



Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council held its sixth meeting in Nowra on 3 July 2015. Key outcomes from that meeting were as follows:

1. Discussion with the Hon. Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries

The Council was pleased to have the opportunity for an informal discussion with the Hon Niall Blair MLC covering a wide range of fisheries and aquaculture issues. These included progress with the commercial fisheries reform program, consideration of a Resource Sharing Policy for NSW, moves towards the establishment of peak industry bodies for both the Recreational and Commercial fisheries sectors and various matters raised by Council Members.

2. Cost Recovery

The Council discussed the preliminary principles and policy considerations associated with cost recovery, noting that any future progress towards further development and implementation would need to await the outcome of the commercial fisheries reform program and discussions with the Treasury department.

3. Presentations

The Council received a presentation from Mr Ian Lyall entitled 'Developing a positive investment climate for aquaculture in NSW'.

4. Other

Members discussed progress with the implementation of Council's 3 year Strategy, including the current status of individual fishery management and aquaculture plans, the information needs to support the effective management of NSW fisheries resources and other priority issues.

• Next meeting

Council's next meeting will be held in Ballina on 4 September 2015.

Richard Stevens
Chair
4 August 2015