



Queensland

Fisheries Legislation (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Regulation 2026

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Fisheries Legislation (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Regulation 2026*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 February 2026.

Part 2 Amendment of Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019

3 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*.

4 Amendment of s 86 (Entitlement under SM unit)

- (1) Section 86(4), definition *total quota entitlement*, ‘spanish mackerel fishery’—

omit, insert—

spanish mackerel commercial fishery

- (2) Section 86—

insert—

Note—

For the SM year starting on 1 July 2025, see section 181.

5 Amendment of s 119 (Entitlement of transferee)

Section 119(4), ‘Subsection (4)’—

omit, insert—

Subsection (3)

6 Insertion of new ch 7, pt 4

Chapter 7—

insert—

Part 4

**Transitional provision
for Fisheries
Legislation (Spanish
Mackerel) Amendment
Regulation 2026**

**181 Application of increased total quota
entitlement for 2025–2026 SM year**

- (1) This section applies to each SM unit held by the holder of an SM licence on 1 February 2026.
- (2) The holder’s entitlement under the SM unit for the SM year starting on 1 July 2025 must be worked out under section 86 using the increased total quota entitlement for spanish mackerel.

Example—

The total number of SM units that have been issued is 577,984. The increased total quota entitlement for spanish mackerel for the SM year starting on 1 July 2025 is 250t.

Under subsection (2), the entitlement under each SM unit held by the holder of an SM licence on 1 February 2026 for the SM year is 0.43253792492kg, being 250t divided by 577,984.

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If the holder holds 1,000 SM units on 1 February 2026, the holder's total entitlement under the SM units is 432.53792492kg, being 1,000 times 0.43253792492kg.

(3) In this section—

increased total quota entitlement, for spanish mackerel, means the total quota entitlement for spanish mackerel for the SM year starting on 1 July 2025, as increased by the *Fisheries Legislation (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Regulation 2026*.

total quota entitlement, for spanish mackerel, for an SM year, means the total quota entitlement stated for spanish mackerel in the quota declaration for the spanish mackerel commercial fishery for the SM year.

Part 3 **Amendment of Fisheries Quota Declaration 2019**

7 Declaration amended

This part amends the *Fisheries Quota Declaration 2019*.

8 Insertion of new s 5

After section 4—

insert—

5 Transitional provision for Fisheries Legislation (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Regulation 2026

The total quota entitlement for the spanish mackerel commercial fishery for spanish mackerel, as increased by the *Fisheries Legislation (Spanish Mackerel) Amendment Regulation 2026*, applies for—

- (a) the SM year starting on 1 July 2025; and
- (b) a subsequent SM year.

Note—

See the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, section 181 for working out a holder's entitlement under SM units for the SM year starting on 1 July 2025 using the increased total quota entitlement.

9 Amendment of sch 1 (Total quota entitlements)

- (1) Schedule 1, part 4, entry for spanish mackerel fishery—
omit, insert—

Spanish mackerel commercial fishery

Column 1—fish	Column 2—amount
spanish mackerel	250t

- (2) Schedule 1, part 4, entry for reef line fishery, 'Reef line fishery'—
omit, insert—

Reef line commercial fishery

Endnotes

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 22 January 2026.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 23 January 2026.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Primary Industries.

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