

# CAREFISH

## CAirns REcreational Fishing Industry Stake Holders

CAREFISH is a group of recreational fishing industry stake holders interested in improving the recreational fishing experience around Cairns and its surrounding areas. It is a 'round table' organisation. Participants are welcome and typically involve the tackle shop owners and managers, fishing guides, fishing tourism providers, charter boat owners and skippers, fishing 'journos', fishing club execs, boat hire operators, recreational boat sales and service owners and managers as well as research personnel.

CAREFISH is about information sharing. It is about making sure that as much information affecting recreational fishing and the many issues connected to it, is networked and discussed. CAREFISH sometimes makes representation on behalf of all, offering authorities, research personnel and other stakeholders a clear and concise view of its opinions.

Currently it is an informal electronic meeting place designed to collect the thoughts and views of the members, discuss those views and form strategies to act or lobby to the best of the group's ability.

CAREFISH is linked with other likeminded groups up and down the coast and works with:

NSF (Network for Sustainable Fishing), Cooktown, Port Douglas, Cairns, Mackay and Rockhampton.

Cooktown Fishing Restoration Group

Sunfish Tablelands

Mackay Recreational Fishing Alliance

Frazer Coast Fishing Alliance

Sunfish Head Office

Len Olyott (formerly head Recfish Aust) now independent consultant

Recfish Australia

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CAREFISH is currently discussing links with AFANT, ECOFISHERS, Marine Qld and FFC amongst others. CAREFISH is an enthusiastic group linking many active and vocal individuals in the rec fishing industry, and their own networks. For further information please contact:

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