

NSW MULLOWAY HARVEST STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Chair's Summary - 6th Meeting - 19th September 2022

The sixth meeting of the NSW Mulloway Harvest Strategy Working Group was held online on the 19th of September 2022. This was a short meeting to allow continued development of the draft harvest strategy with a focus on discussion around potential decision rule options.

The meeting commenced with a presentation from DPI introducing decision rules and how they link to harvest strategy objectives, indicators and reference points. Linking potential decision rules to these key components of the harvest strategy will determine how harvest or catch of Mulloway will increase, decrease or be maintained in accordance with changes in fishery performance.

Following the presentation, members revisited discussions around available data and data sources and the challenges of measuring fishery performance and defining potential decision rules.

The working group showed support towards a rebuilding strategy as part of the two-step approach for target reference points discussed at the previous meeting, and several management principles for rebuilding the stock biomass were considered.

Discussions have demonstrated good knowledge and understanding towards the complexities and challenges for developing a harvest strategy for species such as Mulloway.

The next meeting is set for the 3rd and 4th of November 2022 where the working group is required to put further consideration into the potential decision rules to work towards bringing together the various key elements of the draft harvest strategy.

Dr James Findlay, Chair, NSW Mulloway HSWG.