law of the State.
3. The fishery to which this Arrangement applies is the fishery (which in accordance with Section 9 of the Management Act does not extend to or in relation to the Protected Zone as defined in the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* or to the area adjacent to the Protected Zone to which area the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* applies by virtue of a Proclamation under subsections 15(1) or (2) of that Act) in the waters relevant to the State, being coastal waters and waters of the Australian fishing zone that lie within the area described in Schedule 2 to the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967 under the heading "Area that includes the Adjacent Area in respect of Queensland", west of Longitude 142°31'49" East, for all species of fish of the Class Osteichthyes and Class Chondrichthyes, except for:



(a) the following fish taken in the fishery for tuna and tuna like species

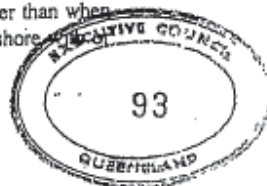
- (i) *Thunnus albacares* (yellowfin tuna)
Thunnus maccoyii (southern bluefin tuna)
Thunnus obesus (bigeye tuna)
Thunnus tonggol (longtail tuna)
Thunnus alalunga (albacore tuna)
Thunnus thynnus (northern bluefin tuna)
Katsuwonus pelamis (skipjack tuna);
- (ii) fish of the family Bramidae (pomfrets);
- (iii) fish of the families Istiophoridae and Xiphiidae (billfish);
- (iv) those fish taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act allowing the taking of the fish specified in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii);
- (v) excluding the fish specified in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) when taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a licence or other authority granted by the State;
- (vi) fish taken as bait (dead or alive) by a person for his or her own use in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act to take tuna and tuna like species as listed above.

(b) fish of the following species:

- (i) *Lates calcarifer* (barramundi)
- (ii) *Polydactylus sheridani* (king salmon)
- (iii) *Eleutheronema tetradactylum* (blue salmon)
- (iv) *Scomberomorus semifasciatus* (grey mackerel)
- (v) *Nibea squamosa*, *Protonibea diacanthus* (jewfish)
- (vi) *Pomadasys kaakan* (spotted grunter-bream)
- (vii) *Scomberoides lysan*, *S. commersonianus* (queenfish);

(c) fish taken whilst trawling for prawns in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act for the Northern Prawn Fishery, which is described as the fishery for:

- (i) decapod crustacea of the families Penaeidae, Aristeidae, Solenoceridae (prawns), Nephropidae (Scampi), Scyllaridae (bugs) and Infraorder Caridae (shrimps) and Mollusca of the family Pectinidae (Scallops) other than when a bait net or a haul net, set from the shore and drawn to the shore without the use of a boat, is used;

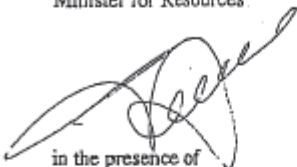


- (ii) Mollusca of the family Loliginidae (squid) when prawn trawl apparatus is used; and
 - (iii) all fish taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act for the fish to which paragraph (c)(i) applies, but excluding pearl shell (*Pinctada* spp), trochus (*Trochus niloticus*), and fish listed in paragraph (b) of this Arrangement;
 - (d) all fish specified in paragraph (a) taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a licence or other authority granted by the State for the fish to which this Arrangement applies;
 - (e) but excluding those fish to which this Arrangement applies taken in the exercise of a right conferred by a fishing concession granted by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority under the Management Act for the fisheries described in paragraphs (a) and (c).
4. Where for the purposes of this Arrangement it is necessary to determine the position on the surface of the Earth of a point, line or area, that position shall be determined by reference to the Australian Geodetic Datum, that is, by reference to the spheroid having its centre at the centre of the Earth and a major (equatorial) radius of 6,378,160 metres and a flattening of 1/298.25 and by reference to the Johnston Geodetic Station in the State of Queensland of Australia. That station shall be taken to be situated at Latitude 25° 56'54.5515" South and at Longitude 133° 12'30.0771" East and to have a ground level of 571.2 metres above the spheroid referred to above.
5. The Minister responsible for administering the Management Act and the Minister responsible for administering the State Act may agree in writing to the maximum quantity of other fish, the subject of paragraphs 3(d) and 3(e), that may be taken from time to time under a licence or other authority referred to in that paragraph and on matters of mutual interest in relation to the fishery.
6. This arrangement shall, upon being executed on behalf of the Commonwealth and of the State and upon being approved by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth and the Governor of the State, take effect on the date of publication in the Gazette.
7. Without affecting the construction which this Arrangement would have if no provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, it is the intention of this Arrangement that if any provision of this Arrangement or part thereof is invalid, the remainder of this Arrangement and of that provision shall be construed as if that provision or part thereof was not included in this Arrangement even if the result is to extend the fishery described by this Arrangement.




Dated the 3rd day of February 1995

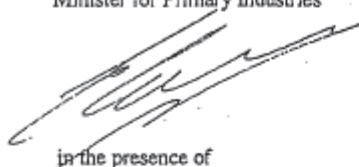
Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by the
Honourable DAVID PETER BEDDALL,
Minister for Resources.




in the presence of



Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Queensland by the
Honourable EDMUND DENIS CASEY,
Minister for Primary Industries



in the presence of




I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the
advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of paragraph subsections 74(1)
and 75(1) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, hereby approve this instrument.

Dated 7-2 1995



Governor-General

By His Excellency's command



Minister for Resources

I, LENEEN FORDE, the Governor of the State of Queensland, acting by and with the
advice of the Executive Council in pursuance of the provisions of the *Fisheries Act*
1994 hereby approve this instrument.

Given under my hand this 2 day of Feb. 1995



Governor

By Her Excellency's command

Minister for Primary Industries.



Annex B - Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, under section 71 of the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and Section 132 of the Fisheries Act 1994 of Queensland, in relation to the Gulf of Carpentaria grey mackerel fishery, 4 July 2003



Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, under section 71 of the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and section 132 of the Fisheries Act 1994 of Queensland, in relation to the Gulf of Carpentaria grey mackerel fishery

made under the

Fisheries Management Act 1991 and Fisheries Act 1994 of Queensland

1 Commencement

This arrangement commences on gazettal.

2 Origin of geographical coordinates

For this arrangement, the origin of geographical coordinates is the Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 (AGD66).

3 Arrangement

- (1) This arrangement is made under subsection 71(1) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and subsection 132(1) of the *Fisheries Act 1994* of Queensland.
- (2) The fishery specified in section 4 is to be managed by the Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority in accordance with the law of Queensland.



4 The fishery

The fishery:

- (a) is commercial fishing for grey mackerel (*Scomberomorus semifasciatus*); and
- (b) includes the taking of incidental catch of finfish by a person fishing for grey mackerel under an authority granted under Queensland law; in that part of the area described as 'The adjacent area in respect of Queensland' in Schedule 2 to the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* that is west of 142° 31' 49".

Note The fishery does not include Protected Zone, within the meaning given in the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*, or an area adjacent to the Protected Zone: see section 9 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

5 Ministers may make agreement

The Commonwealth and State Ministers may agree in writing about:

- (a) the amount of fish that may be taken by a person under an authority of a kind mentioned in paragraph 4 (b); and
- (b) other matters in relation to the fishery.

2 Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, under section 71 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and section 132 of the *Fisheries Act 1994* of Queensland, in relation to the Gulf of Carpentaria grey mackerel fishery



ASMA
GUY STEPHEN MONTAGUE GREEN, Administrator
I, ~~PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH, Governor-General~~ of the Commonwealth of
Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, approve this
instrument.

Dated *25 June* 2003

A. S. M. Green
Administrator
~~Governor-General~~ *ASMA*

By His Excellency's Command

Ian Macdonald

IAN MACDONALD
Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

I, MAJOR GENERAL PETER ARNISON, Governor of the State of Queensland,
acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council of that State, approve this
instrument.

Dated *8 May* 2003

Peter Arnison

Governor

By His Excellency's Command

Henry Palaszczuk

HENRY PALASZCZUK
Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities

Arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, under
section 71 of the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and section 132 of the
Fisheries Act 1994 of Queensland, in relation to the Gulf of Carpentaria
mackerel fishery



Annex C - Record of decisions of the Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority 2013

Meeting Number 23 (31 October 2013) at Port Lincoln

Attendance

Members Nick Rayns, Executive Manager, Australian Fisheries Management Authority; Deputy for the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries (Chair).

Andrew Thwaites Director, Fisheries Queensland; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Deputy for the QLD Minister for Fisheries.

Chair Nick Rayns identified himself as the Deputy for the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries and therefore the Chair of the meeting and opened the meeting at 12.25pm.

Secretary Eddie Jebreen – Queensland Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Draft Agenda

The draft agenda for the meeting was adopted.

1.2 Appointment of a QFJA Secretary

The members appointed Eddie Jebreen (Queensland Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry) as the Secretary for the meeting.

1.3 Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting

Members confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting and noted that requested changes had been included.

1.4 Actions arising from previous QFJA meetings

Members noted the progress made against the action items in Table 1.

2. Policy Matters

2.1 Update on review of the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery

Members noted the following report from Fisheries Queensland:

Management proposals on issues under the jurisdiction of the QFJA were presented for QFJA endorsement out-of-session in June 2011. These were endorsed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on 22 August 2011 and the Queensland Cabinet in November 2011, commencing on 1 February 2012.

In late July 2012, five N9 fishery symbols and four QFJA Developmental Fishing Permits allowing for the use of set mesh nets were surrendered in exchange for three N12 fishery symbols being written upon Queensland fishing licences.

Table 1 – Progress against action items

Meeting	Agenda #	Action	Progress
2007	3.1	<p>Gulf Finfish Trawl</p> <p>1. QFJA agreed in principle that the fishery will move to a licensed fishery;</p> <p>2. Take a co-management approach with this fishery;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Members noted that alternative options were being examined for future management. Given the fishery is a shared stock with NT, with the same fishers operating in both jurisdictions, a proposition of jointly managing/monitoring the fishery was considered a viable alternative.</p> <p>Members noted the NT was seeking funding from FRDC to look at frameworks that could be adopted to allow for joint assessment and management could occur.</p> <p>Members noted that while they were supportive of fully investigating options for a single jurisdiction Gulf red snapper fishery there were legal matters that needed to be addressed as to how such a jurisdiction would be formed and gaining relevant Ministerial approvals.</p>
2007	3.2	<p>Remove the capacity to target shark by line due to concerns over shark sustainability.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>The sole remaining QFJA permit with a condition allowing the use of demersal line equipment will have that condition removed when it next expires.</p>

There are currently 6 Active QFJA Developmental Fishing Permits issued by Fisheries Queensland:

- Three of which provide for the use of fin fish trawl apparatus,
- One of which provides for the use of set mesh net apparatus only;
- One of which provides for the use of drop line and trolling apparatus; and
- One of which provides for the use of drop line and set mesh net apparatus.

Issues

Provision exists for the remaining two QFJA Developmental Fishing Permits allowing for the use of set mesh nets to be surrendered in exchange for N13 fishery symbols. Fisheries Queensland wrote to the holders of these authorities encouraging them to exchange these permits for N13 fishery symbols in early 2013, highlighting that replacement permits may not be issued in the future.

3. Administration Matters

3.1 Annual Reports

Members noted the following reported catch statistics (Table 2) from Queensland noting

Table 2 - Commercial catches of finfish

Species Group	2006- 2007 Catch (t)	2007- 2008 Catch (t)	2008- 2009 Catch (t)	2009- 2010 Catch (t)	2010- 2011 Catch (t)	2011- 2012 Catch (t)
Shark	503	258	214	314	244	137
Grey mackerel	559	599	525	622	866	746
Spanish mackerel	265	291	323	227	210	238
Other fin fish (Line)	48	104	30	11	2	5
Other fin fish (Net)	286	171	187	165	147	118
Trawled fin fish	697	714	714	781	502	448
Grand total	2,358	2,137	1,993	2,120	1,971	1,692

that figures for 2012-2013 will not be available until December 2013 and will be forwarded to members out of session.

4. Other Matters

The next meeting will be held at a date to be determined and, if possible, in conjunction with NAFC (or similar) to reduce costs.

The Chair closed the meeting at approximately 12:45pm

