



Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council held its third meeting Coffs Harbour on 18 September 2014. Key outcomes from that meeting were as follows:

1. Draft Resource Sharing Policy

The Council has finalised its preparation of a draft Resource Sharing Policy for NSW fisheries in accordance with the priority placed on this matter by the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP. This draft will now be circulated to key stakeholder groups for their input, prior to finalisation at Council's next meeting which will be held in Sydney on 5 December 2014.

2. Priorities and Challenges facing all fisheries sectors in NSW

Following constructive input from stakeholders, the Council has prepared a draft document outlining the Priorities and Challenges facing all fisheries sectors in NSW. This will be finalised at Council's meeting on 5 December 2014 and submitted to the Minister for Primary Industries for her consideration.

3. Presentations

The Council received presentations from Tricia Beatty, Executive Officer of the NSW Professional Fishermen's Association and Mr Andrew Goulstone, Director, Commercial Fisheries with DPI - amongst other things, both provided an update on the commercial fisheries reform program.

Council also received a presentation from Council Member Mr Mark Bulley and Mr Craig Copeland, Manager Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation on fish habitats. Council Members agreed that fish habitat is an important issue that all sectors can embrace and that it is an opportunity for positive participation. In this respect Council agreed to the Chair writing to the Minister promoting fish habitat issues.

Richard Stevens
Chair
21 October 2014