

**Abalone Management Advisory Committee Meeting
FINAL AGENDA
6 November 2007 (1:00 – 5:00 pm)
Main Conference Room
Cronulla Fisheries Centre, CRONULLA, NSW 2230**

Attendees:

Warren	Martin	Chairperson
George	Chung	Industry
Dennis	Luobikis	Industry
Jim	Miller	Industry
Steven	Hunter	Industry
Garry	Warren	Industry
Giselle	Firme	NCC Representative
Dianna	Watkins	NSW DPI, Manager, Commercial Fisheries
Nathan	McNamara	Secretariat

Observers:

Duncan	Worthington	Abalone Stakeholder
Ian	Cartwright	Special Abalone Recovery Group
John	Smythe	Special Abalone Recovery Group
Wendell	Weston	Abalone Stakeholder
Peter	Turnell	SARG Co-ordinator
Jackie	Gerard	SARG Secretariat

Agenda Items

1. Preliminaries a) Welcomes and Apologies b) Agreement on Agenda for 6 November 2007 c) Confirmation of final draft outcomes from previous AbMAC meeting held on the 27 September 2007 d) Matters that have been raised through the Courts or avenues such as the Ombudsman's Office or the ICAC	Page 2	Chairperson
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Agenda Item 1**Chairperson****Issue**

Preliminaries

Background**a) Welcome and apologies**

Mr Peter Plunkett has been appointed as the Recreational Representative to AbMAC and forwards his apologies for this meeting. Mr Plunkett has advised he will be available for future meetings.

b) Agreement on the Agenda for this meeting - noting this is a special meeting dedicated to matters being considered by the SARG

c) Confirmation of final draft outcomes for AbMAC meeting 27 September 2007 (Appendix 1).

Agenda Item 1 (d)**Chairperson****Issue**

Matters that have been raised through the Courts or avenues such as the Ombudsman's Office or the ICAC.

Background:

There is currently at least one matter relating to the abalone share management fishery subject to legal action.

DPI also understands that a number of matters have been raised with the Ombudsman's Office and ICAC in relation to the abalone share management fishery and associated administrative processes.

DPI is of the view that these matters should not be discussed and request that members respect this view.

Outcome

For information

Agenda Item 2**Chairperson****Issue**

Business arising from previous meetings

Background

a) Correspondence sent and received since the previous AbMAC meeting held on 27 September 2007.

The AbMAC correspondence list is contained in Appendix 3. One out of session agenda item has been forwarded to AbMAC for comment since the last meeting held on 27 September 2007.

Outcomes

For information

AbMAC Action List

Action Items	Date Raised	Status
1. Chairperson to write to IFSWG regarding indigenous representation on ABMAC.	July 01	Ongoing. Cabinet approved the Minister's recommendation to appoint an Aboriginal representative to AbMAC on 21/3/06. The representative accepted the offer of membership on 22/5/06 and resigned on 22/8/06 - It is proposed to remove this item from the ongoing action list.
2. DPI to conduct a survey with the aim of standardising bin weights	March 05	In Progress. Analysis of survey results is underway.
3. Industry to advise with regard to the recommendation to rescind the Regulation to allow tendering of more SUTS endorsements	March 05	Pending
4. DPI Management to amend agenda item 3 from 27-09-2007 agenda to reflect that the item was submitted by all industry representatives	Sept 07	Complete, Agenda amended and placed on website
5. Industry/DPI develop a small working group to consider and report back on the type of information that can be provided as part of the budget setting process	Sept 07	Pending
6. DPI to forward the TAC Committees meeting schedule (when finalised)	Sept 07	Pending
7. DPI Management (with input from Industry representatives) prepare an agenda item for next meeting regarding recreational and illegal abalone catches	Sept 07	Pending – Next full AbMAC meeting
8. DPI to inform AbMAC on the progress of the SIAC nominations	Sept 07	In Progress – within Government approval processes
9. DPI to provide a reconciliation with explanations of expenditures on FMS and EIS projects, particularly in relation to an apparent overspend of the budget.	Sept 07	Pending - Budget estimates & expenditure July 2005 to May 2007 provided to JAWG representatives on 1 June 2007 by Management Planning
10. DPI Management and AbMAC Representatives to develop a framework for payment of sitting fees and travel costs for non AbMAC meetings	Sept 07	Pending
11. DPI Management Planning to consult with AbMAC on the SUTS review of environmental factors	Sept 07	In progress – will be submitted when draft is completed
12. Forward outcomes from Industry Workshop held on the 26 September 2007	Sept 07	Complete – Sent 9/10/2007
13. Chairperson to forward motion to SARG supporting the increase in minimum size limit to 117mm, with potential for staged increase/decrease in the future	Sept 07	Complete – refer to Agenda item 3 for SARG update and discussion.

14. DPI to investigate whether rewards can be paid when an offender is charged as opposed to convicted	Sept 07	Pending
15. DPI Science and Research to forward Perkinsus report and a copy of National Disease Survey report to AbMAC out of session, once finalised	Sept 07	Pending – An electronic copy of the 177p National Survey of Abalone Disease is available upon request
16. Industry and DPI jointly developed draft structured fishing discussion paper report to SARG	Sept 07	Paper tabled at SARG meeting of 18/10/2007 and under discussion with DPI
17. Mr George Chung to provide an agenda paper and update at next AbMAC meeting on the compliance issues relating to the new survey report on dried abalone in Hong Kong and China	Sept 07	Pending
18. DPI to report on the appraisal of an electronic, web based docketing system	Sept 07	Pending
19. DPI to provide formulas for calculations of Marine Park and Recreational subsidies	Sept 07	Complete – Refer to Appendix 4
20. DPI to note industry request for ‘involvement in development of performance reports’ framework	Sept 07	Complete – Letter sent to AbMAC 25/10/07
21. AbMAC and DPI to examine proposed objectives, performance indicators and triggers points from AbMAC agenda of 27-09-2007 prior to next full AbMAC meeting	Sept 07	Pending

Ongoing Action Items	Date Raised	Status
1. Committee representatives to provide written reports prior to AbMAC meetings for inclusion in future agenda	Sept 07	Pending
2. Provide progress updates in future AbMAC agendas on management responses from the FMS	Sept 07	Pending
3. DPI to provide an update on the number of fishers currently active in the Abalone and SUTS fishery	Sept 07	Currently 7 commercial fishers have reported SUTS fishing in 2007. The number of abalone divers reporting each month is provided in Appendix 2.

Outcomes

Agenda Item 3**SARG****Issue**

An update on the Special Abalone Recovery Group (SARG)

Background

The SARG will be forwarding its final report on actions to rebuild the abalone fishery to the Minister by mid November 2007. The SARG group met on 18 October 2007 and will meet again on the morning of 6 November 2007 to prepare and finalise their recommendations.

An update from these SARG meetings and discussion about the content of the final report will be provided by the Chairperson.

Outcomes:

For discussion

Agenda Item 4**Industry****Issue**

Updates: Committee representatives

Background**a) Industry Representatives Update:**

Subject to time availability, the AbMAC representatives will have the opportunity to provide a verbal update on the abalone fishery.

Outcomes**Agenda Item 5****Chairperson****Issue**

Next meeting

The Total Allowable Catch Setting and Review Committee are considering meeting schedules in relation to their determinations for 2008/09. Subject to the Committees approval, all endeavours will be made to schedule an AbMAC meeting prior to the TAC Committees meeting.

Outcomes

Final Draft outcomes from previous AbMAC Meeting 27 September 2007

ABALONE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FINAL DRAFT OUTCOMES
THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2007-(9-15 AM TO 5-30 PM) MERIMBULA PAMBULA GOLF CLUB

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<p>1(a)</p> <p>Welcomes and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all members and observers to the meeting, which commenced at 9-15 am.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Attendance</td> <td colspan="3">Observers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warren Martin</td> <td>Chairperson</td> <td>Nick Schroder</td> <td></td> <td>NSW DPI Compliance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dianna Watkins</td> <td>NSW DPI representative</td> <td>Mike Kirwin</td> <td></td> <td>NSW DPI Compliance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garry Warren</td> <td>Industry</td> <td>Jackie Gerard</td> <td></td> <td>NSW DPI Commercial Management</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Miller</td> <td>Industry</td> <td>Doug Ferrell</td> <td></td> <td>NSW DPI Science and Research</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Chung</td> <td>Industry</td> <td>Beverly Koellner</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Denis Luobikis</td> <td>Industry</td> <td>Duncan Worthington</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steven Hunter</td> <td>Industry</td> <td>Graham Banks</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nathan McNamara</td> <td>NSW DPI Secretariat</td> <td>Tony Banks</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Graeme Adams</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Tony Fry</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Donna Smythe</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>John Smythe</td> <td></td> <td>NSW Abalone Stakeholder</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Sasha Woods</td> <td></td> <td>C/W Department of Environment and Water</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Claire Howlett</td> <td></td> <td>C/W Department of Environment and Water</td> </tr> </table>					Attendance		Observers			Warren Martin	Chairperson	Nick Schroder		NSW DPI Compliance	Dianna Watkins	NSW DPI representative	Mike Kirwin		NSW DPI Compliance	Garry Warren	Industry	Jackie Gerard		NSW DPI Commercial Management	Jim Miller	Industry	Doug Ferrell		NSW DPI Science and Research	George Chung	Industry	Beverly Koellner		NSW Abalone Stakeholder	Denis Luobikis	Industry	Duncan Worthington		NSW Abalone Stakeholder	Steven Hunter	Industry	Graham Banks		NSW Abalone Stakeholder	Nathan McNamara	NSW DPI Secretariat	Tony Banks		NSW Abalone Stakeholder			Graeme Adams		NSW Abalone Stakeholder			Tony Fry		NSW Abalone Stakeholder			Donna Smythe		NSW Abalone Stakeholder			John Smythe		NSW Abalone Stakeholder			Sasha Woods		C/W Department of Environment and Water			Claire Howlett		C/W Department of Environment and Water
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1(a)	<p>The Chairperson recognised the Dyiringanj Aboriginal people from the Yuin tribe on whose land the meeting was being held.</p> <p>It was agreed that all endeavours should be made to provide discussion papers/reports to Industry representatives a month before a meeting.</p>	Where possible discussion papers to be provided to members a month prior to the AbMAC meeting		All AbMAC members
1(b)	<p>Agreement on Agenda for 27 September 2007</p> <p>Industry representatives advised Agenda Item 3 was submitted by all industry representatives of the AbMAC, as opposed to a specific member.</p> <p>It was agreed to amend draft Agenda 3 to reflect that the item was submitted by all industry members.</p>	Amend draft agenda 3	ASAP	Secretariat
1(c)	<p>Confirmation of final draft outcomes from AbMAC meeting held on 25 May 2005.</p> <p>It was agreed the draft outcomes reflected that meeting's decisions.</p>			
1(d)	<p>Matters raised within Other Forums</p> <p>The Department requested that the Committee alert the meeting if specific issues relating to matters raised with the Ombudsman, ICAC or through the legal system are to be discussed at an AbMAC meeting so that care can be taken to ensure these enquiries are not compromised.</p> <p>However, Industry representatives advised that they felt some matters needed to be escalated through these forums, as they did not believe the matters had been adequately dealt with through the AbMAC process.</p>			

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<p>2</p> <p>2 (1)</p> <p>2 (2)</p>	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>Industry representatives noted that they did not believe all action items had been finalised especially those related to budget issues, in particular action items 3, 5, 17, 18, 21 and 32.</p> <p>Industry representatives request an opportunity to have greater input into the Abalone Share Management Fishery budget process including the work plans for the management, compliance and research branches.</p> <p>It was agreed that a small working Group examine out of session, a framework for budget reporting to provide greater transparency in costs and project based budgeting.</p> <p>Industry representatives questioned why the abalone fishery is under full cost recovery, whilst the other 5 new share management fisheries are not and sought an explanation as to the policy variations.</p> <p>Industry representatives questioned why outstanding issues relating to bin weight had not been completed and the report submitted to AbMAC.</p> <p>DPI advised that the results are currently being reviewed internally and a paper will be completed shortly.</p> <p>It was agreed the DPI paper will be provided to the committee at the next full AbMAC meeting.</p>	<p>A Working Group considers, out of session, the type of information that can be provided as part of the budgeting process.</p> <p>Present paper on bin weight survey.</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Next full AbMAC meeting</p>	<p>DPI/Industry</p> <p>DPI Compliance</p>
<p>3</p> <p>3 (1)</p>	<p>PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDUSTRY</p> <p>Update Marine Park Buyout Progress</p> <p>Motion: Industry representatives</p> <p>DPI to provide information detailing how estimates of reef alienation were calculated including data, and how shareholders were selected for buyout. The Industry</p>			

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	<p>representatives also expressed concern over an inappropriate buyout of shares and the need for an independent process.</p> <p>Industry representatives expressed concern over an inappropriate consultation with the Industry over the policy and process associated with the marine park buyouts. Application of that process needs to be clearly defined, agreed and articulated for future Marine Park buyouts.</p>			
	<p>It was noted that Industry representatives are pursuing matters in relation to this motion through an external avenue in another forum. The DPI representative advised it would be inappropriate for DPI to discuss this issue in detail until the external actions initiated by industry personnel were finalised.</p> <p>Industry representatives sought advice from the DPI Scientist (present as an Observer) as to his involvements in then Marine Park decisions.</p> <p>The DPI scientist noted that he was not consulted over the marine park buyout process and only provided catch data.</p>			
3 (2)	<p>TAC Timetable and Input</p> <p>It was agreed that all endeavours should be made to hold future AbMAC meetings prior to the meeting date/s scheduled for the TAC Committee to enable the AbMAC to consider data and provide input to the TACC's deliberations.</p> <p>It was noted that discussion on the Abalone Share Management Fishery budgeting process would also be required during this period and presented to the AbMAC under the arrangements listed in this paper under item 1(a).</p>	Once the TAC Committee has finalised its' meeting schedule, AbMAC meetings will be scheduled to complement the TAC meetings dates and budgeting requirements.	ASAP	Secretariat

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3 (3)	<p>Structural Adjustment</p> <p>DPI provided a history of the development and implementation of the share management framework. It was reiterated that the share management framework was developed to provide a specific mechanism to adjust the number of endorsements, if required. That is, if it were determined that more or less divers are needed to maximise economic performance, the minimum shareholding to be eligible for an endorsement can be changed. A regulatory tool, as opposed to a market based incentive, may be needed to facilitate such adjustment.</p> <p>Industry representatives raised the issue of a separate 'dive entitlement' in response to the recommendations of the TAC Committee, and requested advice from DPI about progress against the Committee's recommendation.</p> <p>DPI noted that the issue of a separate "dive entitlement" (as opposed to the current endorsement issued by way of the fishing business card) had been considered as part of the environmental assessment process and that the current legislative framework does not provide for a separate and transferable "dive entitlement".</p> <p>Industry representatives raised the limitations and delays of using minimum shareholding to adjust diver numbers, and observed the successful use and advantages of separate 'dive entitlements' as used in the Tasmanian and Victorian abalone fisheries.</p> <p>Motion: Industry Representatives</p> <p>Industry seeks an assurance that if an endorsement were not active (i.e. quota has been transferred) then the endorsement will not be cancelled.</p>			

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	<p>DPI advised that under current NSW legislation, if a fishing business holds the minimum number of shares required to be eligible to an endorsement, that endorsement will be issued (subject to eligibility, suspension or cancellation of endorsement provisions in the <i>Abalone Share Management Plan Regulation 2000</i> [AbSMP] and associated regulations) regardless of whether all quota has been transferred to another shareholder. Therefore, if the fishing business owner chooses not to activate that endorsement for any reason, their right to that endorsement will not be cancelled provided the minimum shareholding and "fit and proper" requirements outlined in regulations are satisfied.</p>			
3 (4a)	<p>Motion: Industry Representatives</p> <p>Industry representatives would like to be consulted on the ACIL Tasman Report upon completion of the draft report, including identification of previous consultation with industry, as not all Industry representatives had not be contacted.</p>			
3 (4)	<p>Recreational and Illegal Catch</p> <p>In response to the recommendations of the TAC Committee recommendations, and because of their use in cost recovery despite the considerable uncertainty, Industry representatives indicated a need to accurately estimate the recreational and illegal catch in NSW and requested funding for a recreational survey.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the TAC Committee noted that the current estimates are based on different surveys and quite often the views on the level of recreational and illegal catch vary between stakeholders.</p> <p>It was agreed, as suggested by DPI, that a specific item be placed on the agenda for a future AbMAC meeting, when a broader discussion could be had on these estimates.</p>	<p>A specific agenda item on recreational and illegal catches be prepared for a future.</p>	<p>Next full AbMAC meeting</p>	<p>Secretariat with input from AbMAC</p>

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3 (5)	SIAC Representative The AbMAC noted that this issue is being progressed.	AbMAC to be kept informed	On going	Secretariat
3 (6)	JAWG Industry representatives request a reconciliation with explanations from DPI of expenditures on the FMS and EIS projects, particularly in relation to an apparent overspend.	Information to provided	Next full AbMAC meeting	DPI
3 (7)	Sitting Fees A framework for payment of sitting fees and travels costs for non AbMAC meetings is required. Industry representatives suggested this should include only formal MAC meetings, meetings with the TAC Committee and the Minister.	Draft a framework.	Next full AbMAC meeting	DPI/AbMAC
3 (8)	SUTS It was agreed consultation on the SUTS review of environmental factors will occur with AbMAC members prior to its implementation. Industry representatives request an update on the number of fishers currently active in the SUTS fishery.	Refer to management planning for its consideration Update on diver numbers.	Next full AbMAC meeting Next full AbMAC meeting	DPI DPI
Other Items	AbMAC noted all other items in Agenda Item 3 not dealt with separately above as Items 3 (1) to 3 (8).			
4	SPECIAL ABALONE RECOVERY GROUP (SARG) The Chairperson provided a verbal update on the SARG.			
	It was agreed a summary of outcomes from 26 September 2007 industry workshop is to be forwarded to AbMAC representatives.	Forward outcomes document.	ASAP	Secretariat

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	It was agreed any Industry reports on updates from Committee representatives will be given at next AbMAC.	Committee representatives to provide written reports for inclusion with agenda	Prior to AbMAC meetings	Industry representatives
<p>6</p> <p>6 (1)</p> <p>6 (2)</p>	<p>MANAGEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>A verbal update was provided by the DPI representative to the Committee expanding on the management issues provided in the Agenda.</p> <p>Industry representatives raised concern over the significant amount of outstanding management charges in the abalone fishery.</p> <p>Management Charges/Expenditure</p> <p>Motion: Industry representatives.</p> <p>Industry does not have the capacity to pay the management fees and charges. Industry representatives do not believe that cancelling shares for non payment of fees is acceptable.</p> <p>Industry representatives asked DPI why a more cost-efficient docketing system was not used in NSW, like systems in the other states where significant cost savings had been achieved. DPI replied that an electronic, web based system was being appraised.</p> <p>Economic Productivity</p> <p>It was noted that a motion was taken at Agenda Item 3 (3) seeking access to ACIL draft recommendations.</p>	Report on progress	Next full AbMAC meeting	DPI

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6 (3)	<p>Marine Park</p> <p>Motion: Industry representatives</p> <p>Industry request details from DPI as to how the Marine Park and the recreational subsidies are calculated.</p>	Provide formulas on subsidies	Next full AbMAC meeting	DPI
7	<p>PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENTS</p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <p>(1)-Discussions on the objectives, performance indicators and trigger points be deferred to the next AbMAC meeting; and</p> <p>(2)- Industry representatives and the Department are to examine these points, with the objective to bring their position at the next meeting.</p> <p>In respect of each of the proposed amendments to Regulations, the Industry representatives on AbMAC: -</p> <p>Clause 6 Supported the proposed amendment in the maximum shareholding.</p> <p>Clause 7 Supported the proposed amendment of 'dealing with shares'.</p> <p>Clause 8 Supported the proposed amendments to 'special provision relating to transfers'.</p>	<p>Examine proposed objectives, performance indicators and trigger points for next meeting.</p> <p>DPI to examine implications in non support areas.</p>	Next full AbMAC meeting	AbMAC; Industry representatives; and DPI DPI
<p>Clause 10</p> <p>Clause 13</p> <p>Clause 15</p>	<p>Supported the proposed amendments to 'nomination of fishers'.</p> <p>Did not support the proposed amendments to 'nominated fisher to notify the shareholder of alleged offence'. Industry representatives recommended that this clause be removed in its entirety from the AbSMP.</p> <p>Supported the proposed amendments to 'determination of quota'.</p>			

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<p>Clause 18</p> <p>Clause 22</p> <p>Clause 33</p> <p>New Clause</p> <p>New Clause</p> <p>New Clause</p>	<p>Supported the proposed amendments to 'transfer of quota'.</p> <p>Supported the proposed amendments to 'limited use of unauthorised crew'.</p> <p>Supported the proposed amendments to 'monthly reconciliation'.</p> <p>Supported the proposed new clause relating to 'records to be made by commercial fishers'</p> <p>Supported the review of the proposed new clause relating to 'sorting of undersize abalone'.</p> <p>Did not support the proposed new clause relating to 'taking species other than abalone'. Industry representatives requested that this issue be reviewed and discussed at a later date.</p> <p>Motion: Industry representatives</p> <p>Industry representatives indicated it should be consulted prior to any future amendment to the AbSMP, as no consultation occurred in the August 2006 amendment.</p>			
8	<p>WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION CONDITIONS</p> <p>Representatives from the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Water Resource gave a general overview of the WTO requirements.</p> <p>AbMAC noted that performance reports will be developed by the Department and may be used to report to the Commonwealth with regard to the WTO requirements.</p> <p>Industry representatives indicated that Industry would like involvement in development of the reports framework.</p>	DPI to note Industry request for involvement in development of performance reports' framework.		DPI

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9	<p>ABALONE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</p> <p>An update on the Industry's Code of Practice was provided by an Industry observer.</p> <p>It was noted that this COP is due by November. It is being developed by industry in consultation with the Department.</p> <p>It was agreed progress updates to AbMAC on management responses on the FMS are to be provided in future reports.</p>	Updates to be provided in AbMAC Agenda		Secretariat
10	<p>UPDATE ON BIO-SECURITY ISSUES</p> <p>a) -Marine Pests</p> <p>AbMAC noted the report.</p> <p>b) -Ganglioneuritis update</p> <p>AbMAC noted the report.</p>			
11	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed the next AbMAC meeting is to be scheduled on the 6 November to primarily discuss the recommendations proposed by SARG.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked AbMAC members and observers for the attendance and level of participation.</p> <p>The Committee thanked the Chairperson for chairing the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting close: 5:30 pm.</p>			

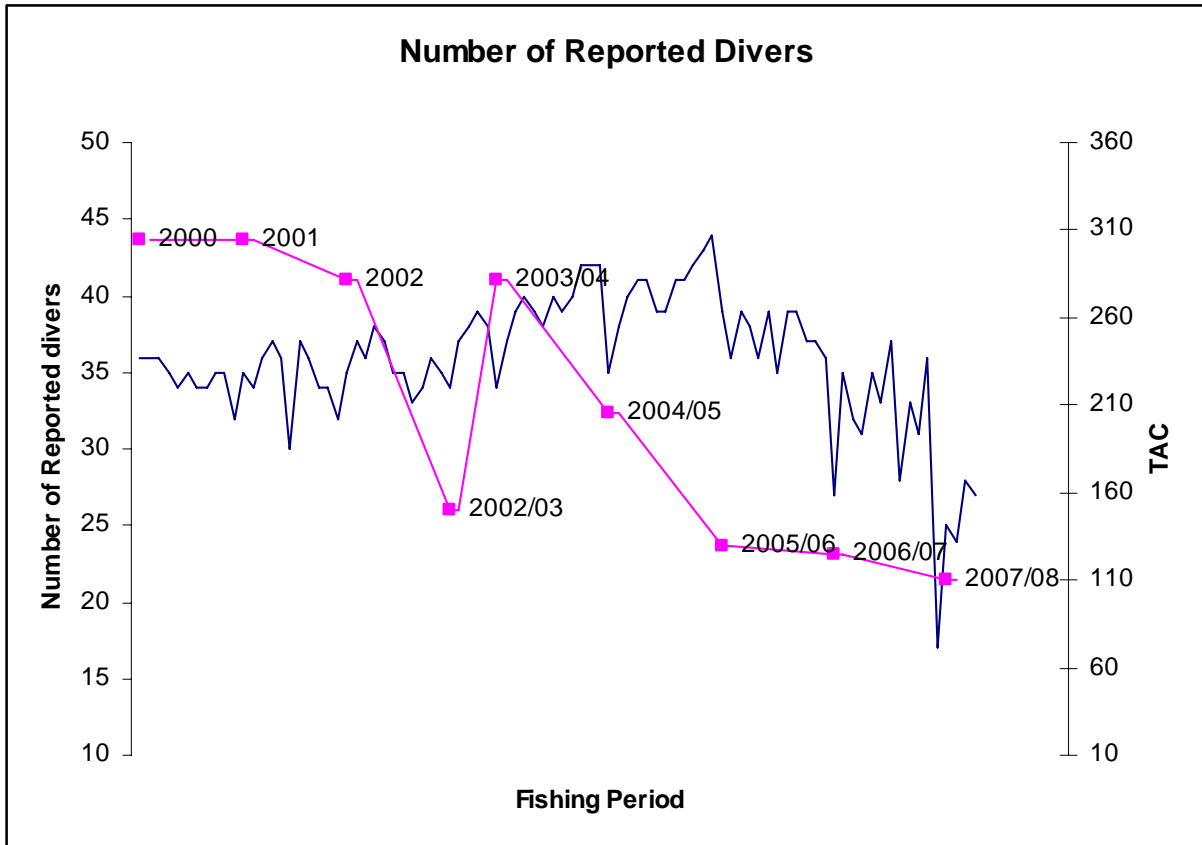


Figure 1. Number of abalone divers graph reporting by month since the implementation of the abalone share management plan in February 2000.

Please note that the 2002/03 quota season was only 6 months.

Table 1. AbMAC correspondence received and sent since the previous meeting held on the 27-09-07

Date	From	To	Issue
5-Oct-07	Jeffrey Go, Veterinary Officer, Aquatic Animal Health, NSW DPI	AbMAC Committee	Draft "Protecting Abalone Stocks and the Abalone industry in NSW through Standard Operating Procedures: Diver cleaning protocols"
8-Oct-07	Nathan McNamara, NSW DPI	Industry Representatives AbMAC	Draft Outcomes from the AbMAC meeting Thursday 27 September 2007
9-Oct-07	Debbie Nemaz, NSW DPI	AbMAC Committee	Validated Catch (1 July 2007 - 30 September 2007)
9-Oct-07	Warren Martin, Chairperson SARG	AbMAC Committee	Special Abalone Recovery Group (SARG) Discussion Paper #2 - Industry Workshop - Chairman's Report of Summary Outcomes Merimbula - 26/9/07
10-Oct-07	Nathan McNamara, NSW DPI	AbMAC Committee	Meeting Notice - AbMAC meeting Tuesday 6 November 2007
15-Oct-07	Jim Miller (for Industry Members AbMAC)	Nathan McNamara, NSW DPI (cc Debbie Nemaz, NSW DPI & Warren Martin, Chairperson AbMAC)	Comments regarding Draft Outcomes of AbMAC meeting 27 September 2007
15-Oct-07	Jim Miller (for Industry Members AbMAC)	Jeffrey Go, Veterinary Officer, Aquatic Animal Health, NSW DPI (cc Debbie Nemaz, NSW DPI)	Comments on draft document "Protecting Abalone Stocks and the Abalone industry in NSW through Standard Operating Procedures: Diver cleaning protocols" sent 5/10/0
16-Oct-07	Nathan McNamara, NSW DPI	Recreational Representative AbMAC	Meeting Notice - AbMAC meeting Tuesday 6 November 2007
22-Oct-07	Nathan McNamara, NSW DPI	AbMAC Committee	Final Draft Outcomes from the AbMAC meeting Thursday 27 September 2007
22-Oct-07	Anthony Hurst, NSW DPI	DEWR (CC. AbMAC Committee)	Letter to Department of the Environment and Water Resources
26-Oct-07	Jane Frances, NSW DPI	AbMAC members	Out of Session agenda item regarding a section 8 closure prohibiting the recreational and commercial use of abalone viscera (gut) as bait.
29-Oct-07	Jim Miller (for Industry Members of AbMAC)	AbMAC Chairperson (cc Nathan McNamara)	Comments regarding the Final Draft Outcomes from the AbMAC meeting of 27-09-2007

Appendix 4

For action item 19. The following formulas indicate the method used for calculating the recreational and marine park subsidies provided in the 2007/08 Abalone Share Management Fishery budget.

Recreational subsidy (%) =	$\frac{\text{Estimated* recreational take}}{\text{Total harvest*}}$
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* Includes Commercial allocated take and the TAC recreational and illegal catch estimates

Marine Park subsidy (%) =	$\frac{\text{Total number of shares brought out}}{\text{Initial number of shares issued in the fishery}}$
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Appendix 5.

Table 2. Demonstrates the Management and MAC expenditure for the first quarter of the 2007/08 Abalone Share Management Fishery budget. Please note that expenses incurred for the AbMAC meeting held on the 27/09/2007 have not yet been processed.

Abalone Share Management Fishery Budget 2007 / 2008		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE 1/7/07 to 30/9/07 #
Management	Fisheries Manager 6/8 (50%)	\$ 38,447.85	\$ 9,611.96
	Fisheries Management Officer 3/4	\$ 56,701.01	\$ 14,175.25
	Total Salaries	\$ 95,148.86	\$ 23,787.22
	Oncosts (24.5%)	\$ 23,311.47	\$ 5,827.87
	Overheads (48%)	\$ 45,671.45	\$ 11,417.86
	Total Salaries+oncosts+o./heads	\$ 164,131.78	\$ 41,032.95
	Travel - Other #	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	Freight, Cartage and Postage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
	Telephone - Mobile	\$ 250.00	\$ -
	Printing - General	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	IT lease	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 314.51
	Purchases - Plant and Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	Stores - Consumables	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Rewards	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Total Operating	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 314.51	
MAC	Sitting Fees #	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
	Fees General #	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
	Travel #	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,092.92
	Travel - MV Employee Expenses #	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Total Operating	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 1,092.92
#NB: Expenditure for AbMAC meeting 27.09.07 is not included			