



Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW AC) Chair's Summary (Meeting 4)

The fourth meeting of CommFish NSW was held in Coffs Harbour on the 28th and 29th of November 2017.

CommFish NSW members reviewed the NSW DPI Draft paper on the *Application of Government Cost Recovery Principles to DPI Fisheries*. Rebecca Chapman, Senior Project Officer NSW DPI, was present to discuss and answer any questions that Council members may have on the Draft paper. Council discussion focused on the key principles, application of key principles and degrees of cost recovery. Further Council discussion will occur at meetings next year in regard to Cost Recovery.

Members further discussed a revised list of regulations that had been identified as requiring review, compiled from previous consultations with industry and included Council member comments from the previous meeting. The Council decided to distribute the updated list of regulations to industry for comment and additions. Also a short discussion occurred on Harvest Strategies, the policy supporting them, the basic rules/trigger points required and how the Harvest Strategy for each fishery would become the rules within which each fishery operated.

Mathew Richardson, Supervising Fisheries Officer, was present to discuss and confirm any questions that Council members had on the Draft paper, *Introducing a Penalty Demerit System* and modernising enforcement and other associated provisions, that was initially discussed at the last Council meeting. The Council received feedback on sections that have been revised from previous consultation and confirmation of details requiring further clarification in order to finalise a position on the Draft paper.

The members reviewed the Draft paper developed following the facilitated workshop, on developing an *Investment Strategy for the Commercial Trust* at the previous meeting. Council members supported the Draft paper as an accurate report of the workshop and discussed the potential to also produce a summary of the paper, as the Council's investment statement to the Commercial Trust.

The Council discussed results of the Mulloway Recovery Program working group expressions of interest received, the culture within industry and how industry can maximise the return from their catch and also the preparation of the annual report to the Minister.

The next meeting will be in Sydney, with exact date to be confirmed and to occur around the start of March 2018.

Stuart Richey
Chair

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