

# Proposed net-free fishing zone

Proposal as at 12 May 2015

## Trinity Bay

The proposed net-free fishing zone of Trinity Bay is 85.58 square kilometres in size (including Trinity Bay and inlet). There are no 'green' or 'yellow' marine park zones within the area.

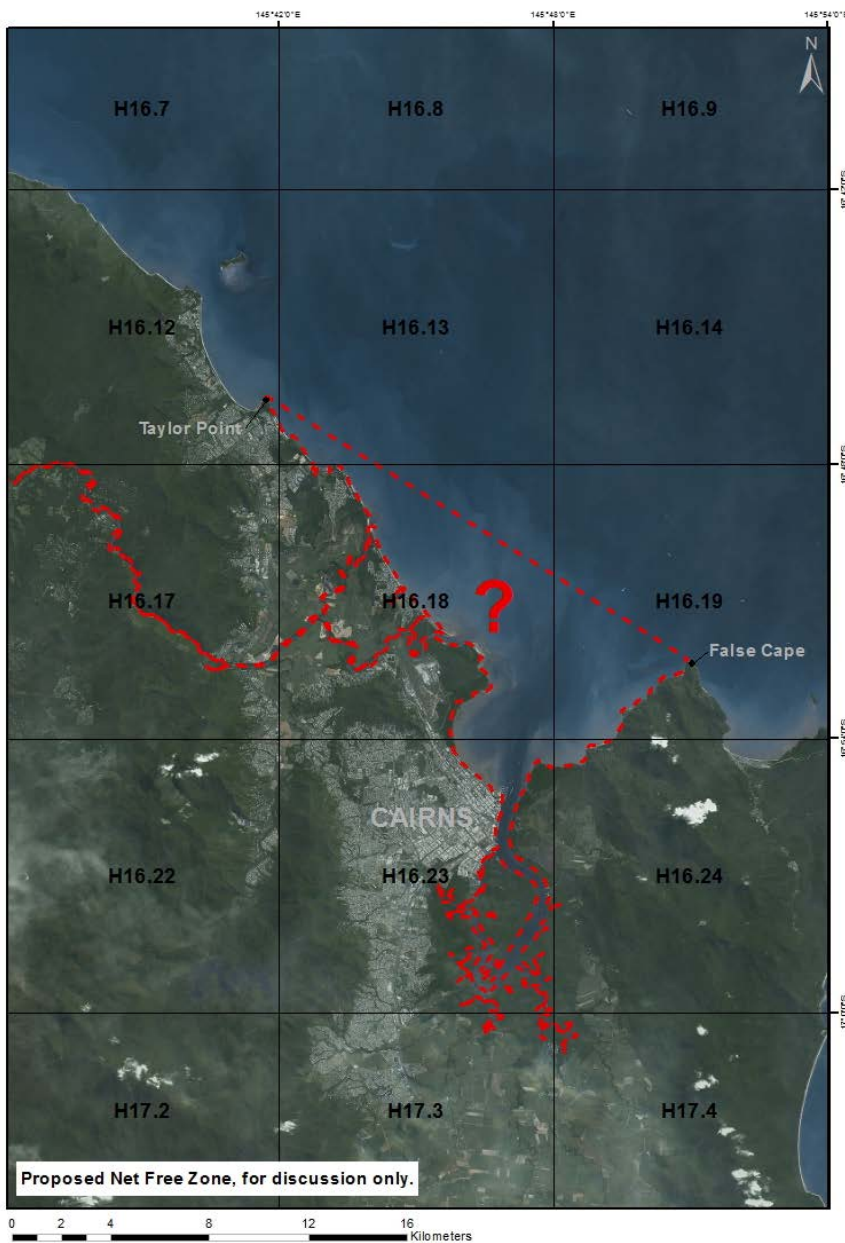


Image 1: Proposed net-free fishing zone

**Table 1: Average net catch statistics (2012 – 2014)**

Top caught species	Average catch in proposed zone (t)*	Proposed zone catch as % of East Coast	Average catch in Queensland by all licences (t)		
			Average East Coast	Average Gulf of Carpentaria	Average total Queensland
King threadfin	6.91	3.57	193.67	209.96	403.63
Queenfish	6.41	5.64	113.61	6.48	120.08
Mullet	4.27	0.23	1,828.46	1.03	1,829.48
Grey mackerel	4.04	2.02	200.46	581.11	781.57
Blue threadfin	3.54	2.35	150.46	42.82	193.28
Barramundi	2.12	0.55	386.81	629.40	1,016.21
<b>All species average</b>	<b>34.15</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>4,325.75</b>	<b>1,838.32</b>	<b>6,164.07</b>

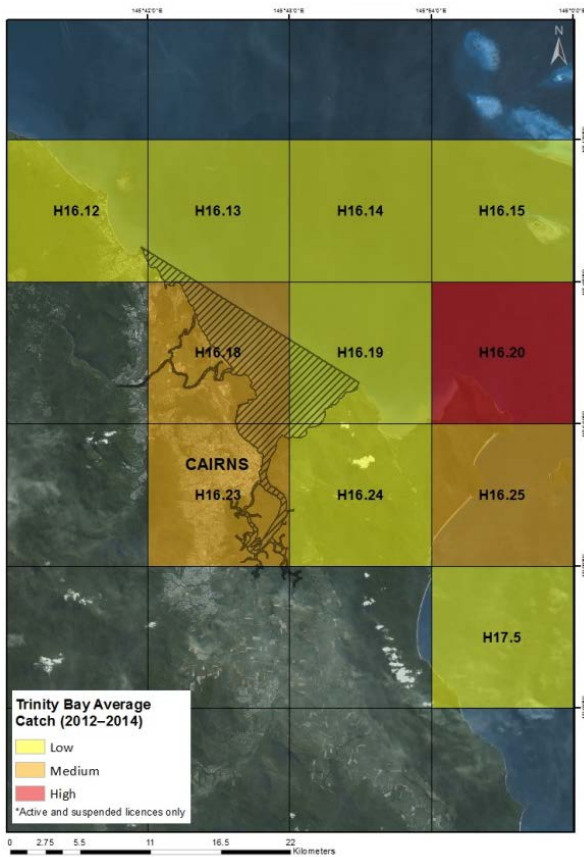
**Table 2: Net effort comparison**

	2012	2013	2014
Number of licences currently operating in the zone	5	6	5
Full time equivalent licences operating in zone **	3	3	3
Total number of licences authorised to operate in the east coast net fishery***	497	458	412
Total number of days fished in the zone by licences authorised to operate in the east coast net fishery.	191	118	160
Total number of days fished by licences authorised to operate in the east coast net fishery (including inside the zone)	23,181	21,836	18,767
Total number of days fished in all east coast commercial fisheries by all licences	120,397	116,970	115,253

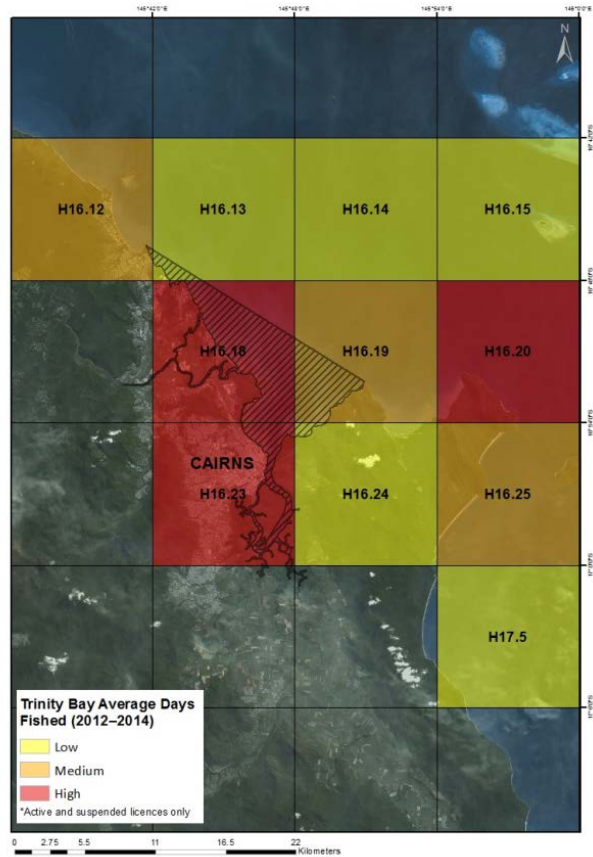
\*These figures include catch from licences which were bought out during the Net Buyback process 2012–2014.

\*\*This number is calculated by looking at the activity of current licences inside and outside the proposed net-free fishing zone. For example if two licences reported as fishing 50% of their time inside the zone this would equate to one full time licence.

\*\*\*As at 13 April 2015 there are 411 licences with symbols which allow access to the east coast net fishery. There are 282 symbols that allow the use of large mesh nets (99 N1's, 120 N2's, 4 N4's, 22 N10's and 36 K's) and 305 symbols that allow the use of small mesh nets (N11). Over half of the 411 licences have both large mesh and small mesh fishery symbols.



**Image 2: Average catch (2012 – 2014)**



**Image 3: Average days fished (2012 – 2014)**

These datasets are licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NoDerivs 3.0 Australia License. To view a copy of this licence, visit: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/au/>

While every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of these data, all data custodians and/or the State of Queensland makes no representations or warranties about its accuracy, reliability, completeness or suitability for any particular purpose and disclaims all responsibility and all liability including without limitation, liability in negligence) for all expenses, losses, damages (including indirect or consequential damage) and costs to which you might incur as a result of the data being inaccurate or incomplete in any way and for any reason.

