



## **Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW AC) Chair's Summary (Meeting 3)**

The third meeting of CommFish NSW was held in Sydney on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.

CommFish NSW members participated in a workshop facilitated by Neil MacDonald, Director of NMAC (SA) PTY LTD, on developing an Investment Plan for the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund. The Minister is to consult any relevant Advisory Council on commercial fishing about policies and priorities for expenditure from the Fund. Also present for the workshop was Patrick Hone, Executive Director of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) to present on how FRDC invests, how they can assist CommFish NSW with research investments and provide a broad overview of the types of previous investments in NSW.

Members were provided a list of regulations compiled from previous consultations with industry that had been identified as requiring review. The Minister has advised he is keen to cut red tape and wants Council members input to compile potential regulations that could put to industry for consultation and be recommended to the Minister for review.

Patrick Tully, Director of Fisheries Compliance, was present to discuss and answer any questions that Council members had on the Draft paper, Introducing a Penalty Demerit System and modernising enforcement and other associated provisions, that was provided to the Council members as background to the meeting. NSW DPI is seeking feedback on the Draft paper from CommFish NSW members.

The members also received a briefing on previous education extension for quota fisheries, using the Western Australian lobster fishery previous rollout as an example. Council members supported a targeted extension program and will provide advice to NSW DPI on specific requirements to be included in the education extension for new quota fisheries to be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

The next meeting will be in Coffs Harbour on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 and will include discussing Cost Recovery frameworks and incorporate inviting key stakeholders to an informal gathering.

Stuart Richey  
Chair

25 September 2017