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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Sunfish Statement on Diseased Fish at Gladstone - 21 October 2011

- The Government and Gladstone harbour industries need to properly address the future of fishing in this area. Sunfish offers to cooperate.
- This harbour is a highly developed and developing area and impacts on aquatic habitats and fish stocks are inevitable but must be properly managed.
- Commercial fishing in this area has become unacceptable and the complaints about commercially caught seafood puts the whole area in a very bad light. Commercial fishery restructuring and removal is urgently required and should be funded by Government and the industries that benefit from the harbour area.
- Recreational fishing in the harbour and nearby areas should continue, with reasonable offsets provided to ensure the continuation of the recreational fishing experience. The future of recreational fishing in areas of very heavy industrial use should be the subject of consultations and decisions at the local level involving rec fisher representatives.

Sincerely,

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*Representing the interests of Recreational Fishing*