

6. Summary of Recommended Solutions

	Recommended Solutions	Stakeholder Endorsement			Government Response
		WBB CC	FoB	HB CofC	
3.1.1	That full consultation take place with all stakeholders including tourism during the process of identification of 'declared species'.	✓	✓	✓	Seems to be implemented
3.1.2	The requirement for bait gatherers to restore any habitat disturbed while carrying out gathering is too broad and should be deleted as it is impossible to enforce and generally happens naturally with the incoming tide. While this aspect of the environment needs conservation, consultation with all relevant stakeholders is required to determine what specific habitats are being affected and what effective measures are required to protect these habitats.	✓	✓	✓	Seems to be implemented
3.1.3	The words after implement in Table 1 on page 26 should be deleted as a specific number of bait is difficult if not impossible to enforce as well as being impracticable for recreational/tourist fishing.	✓	✓	✓	Seems to be implemented
3.2.1	Further limits on lines/rods and number of hooks or bag limits could only be considered on tourist/recreation fishing in Conservation Park Zones where there is no non-conforming activities. Any proposal to place bag limits on certain fish species or limit lines/rods and number of hooks should be developed in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.	✓	✓	✓	Government amendment to tourist restriction 3 lines/3 hooks
3.2.2	For the purposes of this Strategy, and to ensure all types of gang hook arrangements are covered, the definition of a hook should be "an arrangement designed to carry one bait for the purpose of catching one fish".	✓	✓	✓	Doesn't seem to be implemented
3.2.3	That ultimately the Great Sandy Strait area be entirely a Conservation Park Zone (except for the areas designated Marine National Park and Buffer Zone). That as a stage 1 the Great Sandy Strait area be half Conservation Park Zone and half Habitat Protection Zone (except as effected by designated Marine National Park and Buffer Zone locations) to encourage replenishment of fish species and increase tourist visitation to the region and provide for commercial fishing. In particular that the following areas be Conservation Park Zone:	✓	✓	✓	Not implemented
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of the northern boundary of the Ramsar area boundary to a line from the southern bank of Pulgul Creek to the most western point of Duck Island, then east of a line from here to the yellow beacon adjacent to Yeenyargoor Creek, then continuing on to the mean high water springs on Fraser Island. (except for the areas within this area to be designated Buffer Zone as discussed later) • The Mary and Susan Rivers 				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South and East of a line from North Head of the Mary River Heads to the Yellow beacon S14, then a line around the east side of Walsh Island, Booker Island, then to the green beacon S25, then to the red beacon S22, then to the red beacon S24, then to the green beacon S27, then to the eastern boundary of Tooth Island, to the western boundary of the Moonboom Islands, to the yellow beacon TC2 to the green beacon S41, to the green beacon T1 to the yellow beacon T2, to Inskip Point. (Except for Turkey Island and the area between Turkey Island and the mainland to be designated Marine National Park Zone as discussed later) That all other areas in the Ramsar area boundary of the Great Sandy Strait, other than those outlined above be Habitat Protection Zone until no later than 12 months after the implementation of a system that allows commercial fishermen currently operating in the Fraser Coast to choose to continue their operations or accept a voluntary buy back of their licence while restricting any further commercial fishing operations in the Great Sandy Marine Park. Also at this point in time, that consideration be given to designating further areas within the Great Sandy Strait, as Marine National Park and/or Buffer Zone areas. 				
3.2.4	That the State Government, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, formulate a system that allows commercial fishermen currently operating in the Fraser Coast to choose to continue their operations or accept a voluntary buy back of their licence while restricting any further commercial fishing operations in the Fraser Coast.	✓	✓	✓	Not implemented
3.3.2	The current system for whale watching permits should be maintained. This system places a regulatory cap of 20 on the number of whale watch permits and then allows normal market forces to dictate the viable number of operators each particular year. This strikes the right balance, to this point in time, between sustainable tourism and protecting the environment.	✓	✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
3.4.1	Generally support the suggested locations for General Use Zone except as effected by recommendations below.	✓	✓	✓	N/A
3.4.2.1	The following should be added to the current proposed locations for Habitat Protection Zones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Burrum Point to 500m offshore and approximately 500m north of Coongul Creek. From 500m offshore and north of Coongul Creek to Rooneys Point Half of the Great Sandy Strait area as previously outlined 	✓	✓	✓	Partial implementation
3.4.2.2	That the area from the high tide mark to 500 metres offshore on the East Coast of Fraser Island from Dundaburra to Indian Head be a Habitat Protection Zone.	✓	✓	✓	Not Implemented

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3.4.3	<p>The current proposed locations for Conservation Park Zones should be extended to include the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To 500m offshore from Theodolite Creek to Burrum Point, then west of a line from Burrum Point to last marker off Beilby Creek (including Burrum River system) to 500m off Point Vernon to beacon EU1 continuing on in a straight-line to northern boundary of Ramsar Area. Half of the Great Sandy Strait area (as previously outlined) To 500m offshore from Sandy Cape to southern end of the Marine National Park Zone area at Sandy Cape To 500m offshore from Moon Point to Wathumba Creek 	✓	✓	✓	<p>Partial Implementation</p> <p>Not Implemented</p> <p>Not Implemented</p> <p>Not Implemented (previously designated areas actually deleted)</p>
3.4.4	<p>The current proposed locations for Buffer Zones should be extended to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 25°19'S due west to the northern tip of Little Woody Island, then due south along 153°01'E to 153°01'E-25°21'S then due east along 25°21'S to the coastline (Boon Boon Rocks), including all creeks within this area (i.e. Urang Creek, Poyungan Creek). Duck Island <p>That a trial research program be established to monitor the effects of catch and release fishing in the above named areas.</p>	Partial support	✓	✓	<p>Not Implemented</p> <p>Not Implemented</p>
3.4.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most northern location illustrated as a Marine National Park Zone should remain as indicated. The Marine National Park Zone area around Rooney's Point needs to be amended so that one of the two inshore reefs known as South Keith's Reef is included in this Marine National Park Zone and the other inshore reef known as North Keith's Reef should be located in a Habitat Protection Zone. This location should also then extent to the mean high water springs. 	✓	✓	✓	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Not Implemented</p>
3.4.5.2	<p>The suggested location for the Marine National Park Zone around Turkey Island should be extended from both ends of the island in a straight line to the mainland.</p>	✓	✓	✓	<p>Partial Implementation</p>
3.4.5.3	<p>The location for a Marine National Park Zone in the Middle Rocks area should start from the northern rocks of Champagne Pools and finish at the southern rocks of the Champagne Pools</p>	✓	✓	✓	<p>Implemented</p>

3.4.5.4	Extend the two suggested locations for Marine National Park Zones in the areas described on pages 30 and 31 of the Strategy as 'Hervey Bay – Seagrass' and 'Fork Bank' to account for the areas decreased by the Recommended Solutions listed above to ensure the total area of the Marine National Park Zone is 3.8% of the Marine Park (although the accuracy of the boundaries of Fork Bank to protect the identified values is questionable).	✓	✓	✓	Partial Implementation
3.5.1	In consultation with all relevant stakeholders a certain speed should be set as a self-regulated guide only for all vessels in designated Go-Slow Areas.		✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
3.5.2	The following amendments should be made to the current proposals on page 38 of the Strategy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete the suggested area described as Mouth of Burrum River (Intertidal areas from Burrum point to Beelbi Creek north and upstream to Walkers Point excluding the main Burrum River channel). Amend the suggested area described as intertidal flats between Big Woody Island, Urangan and River Heads to be "From the south bank of Pulgul Creek to the green beacon on the bottom of Picnic Island to River Heads." Amend the suggested area described as Kauri Creek at mouth, to add the words "from the boat ramp to the mouth" at the end. Amend the area described as Double Island Point – 500m around the Point to be 200m around the Point. 		✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
3.5.3	In regards to the suggested Go-Slow area around Moon Point, delete the words 'including to 300m offshore to Moon Point'		✓	✓	Current Plan Provides no comment
3.5.4	The Great Sandy Strait area, proposed to be a Conservation Park Zone, should not allow the non-conforming activity of commercial fishing	✓	✓	✓	Not Implemented
3.6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The requirements for aviation operators in each of the proposed Zones should be no more than the current requirements in the Hervey Bay Marine Park Zoning Plan (see 5.2 (a) (xvii) of Hervey Bay Marine Park Plan) i.e. the operation of aircraft allowed at an altitude of not less than 500 feet above ground and water – unless due to weather (CASA). Also there should be no limitations placed on aircraft landing in any of the proposed zones in the Marine Park. The Entry or Use of Whale Management and Monitoring Area provisions (page 47 of the Strategy) are not consistent with the current Hervey Bay Marine Park Plan. These provisions on page 47 of the Strategy should be changed to be consistent with Section 6 of the Hervey Bay Marine Park Plan and in particular part (7) should be amended to read the same as 6.3 (b) (vi) of the Hervey Bay Marine Park Plan, i.e. 300 metres. 	✓	✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Marine Park Advisory Committee/s referred to in the Hervey Bay Marine Park Plan should be reactivated or re-established and contain more tourism industry representatives, nominated by the Fraser Coast South Burnett Regional Tourism Board. Aircraft travelling through the proposed Great Sandy Marine Park to land at Hervey Bay airport should be allowed to do this without permission. 			Current Plan provides no comment
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3.6.2	<p>In the section Conservation Park Zone – Use or Entry without Permission (page 45 of the Strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> amend (b) (i) to delete the words ‘using no more than 1 line and 1 hook attached to that line, per person’, and amend (b) (ii) to delete the word ‘limited’ <p>In the section Conservation Park Zone – Use or Entry with Permission (page 45 of the Strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> add at the end of (l) “including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) dredging; or (ii) dumping of spoil; or (iii) reclamation; or (iv) beach protection works; or (v) harbour works; “ 	✓	✓	Government amendment to 3 lines/ 3 hooks
	<p>In the section Buffer Zones – Objectives for Buffer Zone (page 45 of the Strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> amend to add the word ‘and’ at the end of (b) (ii) and add “(b) (iii) barb-less hook catch and release fishing” 	✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
	<p>In the section Buffer Zones – Use or Entry without Permission (page 45 of the Strategy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend (b) to read “(b) fishing involving the taking of pelagic species by trolling or barb-less hook catch and release fishing.” 	✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment
3.6.3	Section (10) (c) on page 47 of the Strategy should be amended to be a speed of 25 knots.	✓	✓	Current Plan provides no comment

Illustration of FCSBT Recommended Solutions

Map 3

Proposed zones for the Great Sandy Marine Park - Northern Section

Appendix A – Illustration of Recommended Solutions

(Zone locations are not exact – refer to main submission for accurate details)

