



## **Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW AC) Chair's Summary (Meeting 7)**

The seventh meeting of CommFish NSW was held in Sydney on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018, rescheduled from September 2018.

It was again a very productive meeting, primarily focussing on the reporting arrangements for new species moving to quota, catches of quota species in non-quota fisheries, and new determination rules for prawn ballots. Darren Hale and Darren Reynolds (Senior Fisheries Managers) were present to provide summaries of submission results of recent industry consultation, with Council members advising of the proposed way forward prior to implementation.

Council members indicated unanimous support for the NSW DPI proposals for each topic with NSW DPI advising that some proposals had been changed as a consequence of industry submissions and consideration of in other jurisdictions.

Council members discussed the standing agenda items of the Mulloway Recovery Program, illegal fishing, work health and safety and Pittwater.

The Council members were provided with an update to the compliance Penalty Demerit System (PDS) that has been discussed at several prior Council meetings. NSW DPI indicated that there have been changes to sections as a result of previous Council discussions, and consultation to be extended to industry on draft bill. Council members made several recommendations, including inclusions in consultation to be extended to industry and implementation dates.

Council members remain firm that with new rules coming in to play, old rules should be revisited immediately to ensure the benefits of the new rules are realised.

The next meeting will be held in Sydney on 21/22 November 2018.

Stuart Richey  
Chair

6 August 2018