

RECOMMENDATION

PSEUDOMUGIL MELLIS - HONEY BLUE-EYE

The Fisheries Scientific Committee, established under Part 7A of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (the Act), has made a recommendation to remove the honey blue-eye, *Pseudomugil mellis*, from Schedule 5 of the Act.

The amendment of Schedule 5, VULNERABLE SPECIES is provided for by Part 7A, Division 2 of the Act.

The Fisheries Scientific Committee has found that:

1. The honey blue-eye, *Pseudomugil mellis* Allen and Ivantsoff 1982, of the family Pseudomugilidae, is a valid species.
2. *Pseudomugil mellis* is considered a threatened species nationally and in Queensland.
3. *Pseudomugil mellis* has been found to occur in Queensland from about Brisbane north to Bundaberg, and also on Fraser Island. The species has not been found to occur in New South Wales waters.
4. Museum records, and additional information from independent, nationally recognised experts on the distribution of the species confirm that it has never been recorded from NSW.
5. In light of 3 and 4 above, the Fisheries Scientific Committee has determined that *Pseudomugil mellis* is ineligible for listing as a VULNERABLE SPECIES on Schedule 5 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, and accordingly that the Schedule be amended by removal of that species.

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