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RECREATIONAL FISHERS MEET TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FRASER ISLAND BIO -REGION

**Hervey Bay Boat Club on Tuesday 11th of May
commencing 7 pm**

Sunfish Fraser Coast will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday the 11th of May to discuss the Federal Government's marine bioregional planning program – in particular the proposed FRASER AREA FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENT.

The proposed Fraser area bio-region offshore from Rainbow Beach covers 13,042 km² of water from approx Double island point in the South to the wreck of the Maheno in the North. The meeting will be held at the Hervey Bay Boat Club on Tuesday the 11th of May commencing at 7 pm.

Scott Mitchell Chairman of Sunfish Fraser Coast said the proposed zone could have serious implications for all recreational fishers, offshore charter operators and the commercial sector who use this important area.

The purpose of the meeting is to outline the proposal, but more importantly gain the views of the public & fishers on the size & importance of this fishery. Identifying the areas used and the ramifications to the local communities if any further access to fishing is lost due to this proposal.

Scott went on to say that "any further restrictions to fishing access in this region will have a severe economic impact on the surrounding local communities". We need to work together on this issue and present a strong case to the authorities to get the best deal possible.

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