

Fisheries Management (Clarence River Estuary General Prawning Special Approval) Order 2026

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, Heath Folpp, Director, Fisheries Management, with the delegated authority of the Minister and Secretary under sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (**the Act**), make this order under section 37 of the Act.

Dated this 5th day of June 2026



Heath Folpp

Director Fisheries Management

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (Clarence River Estuary General Prawning Special Approval) Order 2026*.

2. Commencement and duration

This order commences on the day on which it is published on the website of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

- (1) This order remains in force until 20 June 2026 (inclusive).

3. Definitions

In this Order:

EGSMP means the Fisheries Management (Estuary General Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006

endorsement holder means a commercial fisher who holds a prawning endorsement – region 2 or a prawning endorsement – region 1 that also authorises the taking of fish in the Clarence River

estuary general fishery means the fishery of that name declared under Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*

the dark means the period commencing 3 days after a full moon and ending 3 days after the next new moon

prawn net (set pocket) means the net described in item 8 of the Table to clause 24 of the EGSMP

region 1 means Upper North Coast – Region 1 as described in the Table to clause 4 of the EGSMP

region 2 means Clarence – Region 2 as described in the Table to clause 4 of the EGSMP

Part 2 Special approval for authorised purposes

3. Use of a prawn net (set pocket)

(1) Despite clause 24(3)(b) of the EGSMP:

- a) an endorsement holder may use a prawn net (set pocket) between 1 June 2026 and 20 June 2026 (inclusive)
 - (i) from sunrise to sunset on weekdays
 - (ii) on weekends during the dark

Note: Other than where expressly stated, this order does not authorise use of a prawn net (set pocket) net contrary to any regulations or instruments made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.