1. The *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999* (the Plan) is subordinate legislation and complements the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* in achieving the objectives of the *Fisheries Act 1994*. The Fisheries Act provides for the use, conservation and enhancement of the community’s fisheries resources and fish habitats in a way that seeks to promote ecologically sustainable development.
2. It is proposed to amend the Management Plan to extend the closure periods for four existing Scallop Replenishment Areas; reinstate two areas that expired on 1 January 2008 (and therefore are currently open to trawling); and remove the expiration provisions for three existing areas.
3. This will allow time to complete a project being undertaken to assess a series of harvest strategy options for the Queensland saucer scallop fishery.
4. A Combined Fisheries Management Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and draft Public Benefit Test (PBT) was released in July 2008 for public consultation. This submission deals only with the Scallop Replenishment Area proposals contained in the RIS/PBT, as the legislation needs to be implemented by 1 November 2008 to ensure continued operation of the rotational closure of all six areas, pending completion of the relevant research and review of the Management Plan.
5. Cabinet approved that the *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Amendment Management Plan (No. 1) 2008* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
6. Cabinet noted that the *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Amendment Management Plan (No. 1) 2008* will be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after publication in the Government Gazette.
7. *Attachments*
* [*Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Amendment Management Plan (No. 1) 2008*](attachments/Fisheries%20East%20Coast%20Trawl%20Amendment%20Management%20Plan%20No%201.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Fisheries%20East%20Coast%20Trawl%20Amd%20Mgt%20Plan%20No%201EXPNOTES.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](attachments/RIS%20Fisheries%20East%20Coast%20Trawl%20Amd%20Mgt%20Plan%20No%201%20RIS.pdf)