

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The Council met on Thursday 15 March 2018 in Sydney. The following are the key outcomes from that meeting:

The formal Council meeting was preceded by an informal meeting with the Chair and Members of the Commercial Fisheries Advisory Council (Commfish) which discussed a number of key issues being considered for the commercial fishing sector, including the Business Adjustment Program, general fisheries management and administration, and the proposed Penalty Points system.

1. **Cultural Fishing** - The Council finalised a draft paper on Cultural Fishing for initial consultation with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council.
2. **Co-management** - The Council finalised a draft discussion paper on Co-management for commercial fishing drawing on the experience of other jurisdictions - this draft will be referred to Commfish for initial consultation.
3. **Cost Recovery** - Council continued its consideration of a proposed Cost Recovery Policy, and finalised a paper outlining the key principles that underpin a Policy. This draft will be referred to Commfish for consultation.

Next Meeting

Council's next meeting will be held in Sydney on 8 June 2018 preceded by a meeting with the Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (RecfishNSW).

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Chair
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