



# Fishing for the Future

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Dr Barry Pollock, Chairman of Sunfish Qld welcomed the announcement today by Minister Wallace regarding the Rocky Reef Fishery. This ends a period of much speculation and great turmoil surrounding stakeholders in this fishery. Snapper are an iconic recreational species and it is essential that their sustainability is assured.

He said that these changes are in line with the Sunfish submission and will satisfy the precautionary principle until the lack of reliable science and better data is available. By the review in 2014 we should have much more reliable and ground truthed data.

Sunfish Qld would encourage snapper fishers to take part in the online monitoring program being developed as part of this decision to help provide a reliable picture of the snapper fishery now and into the future.

We also welcome Minister Wallace's announcement of a new recreational fishing advisory group. It is long overdue that the recreational fishing sector had a voice directly to the Minister and government. The needs of the recreational sector are quite different from those of the charter and commercial sectors and Sunfish as part of this new advisory group will be promoting this statewide need.

Sunfish Qld always tries to work with government and the relevant departments for the future of the recreational fishery.

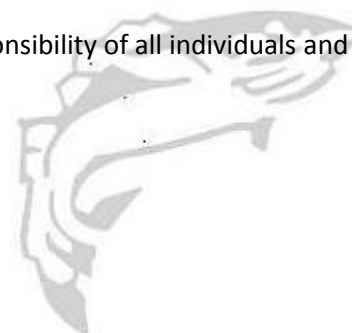
Dr. Pollock said that the wise use of this State's fishing resources is the responsibility of all individuals and this is a good first step by the Government.

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