

**Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council
(CommFish NSW AC)**

Meeting 6, 5/6 June 2018

Ramada Ballina (), 2 Martin Street, Ballina

Members present	Stuart Richey AM (CommFish NSW Chair), Graeme Byrnes, John Luke, Greg Rzyz, Geoff Blackburn, Steven Everson, Mark Cranstone, Scott Massey, Mitchell Sanders, Darren Ward, Steve Hounsell, Greg Finn, David McPherson, Brad Mackay (Executive Officer NSW DPI).
Invited guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Harrison – Senior Fisheries Manager, NSW DPI • Rebecca Chapman – Senior Project Officer, NSW DPI • Michael Lowry – Research Leader Fisheries Resource Assessment, NSW DPI • Kate Brooks – Independent consultant, Kal Analysis • Michael Wooden – Program Manager Wild Catch Fisheries, OceanWatch Australia
Apologies	John Jarvis; Mitch Sanders (In attendance day 1 only)

1. Member Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping (Day 1)

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:50am allowing the Aboriginal member to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, past and present, acknowledging that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung land where he originally resided. The Chair also welcomed all Council members and attending guest, Annette Harrison (NSW DPI Fisheries).

2. Review of Agenda

The Chair invited Council members to provide any additional agenda items; there were none from members. The Chair included one, issue of shares in the NSW DPI repository is to be discussed on day 2 and to move Pittwater discussion forward to discuss on day 1.

3. Review, Declarations and update Register of Interests

The Chair asked all members to identify any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed on the distributed register of interests. The only declaration was that the Inland member stated that he is not currently authorised on the FB owned that he owns.

ACTION 6.1: The Executive Officer to amend the register of interests and redistribute to Council members for further updates as required.

4. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting 5

The Council accepted the draft minutes from the fifth meeting held on 14 March 2018, without change, as a true and accurate record of discussions.

5. Actions Arising from Meeting 5

The Chair and Council members reviewed previous actions agreeing that all had been substantially completed, noting the following:-

Action item 4.8 (also noted 5.5), with regard to regulations for review, 'NSW DPI to update draft list of regulations from meeting 4 discussions and circulate to industry for comment'.

The Chair noted that the list of regulations for review is yet to be distributed to industry and is to be further discussed and finalised at this meeting.

Action item 4.10, with regard to the Annual Report to the Minister, 'NSW DPI to provide outcomes of cooperatives consultation to the Council prior to finalising the report out of session, to be handed to the Minister in May 2018'.

The Chair noted that updates to the Annual Report for the Minister are to be discussed and finalised at this meeting.

Action item 5.6, with regard to proposed Pittwater working group, 'Council requests that NSW DPI form a working group to discuss conflict issues at Pittwater and provide advice to Council in regard to the MEMA recommendations. Working group representation is to include but not be limited to:

- Ocean Trap and Line and Lobster Council representatives who work in this area.
- One additional industry representative from each impacted fishery identified through review of participation in Estuary General hauling and Estuary General meshing at Pittwater'.

The Chair noted that update to working group progress to be discussed further at this meeting.

6. Correspondence

The Chair stated that correspondence was received and will be discussed as general business.

7. Fishing Periods

The Chair introduced NSW DPI nominee to discuss the paper that was previously distributed to Council members out of session, indicating further discussion is required to finalise advice to Minister in regard to when fishing periods should start for the new quota managed species. Further Council discussion included:-

- The Minister is interested in advice from the Council for the commencement of fishing periods for 17 new species or species groups from Ocean Haul (Purse Seine), Ocean Trap and Line East, Ocean Trawl (Inshore/Offshore Prawn and Fish Northern Zone) and Estuary General Hand Gathering share classes.
- The previous out of session paper dealt with whether fishing determinations for these species should be made by the Total Allowable Fishing Committee and/or the Secretary of the NSW DPI.
- There are several species included in these new quota groups that overlap with the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth fishing period for these species starts in May and there are significant benefits to the state fishing period being consistent.

- Existing Estuary General species fishing periods are July to June after current initial fishing period expires.
- Delaying the start of the fishing period from December 2018 until May and July 2019 would allow operators time to adjust before quota is issued and to adjust to new FisherMobile reporting requirements.
- Council also considered the costs to industry of having one determination for December and a second one for May/July.

ACTION 6.2: Unanimous recommendation that the fishing periods for all of the new quota managed species, not yet introduced, be delayed to start May 2019 for Commonwealth shared species, and July 2019 for state only species.

8. Trust Fund Expenditure Proposal – Newcastle Commercial Cooperative

The Chair introduced the NSW DPI nominee to discuss the topic of rent assistance measures for the Newcastle Commercial Cooperative. Further Council discussion included:

- The Chair called members to declare pecuniary interests; no Council member indicating as a current member to this cooperative, however 4 members have previously consigned product.
- That government approved waiving rent for a two year period for cooperatives located on Crown land, with the majority of cooperatives along the coast being located on Crown land. The primary premises for the Commercial Fishermen’s Cooperative (CFC) is located at Wickham and is located on RMS land, not Crown land.
- RMS was not willing to provide CFC with full rent relief.
- As it is not located on Crown land then rent relief was not available for the two year period.
- The Minister has asked for the advice of CommFish as to whether rent relief should be provided, drawing on the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund to reimburse CFC rent paid to RMS.
- There have been other assistance measures previously offered to cooperatives and the CFC has other premises on Crown land that did qualify for the rent relief.

ACTION 6.3: Council members are sympathetic to plight but unanimously agree that expenditure from the Trust to support Commercial Fisherman’s Cooperative rent assistance from the Commercial Fishing Trust Fund is not supported.

9. Update on Pittwater (moved forward)

The Chair introduced the NSW DPI nominee to provide an update on the proposed working group to discuss conflict issues at Pittwater, indicating that the EOI has not yet been released to the identified industry participants. Further Council discussion included:

- Potential measures that could be considered to address the resource sharing issue, noting that the conflict in Pittwater is not related to sustainability of stocks.
- There is an existing resource sharing policy and any changes should be considered in relation to that policy.
- Benefit of including an additional working group member from another region that does not have documented participation in the area.

- Council members noted that the previous working group structure worked well and agreed that NSW DPI Chair and provide a scientific expert for the working group
- Importance of commencing as soon as possible to avoid risks of further delays in resolving this issue

ACTION 6.4: NSW DPI to progress Pittwater working group by:-

1. **Updating the ToR in regard to Chair as Senior Fisheries Manager Darren Reynolds (NSW DPI Fisheries).**
2. **Releasing EoI to the identified industry stakeholders and finalising these 2 member positions.**
3. **Selecting the scientific expert and additional region representative to be nominated by NSW DPI.**
4. **Appointing working group members and convene working group as soon as possible.**
5. **Convene a single day meeting to develop options and finalise solutions for NSW DPI Nominee to discuss with Minister and Local Member.**

10. Update on Regulations List (moved forward)

The Chair introduced Annette Harrison (Senior Fisheries Manager NSW DPI) to discuss and provide an update on the list of regulations to reduce red tape for industry prior to releasing to industry.

Further Council discussion included:

- Updating members in regard to any changes in the list of regulations from previous version distributed.
- Providing Council members the industry consultation model developed, for additional regulation nomination or comment on the list once released.
- Clarify that feedback is sought on the current list and also on any new proposals.
- Clarify that the list is to go to industry first, and then to the Council to prioritise before any proposal to seek broader public comment on proposed regulation changes.
- Clarify that this will be a standing item as we continually review the regulations that affect industry and look to improve the management arrangements and remove redundant rules.
- Final review and suggesting changes where applicable prior to release to industry.
- Potential to approach the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council to discuss the issue of impact to commercial activity from the lack of recognised hauling grounds or priority for commercial fishing operations.

ACTION 6.5: NSW DPI to:

1. **Release the finalised list of regulations to industry for feedback and input to additional regulation nominations for consideration once supported by the Ministers office**
2. **Provide the results to Council members for their review once available to prioritise matters.**

11. Cost Recovery – Key principles

The Chair introduced Rebecca Chapman (Senior Project Officer NSW DPI) to continue previous discussions and outline goals and key principles of cost recovery, as the basis for development of a policy for NSW DPI Fisheries. Further Council discussion included:

- Clarified that the Government is progressing cost recovery across the commercial fishing industry, with some Fisheries already operating under a degree of cost recovery (Lobster and Abalone).
- Repeating that Government has committed to cap total revenue increases at 6% plus CPI until 2023 for the fisheries under current reform.
- Background to discussion paper has been simplified from that previously distributed to initially discuss goals and key principles of cost recovery for NSW DPI Fisheries, prior to discussing issues involved in implementation.
- MFAC have previously discussed revised paper and their comments have been included in current draft.
- Discussing key principles, including efficiency of costs, indicating that users can provide a key part in implementation of systems and reducing costs applicable – examples given in Abalone fishery of savings being made.
- Relationship of cost recovery to harvest strategy development for fisheries.
- Examples of other jurisdictions cost recovery principles and need to include relevant principles where applicable and ensure learning from previous efforts.
- Issues involved in implementing to be discussed at a later meeting, including division and attribution of costs between the Department and industry.

ACTION 6.6: Members unanimous support NSW DPI paper in regard to cost recovery key principles, with NSW DPI to bring additional information to Council members for further discussion, including specific examples of total costs involved and attribution of these costs under various models.

12. Harvest Strategies

The Chair introduced Michael Lowry (Research Leader NSW DPI Fisheries) to provide initial overview in regard to topic of developing harvest strategies for fisheries. Further Council discussion included:

- NSW DPI current role in stock assessments and applicability to developing collaborative arrangements for sustainable fish harvest.
- Implementation requires managing input and output controls that include restrictions or closures and limits on the amount of fish harvested.
- Industry and government to identify performance indicators and triggers that have agreed levels of actions.
- Basic overview of inclusions in developing harvest strategies, including the modelling and parameters required.
- Issues involved in developing harvest strategies for multi-species harvest fisheries.
- Next step is to select some fisheries and undertake workshops in order to establish and develop frameworks required that could then be extended to other fisheries.

ACTION 6.7: The Council members support the approach provided by NSW DPI to develop harvest strategies and for further updates to be provided by NSW DPI to Council.

13. Barriers to work health and safety in the fishing industry

The Chair introduced invited guests, Kate Brooks (Independent contractor) and Michael Wooden (OceanWatch Australia), to discuss barriers to work health and safety in the fishing industry. Further Council discussion included:

- Current project seeking NSW fisherman to undertake a survey that explores alternative measures (other than regulation) to assist fisherman stay safe at work, with the aim of the survey to identify what things are outside of an individuals control that can impact their safety on the job.
- Interested in Council members views on ways of improving health and safety of commercial fishing industry and their experiences.
- That there is a cross over period of agency in control of dealing with safety issues, with Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to takeover administration from Roads and Maritime Services commencing July 2018.
- Responsibility and importance of employers providing a safe workplace and the risks if this is not done, including impact to not only an individual if an incident occurs.

ACTION 6.8: Council members note the importance of industry workplace health and safety support and completing a baseline survey.

The Chair thanked invited guests and Council members for their attendance and closed the day 1 meeting at 5:00pm, reminding Council members that the informal stakeholder event commences at 5:30pm in the Point Restaurant downstairs.

14. Welcome and agenda review (Day 2)

The Chair opened the Council meeting at 8:35am and noted that the Ocean Trap and Line member would be absent for today's meeting and listed as an apology. There was discussion on the previous night's informal stakeholder event, with indications from Council members that the event went well and appreciated the opportunity to invite and discuss issues with local stakeholders.

ACTION 6.9: Council members recommend sending a response thanking invited guests who attended informal stakeholder event and noting that some had travelled a considerable distance to attend.

15. Update on Annual Report to the Minister

The Chair introduced the NSW DPI nominee to discuss and provide an update on the Annual Report to Minister. The NSW DPI nominee advised that due to significant updates to the Annual Report from last copy distributed, including the cooperative consultation inclusions that the Annual Report has not yet been handed to the Ministers office. Further Council discussion included:

- Include that several members have previously noted concern on some details of the Penalty Demerit System (PDS) discussions, however Council support principles in general.
- Identifying several other minor updates required to the revised draft, prior to finalising and forwarding to the Minister's Office.

ACTION 6.10: NSW DPI to update details identified by Council members to the Annual Report and to forward final version to the Ministers office.

16. Mulloway Recovery Program

The Chair noted that as per the Minister's response to recommendations made by the Council in regard to mulloway that the Mulloway Recovery Program is to remain as a standing item on the agenda. Further Council discussion included:

- NSW DPI nominee indicating that Minister accepted several recommendations, now the Council needs to discuss implementation, including when to implement changes to net registration and enforce the proposed new Legal Minimum Length (LML) of 70 cm to Estuary General meshing nets.
- Need to notify industry of changes to restrictions and allow time to adjust their fishing practices and gear such as making new nets to reduce interactions, including providing the suggested dates to be implemented.
- Risks to mulloway stocks if not implemented soon, as this was first discussed at initial meeting.
- Further discussion on potential for mulloway having quota issued, recognising that there are issues with allocation and Council does not support introduction.
- Members discussed, as indicated to Minister, that there will be continued interaction with mulloway below 70 cm, however recommendations may assist in reducing interaction with juvenile mulloway.

ACTION 6.11: The Council recommends that:

1. **Changes to net registration be implemented ASAP and suggest to coincide with new meshing season commencing 1 July 2018.**
2. **Allow time for industry to adjust to the proposed new 70cm mulloway LML applying to all fisheries and suggest implementing from 1 January 2019 after the current setting season.**
3. **NSW DPI to notify industry of changes to restrictions applicable to mulloway ASAP.**

17. General Business Items

17.1 Surrendered shares

The Chair introduced the NSW DPI nominee who advised that there are shares currently held by the Minister that were surrendered as part of the Business Adjustment Program. DPI Nominee clarified that all surplus shares obtained as part of the subsidised share trading market (SSTM) have all been cancelled, as committed. Further Council discussion included:

- Chair called for interest declaration; with majority of Council members have pecuniary interests in the relevant share classes.
- Council members discussed the options available, including offering through open tender, cancelling the shares, holding these shares for a later decision or re issuing the shares to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund (AFTF).
- Council agreed any process for tendering or decision to transfer to the AFTF is likely to be very contentious and divisive and could be inequitable.
- The fairest approach is to cancel the shares. This approach would be consistent with the previous approach in the SSTM.

ACTION 6.12: The Council notes that majority of Council members have a vested interest in this topic and consistent with shares surrendered in the subsidised share trading market, that these shares should be cancelled.

17.2 Quota carry over and advance of lobster quota

The Chair indicated that further to discussions at last meeting concerning correspondence received from a Lobster fishery shareholder regarding carry over and advance of quota, NSW DPI has provided additional background for Council members to consider as requested. Further Council discussion included:

- Chair noted that the Lobster member has pecuniary interest and will not participate in discussion.
- Complexities and risks associated with topic including the significant cost recovery implications in administering and managing such as scheme.
- Some benefits in allowing quota carry over may be applicable and further discussion required to discuss principles, including costs involved and administrative complexity for the TAC setting and quota administration arrangements.
- 10% carry over is considered excessive. A small amount such as less than 2% may be useful to manage challenges of meeting accurate quota weight at the end of fishing period.
- Risks to quota integrity and costs of amending systems to cater for a carry-over would likely outweigh the benefits.

ACTION 6.13: The Council supports:

- 1. The NSW DPI recommendation of not allowing advance of future quota between Lobster fishing periods at this stage.**
- 2. Monitoring current systems.**
- 3. Further discussion in regard to small amounts of quota carry over/under and principles to be included at a future meeting.**

17.3 Management of Eastern Sea Garfish in the Estuary General Fishery

The Chair noted that correspondence was received from an industry shareholder proposing that allocation of Eastern Sea Garfish quota should be provided to Estuary General, with NSW DPI providing Council member's additional background to consider.

Further Council discussion included:

- Chair called for pecuniary interests, with Estuary General and Ocean Haul members noting vested interest in this topic.
- NSW DPI identified that this issue was raised in previous working groups by a very limited number. It was considered by SARC and not deemed as necessary to implement immediately but noted that there may need to be a cap on catches at a future date.
- DPI identified that catches are primarily only in Port Stephens and only in seasons when the fish enter the Port. There are seasonal variations but most often less than 6T is taken in total.
- DPI identified there are a variety of ways to implement a quota arrangement if desirable including an Olympic TAC or full quota arrangement. There are risks, benefits, and costs to implement and manage a proposed quota arrangement, which would be significant comparative to the value of the fishery.
- There are reporting requirements for those that catch in Ocean must pre-land report before leaving beach or Ocean and entering Estuary. Compliance can monitor.
- Risk that reform arrangements have not been implemented for long enough to determine if required. Need to monitor catches in Ocean and Estuary and consider at a later date.

ACTION 6.14: The Council:

1. Noted that 2 members have vested interest in this topic.
2. Supports NSW DPI recommendation that at this stage no cap by way of a quota regime to be placed on Eastern Sea Garfish catches in the Estuary General fishery.
3. Recommends that NSW DPI monitor catches and reporting of eastern sea garfish in interim period.

17.4 Banking (carry-over) of fishing days in Estuary General Fishery

The Chair noted that correspondence had been received from the Minister's office seeking advice on a proposal to allow banking of catch days in Estuary General Meshing if they are not used during the fishing period. The Minister has requested that the Council give consideration to the proposal and associated risks, with additional background regarding the complexities and risks provided by NSW DPI.

Further discussion included:

- On average, less than 10% of meshing days allocated had been used to date and unlikely to be used.
- Ample days available in fishing period given the days allocation has been made on highest recorded days fished plus 10%.
- There would be significant inequity to those that purchased more shares to get more days if arrangements were introduced to allow for banking.

ACTION 6.15: The Council unanimously recommends that the industry proposal not be supported and that current arrangements remain, with no banking or carry forward of fishing days in the Estuary General Fishery.

17.5 Correspondence received

The Chair noted that correspondence was received from various sources. Council members discussed the correspondence received, including discussing the following:

17.5.1 Abalone Association NSW

Correspondence received from the Abalone Association of NSW (AANSW) to the Council and Ministers office outlining reasons for requesting more compliance officers and improving the legal process following serious offences.

- Council recognises significant burden placed on Compliance officers with a growing recreational sector.
- Council also recognised the delays often not caused by DPI but are an issue in Crown Solicitors Office or in the Court.
- Council discussed the potential options that are available to assist improve on the ground compliance outcomes and court results, including discussing the issue with the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) as an issue of mutual interest.

ACTION 6.16: Council member's support that additional resources are allocated to compliance in the interest of maintaining integrity of fisheries resources. However would prefer further discussion prior to making a recommendation to the Minister and support:

1. MFAC Council representative to initially discuss with MFAC and RFNSW, if allowable.

2. **Abalone and NSW DPI Council member identifying draft strategy and proposed inclusions for further Council discussion and potential to draft a submission to RFNSW.**
3. **NSW DPI investigates potential for joint RFNSW meeting and signage updates occurring to assist education.**
4. **Including illegal fishing as a standing agenda item.**

17.5.2 Australian Marine Parks

The Chair advised that had received correspondence from Parks Australia in regard to development of commercial fishing class approvals, including the Temperate East Network. Due to tight agenda schedule this item could not be discussed and provided to Council members for their information.

17.5.3 Response from NSW DPI to Wild Caught Fisheries Coalition (WCFC)

The Chair noted that NSW DPI had responded to correspondence that was discussed at the previous Council meeting from WCFC regarding blue crab commercial size limit and provided response to Council members for their information.

17.5.4 Responses received from Ministers office

The Chair advised that correspondence had been received from the Minister responding to the recommendations made by the Council at meeting 5.

ACTION 6.17: Members support releasing correspondence to recommendations made from the Council on topic of blue crab size limit and mullocky to be published on the Council webpage.

17.5.5 Other Industry Portal submissions

The Chair advised that there had been several submissions to the Council that have been deemed by NSW DPI as operational but provided to Council members for their information. Submission topics included:-

- Closures in region 3 Estuary General Fishery.
- Reform crew arrangements in Estuary General handling and meshing.
- Linking access to shares in Estuary General meshing and access to closed areas for prawning, received from the Estuary General Council member on behalf of an industry stakeholder.
- Estuary General member indicated that he received an additional submission from industry that has not yet been distributed to Council members, regarding closures in the Estuary General Fishery.

ACTION 6.18: Executive officer to advise individuals that made submission to Council that submission has been received and referred to NSW DPI for action.

17.5.6 Additional discussion

The Chair called for additional items with Council discussion including:

- NSW DPI nominee indicating that there should be additional follow up discussions on work health and safety.
- Country of labelling issue and potential for further discussion on this topic.

ACTION 6.19: Add topic of work health and safety as a standing Council agenda item.

18. Next Meeting and additional meeting 2018

Confirm Date and Location

The Chair advised that further discussion is required by the Council to confirm the next meeting date and additional meeting date proposed in 2018. Council decided that next scheduled Council meeting planned for September 2018 to be moved forward instead of holding an additional meeting in 2018.

The Chair confirmed the date of next meeting as 11 July 2018, commencing at 9am in Sydney. Further discussion concluded that the following and final meeting date in 2018 to remain unchanged and to occur 21/22 November 2018 in Sydney as previously scheduled.

ACTION 6.20: Move forward meeting 7 date to 11 July 2018 in Sydney.

Meeting Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:15pm and thanked Council members for their contributions.

ACTION Arising List

Meeting#	Action#	Action	Status
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4	10	NSW DPI to provide outcomes of cooperatives consultation to the Council prior to finalising the report out of session, to be handed to the Minister in May 2018	NSW DPI
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6	14	The Council: 1. Noted that 2 members have vested interest in this topic. 2. Supports NSW DPI recommendation that at this stage no cap by way of a quota regime to be placed on Eastern Sea Garfish catches in the Estuary General fishery. 3. Recommends that NSW DPI monitor catches and reporting of eastern sea garfish in interim period.	All members/ NSW DPI
6	15	The Council unanimously recommends that the industry proposal not be supported and that current arrangements remain, with no banking or carry forward of fishing days in the Estuary General Fishery.	All members
6	16	Council member's support that additional resources are allocated to compliance in the interest of maintaining integrity of fisheries resources. However would prefer further discussion prior to making a recommendation to the Minister and support: 1. MFAC Council representative to initially discuss with MFAC and RFNSW, if allowable. 2. Abalone and NSW DPI Council member identifying draft strategy and proposed inclusions for further Council	All members/ NSW DPI

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6	19	Add topic of work health and safety as a standing Council agenda item.	NSW DPI
6	20	Move forward meeting 7 date to 11 July 2018 in Sydney.	NSW DPI