



All licence holders
Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster,
Spanish Mackerel and Reef Line Fisheries

8 September 2006

**Request to extend the period of Public Comments on the Allocation
Advisory Panel Draft Reports of Advice for the Torres Strait Tropical
Rock Lobster and Finfish Fisheries**

Dear Licence holder,

I received a written request from the President of the Queensland Rock Lobster Association on 24 August 2006 requesting an extension to the public comment period on the Allocation Advisory Panel draft report of advice for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery.

The Allocation Advisory Panel has considered this request and has decided to extend the public consultation period on both the Tropical Rock Lobster and Finfish fishery draft reports until 4 October 2006. Please note that this extension now brings the period of public comment to 45 days, which is 17 days more than the 28 day period required under the Allocation Advisory Panel terms of reference provided by the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA).

The Allocation Advisory Panel is due to deliver its final report of recommendations at the 20th meeting of the PZJA scheduled for 25 – 26 October 2006. The Allocation Advisory Panel must ensure that sufficient time is allowed for the consideration of public comments received on the draft report. We will be unable to accommodate any further extensions of the public comment period past 4 October 2006.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact the Allocation Advisory Panel Secretariat, Mr Stephen Colquitt on (02) 6272 3752.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeffrey Miles'.

Jeffrey Miles AO
Chair
Allocation Advisory Panel