



Queensland

# Fisheries (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Declaration 2025

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**1 Short title**

This declaration may be cited as the *Fisheries (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Declaration 2025*.

**2 Commencement**

This declaration commences on 1 January 2026.

**3 Declaration amended**

This declaration amends the *Fisheries Declaration 2019*.

**4 Amendment of s 27A (Taking or possessing spanish mackerel in regulated periods—northern spanish mackerel waters)**

Section 27A(2)—

*omit, insert—*

- (2) For subsection (1), each of the following periods is a regulated period—
- (a) from 8 October 2026 to 29 October 2026;
  - (b) from 6 November 2026 to 27 November 2026;
  - (c) from 26 October 2027 to 16 November 2027;
  - (d) from 25 November 2027 to 16 December 2027;
  - (e) from 15 October 2028 to 5 November 2028;
  - (f) from 13 November 2028 to 4 December 2028;
  - (g) from 5 October 2029 to 26 October 2029;
  - (h) from 3 November 2029 to 24 November 2029.

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**5 Insertion of new s 109AA**

Before section 109A—

*insert—*

**109AA Definition for division**

In this division—

***recreational limit***, for fish, means the number or volume of the fish that a recreational fisher may take or possess under this declaration.

**6 Amendment of s 109A (Fish regulated by number or volume)**

(1) Section 109A(2)(h)—

*omit.*

(2) Section 109A(2)(i)—

*renumber* as section 109A(2)(h).

(3) Section 109A(3)—

*omit.*

**7 Insertion of new ss 109B and 109C**

After section 109A—

*insert—*

**109B Regulated number of spanish mackerel in particular waters**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a boat is in tidal waters east of longitude 142°31'49" east; and
- (b) there are more than 4 recreational fishers on the boat; and
- (c) the boat is not taking part in a licensed charter fishing trip.

(2) The person in control of the boat must ensure no

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more than 4 times the recreational limit for spanish mackerel is on the boat.

**109C Regulated number of spanish mackerel in  
Gulf of Carpentaria waters**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) a boat is in the Gulf of Carpentaria waters;  
and
  - (b) there is more than 1 recreational fisher on  
the boat; and
  - (c) the boat is not taking part in a licensed  
charter fishing trip.
- (2) The person in control of the boat must ensure no  
more than twice the recreational limit for spanish  
mackerel is on the boat.

**8 Amendment of sch 5 (Dictionary)**

Schedule 5—

*insert—*

***recreational limit***, for chapter 3, part 3, division  
2, see section 109AA.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the chief executive on 19 December 2025.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 23 December 2025.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Primary Industries.

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