

OCEAN HAULING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 9 August 2006 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Ocean Hauling MAC held its first meeting for 2006 on 9 August 2006 at the North Cronulla Surf lifesaving Club. A summary of the main issues discussed is as follows: -

1. Ocean Hauling Code of Conduct

That the code of conduct/practice needed to be reviewed and for boat based activities, in particular purse seine, be in line with other jurisdictions codes.

2. Beach access for vehicles

The continuing beach access issues through National Parks and Council administered lands, public liability insurance and uniform access was discussed.

3. Australian Salmon closure

The closure has been of concern to industry, with an industry desire to harvest them at least for bait, noting their increased numbers in NSW waters.

4. Access to areas within Marine Parks

The MAC desires uniformity in access to, and zoning within, Marine Parks and involvement in zoning planning and reviews.

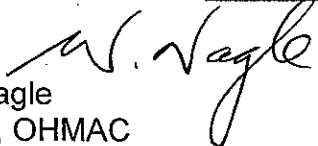
5. Share Management Fisheries

The MAC was supportive of the proposed consultation process, the tabled draft share trading rules, the proposed licensing arrangements and the draft Ocean Hauling Share Management Plan (SMP), but did not identify any urgency to adjust or achieve minimum shareholdings. As an addition to the arrangements agreed to above, a majority of the OHMAC supported a proposal that each fishery SMP or the supporting plan, specifically provides for the issue (based on catch history) of further classes of shares in relation to each major fish species harvested by the NSW commercial fishing industry. Further that the allocation of these new shares should be undertaken as soon as possible and then be utilised in the future to provide proportional access as appropriate.

6. Future OH MAC structure

The Committee discussed the issue of MAC structure in the context of share management fisheries.

For a full summary of the outcomes from the Ocean Hauling MAC meeting, please contact Mr David Makin, Fisheries Manager (Ocean Haul), on (02) 9527 8556 or via email at david.makin@dpi.nsw.gov.au.


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