

**INDEPENDENT STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
INITIAL TELECONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2013
2.30PM - 4.00PM**

RECORD OF INITIAL TELECONFERENCE

Members:

Ian Cartwright (Independent Chair)
Sevaly Sen (Independent economist)
Mary Lack (Independent fishery manager)

Organisation and Executive support: Andy Goulstone & Dallas D'Silva (NSW DPI)

1. Welcome and Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to the initial teleconference that would deal with procedural and administrative issues.

This included confirming the make up of the SARC, refining the draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) and confirmation of the first meeting date. The SARC had also been asked to review draft Expression of Interest documentation for Working Groups, so that DPI could commence that process ASAP.

Andrew Goulstone was requested to provide a brief overview of key elements of the reform program, which include governance, consultation and structural adjustment. Dallas D'Silva was requested to provide initial executive support for SARC until a dedicated management officer is employed within DPI to support the reform program.

2. Review of SARC composition and ToRs

Members discussed the composition of SARC, noting the recommendation in the Independent Review and the discussions that have occurred between DPI and the PFA on the issue. Members agreed that the SARC should be limited in formal membership to the three independent positions and that the Director, Commercial Fisheries should attend in a permanent observer capacity only. They also noted a representative of the new Peak Industry Body should also participate in the same capacity as the DPI representative, but that until that Body was established and functional it would be prudent to invite the Executive Officer of the Professional Fishermen's Association (acknowledging the membership base and understanding the bias in membership towards the north of Sydney).

Members discussed and agreed on a draft of the ToRs to define the broad role and responsibility of the SARC (attached). The draft ToRs will be circulated to members for review with the aim of approval being reached at the first official meeting of the SARC.

Action: Dallas D'Silva to circulate the draft ToRs as discussed by the SARC to the Chair for review before circulation to members

3. Review of Working Group EOI documentation

Members discussed the draft working group documentation circulated by DPI, noting that it had been discussed with and contained suggestions made by the Executive Officer of the PFA. The documentation includes an EOI for industry to nominate for working group/s that will develop a short list of options for linking shares to resource access. Short listed options will be circulated to all shareholders for comment. The documentation includes a flow chart outlining the proposed consultation process and timelines. The SARC supported the documentation and proposed process subject to several suggested amendments.

DPI is currently drafting a template to assist fishers in submitting share linkage proposals to the Working Groups and this will be provided to the SARC for comment before distribution.

Action: Dallas D'Silva to modify draft EOI documentation to incorporate the changes suggested by the SARC, ready for mailing it to all shareholders ASAP.

4. Other outcomes

4.1 The DPI and SARC should aim to ensure timely and appropriate communication with the industry throughout the adjustment and linkage process. SARC meeting agendas, notes, outcomes and share linkage proposals and final recommendations should be published on a separate web page set up within the DPI Commercial Fisheries Reform website. Web pages should also be set up for each Working Group so that current agendas, information and outcomes can be uploaded to the website for all shareholders to follow.

4.2 Wherever possible DPI and industry should work together to reach acceptable share linkage recommendations, but the SARC will act as a mediator and independent umpire in cases where agreement cannot be reached.

4.3 SARC members and observers will organise their own travel and accommodation arrangements and DPI will reimburse receipted reasonable expenses.

4.4 DPI is currently in the process of formally engaging the Independent Fishery Manager and Independent Economist to the SARC, with professional services contracts to be drawn up for all members to cover the engagement.

Action: Dallas D'Silva to circulate a draft of the teleconference outcomes to the SARC Chair for review before circulation to members for endorsement.

5. Next meeting

The first official meeting of the SARC and observers is scheduled for 7 February 2013 in Sydney. This will be preceded by a briefing by DPI for the new independent fisheries manager and independent fisheries economist on the current structure and management regime applying to NSW commercial fisheries, and the reform program as announced by the NSW Government.

Action: Andy Goulstone to set up a meeting room in Sydney for next week's meeting and invite Tricia Beatty (EO of the PFA) to join the first formal meeting of SARC on 7 February in an observer capacity.

6. Close

The meeting was closed at 4.00pm.