

INVESTMENT AND INCREASED EFFORT WARNING NOTIFICATION FOR ALL QUEENSLAND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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The Queensland Government has announced that a review of the management of Queensland's fisheries will be commencing in March 2014. The aim of the review is to modernise and simplify fisheries management systems and cut red tape. This will provide the flexibility for industry to prosper, ensure recreational and traditional fishers have reasonable access to the resource, and ensure our lifestyle is maintained.

Existing and new operators in all Queensland commercial fisheries are warned that any expansion of fishing effort or increased investment in these fisheries after 6 March 2014, may not be recognised in assessing applications for new or continued access to these fisheries, following the implementation of any new management arrangements that may be put in place following, or during, the implementation of the outcomes of this review.

Persons not already involved in these fisheries must note this Investment and Increased Effort Warning Notification when contemplating entering into these fisheries and are encouraged to seek their own independent advice prior to making any investment decisions.

This Investment and Increased Effort Warning replaces those investment and increased effort warnings issued previously for the Queensland Mud Crab and Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery (C1 fishery symbol); and the East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery (N1, N2, N4, N10, N11, K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8 fishery symbols).

Contact DAF on 13 25 23 for more information about these warnings.