

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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I, David Robert Connolly, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Fisheries Act 1988*.

Responsible Minister:

G. P. MALEY
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

D. R. CONNOLLY
Administrator

Date of making: 30 April 2026

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Fisheries Amendment Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

- (1) These Regulations, other than Part 3, commence on the day after the day on which they are made.
- (2) Part 3 commences on 1 July 2026.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Fisheries Regulations 1992*.

Part 2 Amendments commencing on day after making

4 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) Regulation 3(1), definition ***Food Standards Code***

omit

- (2) Regulation 3(1)

insert

Food Standards Code, see section 6 of the *Food Act 2004*.

tarpon, for Part 5, Division 2, see regulation 46AA.

5 Regulation 46AA amended (Definitions)

Regulation 46AA

insert

tarpon means fish of the species *Megalops cyprinoides* (commonly known as Indo-Pacific tarpon).

6 Regulation 46AB amended (Amateur possession limits – specified fish)

Regulation 46AB(2), table

omit, insert

Item	Specified fish	Permitted number
1	baitfish (Division 2)	50
2	billfish	1
3	black jewfish	2
4	bream	15
5	cephalopods	30
6	cod	5
7	crabs	30
8	golden snapper	3
9	king threadfin	3
10	mangrove jack	3
11	pilchards	100
12	red snapper (Division 2)	10
13	sharks (Division 2)	3
14	tarpon	30

7 Regulation 46B amended (Amateur possession limits – general)

Regulation 46B(1), definition ***fish***, after paragraph (e)

insert

(ea) tarpon;

Part 3 Amendments commencing on 1 July 2026

8 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) Regulation 3(1), definition ***total allowable catch***
omit, insert
total allowable catch:
- (a) for Part 8, Division 1 – see regulation 78D; or
 - (b) for Part 8, Division 5 – see regulation 96CE(1); or
 - (c) for Part 8, Division 6 – see regulation 107A; or
 - (d) for Part 8, Division 10 – see regulation 122C(1); or
 - (e) for Part 8, Division 15 – see regulation 141H.
- (2) Regulation 3(1), definition ***licensing year***
omit
expiring with
insert
ending on

9 Regulation 96CE replaced

Regulation 96CE

repeal, insert

96CE Total allowable catch

- (1) The ***total allowable catch*** is the total amount of fish of a species group that may be taken under all ONLF licences during a licensing year.
- (2) The total allowable catch is expressed in kilograms.
- (3) Subject to subregulation (4), the Minister must, by *Gazette* notice, determine the total allowable catch for each species group for a licensing year.

- (4) For Grey Mackerel, the Minister must determine the total allowable catch for each of:
- (a) the Western Grey Mackerel Management Zone; and
 - (b) the Eastern Grey Mackerel Management Zone.

10 Regulation 96CF amended (Quota units generally)

- (1) Regulation 96CF(4)

omit

licence

insert

licensing

- (2) Regulation 96CF(6)

omit, insert

- (6) The Joint Authority must, if satisfied the holder of an ONLF licence has used one or more quota units attached to the licence, cancel the number of units attached to the licence that equals the number of units used.

11 Regulation 96CH repealed (Additional allocation of quota units for undercatch)

Regulation 96CH

repeal

12 Regulations further amended

The Schedule has effect.

Part 4 Repeal of Regulations

13 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.

Schedule Regulations further amended

regulation 12

Provision	Amendment	
	<i>omit</i>	<i>insert</i>
regulations 78D, 78E(3) and 78F(1) and (2)	licence year	licensing year
regulation 96CD(a) and (b)	grey mackerel species	Grey Mackerel
regulations 96CG(1) and (2) and 96CI(1)(a) and (b), (4) and (5)	licence year	licensing year
regulation 100C(3)(b)(i)	species	
regulations 100F(3)(b), 107A, 107B(3), 107C(1) and (2), 107D(1)(a) and (b), 107J(1) and (3), 141H, 141J(3), 141JA(1) and (2) and 141JB(1)(a) and (b)	licence year	licensing year