

**Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council
(CommFish NSW AC)
Meeting 9, 21 & 22 November 2018
Day 1 - Rydges, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills
Day 2 – Rowers on Cook River, 1 Levey St, Wollie Creek**

Members present Day 1 & 2	Stuart Richey AM	CommFish NSW Chair
	David McPherson	Group Director – Commercial Fisheries & Aquaculture Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries (GDCA&Aq)
	Graeme Byrnes	Member – Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council (Commercial Fisher) (MFAC)
	John Luke	Member – Aboriginal Commercial Fishers (ACF)
	Geoff Blackburn	Member – Estuary General Share Managed Fishery (EGF)
	Mark Cranstone	Member – Lobster Share Managed Fishery (LF)
	Mitchell Sanders	Member – Ocean Trap & Line Share Managed Fishery (OTLF)
	Steve Hounsell	Member – Inland Restricted Fishery (IF)
	Greg Finn	Member – Sea Urchin & Turban Shell Restricted Fishery (SUTS)
	John Jarvis	Member – Southern Fish Trawl Restricted Fishery (STF)
	Darren Ward	Member – Ocean Trawl Share Managed Fishery (OTF)
	Cherie Kirkman	Executive Officer (EO), NSW DPI Fisheries
Invited guests	Day 1: Douglas Ferrell, Director Fisheries Analysis, Department of Primary Industry, Commercial Fisheries & Aquaculture	
RFNSW Members Day 2	Prof. Johann Bell	Independent Chairperson - Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (RFNSW)
	David Rae	Member - Region 1 - Mid & Far North Coast
	Paul Lennon	Member - Region 2 - Lower North Coast
	Greg Reid	Member - Region 4 - Illawarra
	Vicki Lear	Member - Region 4 - Illawarra
	Jo Starling	Member - Region 5 - South Coast
	Max Castle	Member - Region 5 - South Coast
	Matt Hansen	Member - Region 6 - North West Inland
	Steven Samuels	Member - Region 8 - Central & Southern Tablelands
	Ray Tang	Member - Region 8 - Central & Southern Tablelands
	Vic Levett	Member - Charter Boat Fishing
	Matt Poulton	Member - Spear Fishing
	Peter Turnell	Member - Nominee of Secretary – Group Director Recreational & Aboriginal Fisheries NSW DPI GDR&AF
	Brooke McCarthy	Fisheries Manager Recreational & Aboriginal Fisheries NSW DPI
Apologies	Scott Massey - Member Ocean Hauling, Steve Everson - Estuary Prawn Trawl, Stan Konstantaras – Member - Region 3 - Sydney & Central Coast & Karl Mathers – Member – Region 7 – South West Inland, Member Estuary General, Geoff Blackburn (on 22/11/18)	

Day 1: Rydges, 28 Albion Street, Sydney

1. Member Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

NOTED:

- Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 am and welcomed Council members and guests.
- The Aboriginal member acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, past and present, acknowledging that the meeting was held on the traditional lands of the Cadigal people.
- Cherie Kirkman was welcomed as the new Executive Officer (EO) replacing Brad Mackay, who provided exceptional support to the members in his tenure.
- Membership update:
 - Abalone member, Greg Ryzy had resigned. Greg Finn, the current Sea Urchin & Turban Shell (SUTS) member, is to take up the Abalone position.
 - Craig Shephard is to take up the position of SUTS member, administration paper work to be finalised.
 - Members advised of dates when remaining positions will expire.

ACTION 9.1:

- 1. EO to collate feedback from members to draft a letter of thanks to Brad Mackay on behalf of CommFish members.**
- 2. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Greg Ryzy on behalf of CommFish members.**

2. Review of Agenda

NOTED:

- Chair reminded Council of attendance at Parliament House for the inaugural "Friends of Seafood."
- Council members provided additional general business items (Items 7.2- 7.9).

3. Review, Declarations and update Register of Interests

NOTED:

MFAC member declared the sale of his interest in Ocean Trap and Line - Line West and that he may now have an interest in the blue swimmer crab discussion.

ACTION 9.2: EO to amend Pecuniary Interest Register and circulate to members

4. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting 8

NOTED:

Draft minutes from meeting 8 accepted without change, as a true and accurate record of discussions. The Chair also indicated that future meeting minutes will have a different format.

5. Current actions arising from Meeting 8

NOTED:

The Current Actions and Recommendation list was reviewed for updates (Appendix A), and further discussion was had on actions 8.2, 8.4 and 8.17 as listed below.

List of Regulations - Action 8.2: When supported and finalised through additional internal consultation, NSW DPI to release list of regulations to industry.

NOTED:

- The consultation paper is now ready for release for public comment; Council

confirmed support for release.

- The timing of the Penalty Demerit Scheme (PDS) is important, with Council reiterating the need to review regulations prior to implementation of the PDS.

AGREED:

- CommFish NSW to engage with the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW AC) to form a working group to review feedback as a result of consultation on the regulations.

ACTION 8.2-UPDATED:

- 1. NSW DPI to release a call for submissions, on the full list of regulations.**
- 2. EO to write to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW AC) inviting comment on the consultation paper when released.**

RECOMMENDATION 9.1: Member's unanimous support for:

- 1. A working group consisting of CommFish NSW and RFNSW to be formed to review submissions following consultation on the regulations.**

Compliance recommendation - Action 8.4: Estuary General and SUTS Council members to be involved in the drafting of an issues paper identifying potential measures to assist compliance in reducing illegal fishing and distribute to other Council members for comment.

NOTED:

- The draft paper was discussed with the decision to have further input from DPI NSW and members.
- Findings and recommendations of the Palmer Report from 2004 were discussed as applicable to NSW, with members generally supporting recommendations; one member noted concerns regarding the use of capsicum spray.

ACTION 8.4 – UPDATED:

- 1. SUTS Member to liaise with NSW DPI Compliance on the draft recommendations and make amendments where applicable.**
- 2. EO to recirculate to members for further feedback.**

Possession and transport of catches of non-quota species – Action 8.17: Council members support NSW DPI investigating options and further discussion at a future Council meeting around issue of possession and transport of catches of non-quota species by authorised agents.

NOTED:

- NSW DPI Fisheries intends to review the existing reporting and receiver requirements, including the registered fish receiver program.
- Members suggested delegated authority, or specification of a condition on licences.
- The following Council members are to review further and provide recommendations: Estuary Prawn Trawl, Estuary General, Lobster, MFAC and Ocean Trawl.

ACTION 8.17 - UPDATED: Nominated CommFish NSW members to further review NSW DPI recommendations and provide feedback back to progress this action.

6. Cost Recovery – Revisiting NSW commercial fisheries management charges

NOTED:

- Discussion focussed on the need to set management charges and annual contributions for NSW commercial fisheries in a fair and equitable manner.
- NSW DPI Fisheries provided modelling of the various options for setting fees and charges.
- As part of discussions it was noted that stock assessments and harvest strategies need to be completed.

ACTION 9.3:

- 1. Stock assessments and harvest strategies are to be completed.**
- 2. NSW DPI to model a flat charge for each class of shares held in each fishery and report to CommFish for further consideration.**

7. General Business

7.1 Correspondence received:

NOTED: A total of six submissions were received since the previous CommFish meeting.

Topics listed for discussion:

- Correspondence No. 43 -The fifteen kilogram trip limit for Banded Rockcod.
- Correspondence No. 44 - Net registration.
- Correspondence No 45 - Estuary General Prawn ballot.
- Correspondence No.46 - Introducing a non-permitted species list instead of a permitted list.
- Correspondence No. 47 – Impacts on the industry such as mental health and the weather.
- Correspondence No. 48 – Letter sent to Minister by Fisher regarding membership (representation) on Council.

ACTION 9.4:

- 1. EO to respond to Correspondence No. 43, 46, 47 and 48**
- 2. NSW DPI to respond to Correspondence No. 44 and 45**
- 3. NSW DPI to investigate the list of species and consult with CommFish NSW on the advantages and disadvantages of introducing a non-permitted species list instead of a permitted list.**

7.2 Finance for the fishing industry:

NOTED:

- Council questioned whether the assistance (loans) provided by the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) should be open to all fishing businesses, not just those who have been issued new quota shares following the Independent Allocation Panel process. This could assist to purchase shares at a low interest rate.
- NSW DPI explained that the assistance measures were limited deliberately to ensure those impacted by the IAP allocations are assisted in the first instance.
- NSW DPI explained that if the loan amount is increased then less fishers are likely to be able to access loans as there is a limit on available funds.

- Council also proposed that grants or low interest loans should be made available to drive innovation, including for the purchase of better equipment, and that this could also be available to fishing co-operatives and other parts of the commercial fishing industry more generally.

AGREED: RAA loans should be open to all fishers, and maximum loan values increased above eighty thousand dollars.

ACTION 9.5: A letter from the Chair to Minister is to be drafted and sent in relation to low interest loans being available for all fishers in the fishing industry to support adoption of new and innovative technology.

7.3 Meeting information sent to members:

NOTED: All meeting information should be sent to both attending and non-attending Council members.

ACTION 9.6: EO to investigate if meeting information was sent to all members.

7.4 Fishing business (FB) owner responsible for nominated fisher:

NOTED:

- Council discussed the need to review the current Interim Fishing Activity Report (IFAR) process.
- Discussion was had in regard to the regulation specifying that Fishing Business (FB) owners have legal responsibility for submitting catch and effort reports to the NSW DPI, including on behalf of their nominated fishers.
- NSW DPI advised that the government would expect that this is included in any contract between Fishing Business owners and their nominated fishers.

Action 9.7: NSW DPI to review the IFAR process

7.5 Time limit for setting of yabby traps – Inland Restricted Fishery:

NOTED: The 48 hours trap-setting limit applying to restricted fishers catching yabbies was discussed, with the suggestion made that due to the distance travelled, a 48 hour limit is not feasible in remote areas. Member suggested either: a) no timeframe for trap setting, b) trap to be left open, or c) investigate the feasibility of a 72 hour limit.

Action 9.8: NSW DPI to provide a further update to CommFish NSW for consideration.

7.6 Blue Swimmer crab discussion:

NOTED: In response to a request from the Estuary General Member, data was tabled by the NSW DPI member. The data is an extract from a research paper by D Johnson (year) confirming that the majority (average 70%) of crabs captured in Wallis Lake, measured at the Wallis Lake Co-op and reported in the study grow over six and half centimetres. MFAC member noted that South Australia (SA) is the main competition to the NSW market, and it was suggested that their model is worth reviewing. Additional discussion was had on this topic on day 2, item 3.

AGREED: Unanimous agreement that the previous recommendation of a six and half centimetre Blue swimmer crab legal minimum length for commercial catch is still appropriate.

7.7 Seafood information booklet from New Zealand:

NOTED: Promotional booklet on Australian seafood from New Zealand tabled for member's information.

7.8 Timely upload of minutes to the webpage:

NOTED: It was discussed that the time for meeting minutes to be upload to the website was longer than expected.

AGREED: The process to seek approval to upload to be reviewed.

Action 9.9: DPI NSW representative to review the approval process to upload minutes to the website.

7.9 Royal Red Prawns:

NOTED: Restrictions applying to prawn trawl, specifically for Royal Red Prawns in NSW were discussed. It was suggested that regulations applying to the Commonwealth may also be appropriate for NSW and result in improved viability. The Ocean Trawl member disclosed that he had a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Action 9.10: NSW DPI to investigate the appropriateness of amending NSW regulations to be more in line with the Commonwealth regulations as applicable to catching Royal Red Prawns.

8. Next Meeting Confirm Date and Location

AGREED: Next meeting will be held in Sydney on 6 and 7 March 2019.

9. Close of Meeting for Day 1

NOTED: Meeting closed at 6:05pm, all Council members and invited guests were thanked for their contributions and for their attendance.

DAY 2 Joint meeting CommFish NSW and RFNSW – Rowers Club Wollie Creek

1. Member Welcome and Introductions

NOTED: The Chairs of the Commercial and Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Councils welcomed all members to the first joint meeting. The meeting commenced with a round table of introductions.

2. Action needed to prevent black marketing of fish

NOTED:

- Discussions commenced with reference by the CommFish NSW member (MFAC representative) to a report by Palmer in 2004. The report identified that fish theft is a major issue and that the extent of theft was extensive, exceeding that experienced by the cattle industry, i.e. fish theft is more frequent than cattle rustling; there is a high level of criminal activity.
- That it is very difficult to identify this type of illegal activity, and that it cannot be easily determined whether fish has been caught recreationally or commercially once it is at a restaurant/cooperative.
- The Palmer report recommends fin clipping as a means of identifying legal from illegal catch. Discussion was had in regard to the need for better identification as a means to prevent black marketing. Clipping and tagging were discussed as options. It

was also suggested that higher penalties should apply for buying illegal fish. It was also stated that the Palmer report recommended that a reward for reporting a theft should be paid when the perpetrator is charged. Currently the reward is paid when convicted.

- It was suggested that both CommFish NSW and RFNSW have a joint action to work towards preventing the sale of fish (to consumers, restaurants etc.) by those who are not authorised to do so, and that a joint recommendation be provided to the Minister in regard to the prevention of black marketing of fish.
- Further discussion included that CommFish NSW has been actively involved in the development of a Penalty Demerit Scheme (PDS) to address those that may be involved in illegal fishing and selling in the Commercial sector. CommFish NSW relayed to RFNSW that the Council is very serious about reducing illegal activity because it is undermining the sustainable management of fisheries resources. The implementation of the PDS is ongoing, but CommFish NSW fully supports it and considers they have been thorough in reviewing the scheme. The RFNSW Council considers that a review of recreational bag limits of popular species, e.g., Snapper and Kingfish, will help rebuild stocks and also limit the potential for illegal sale of these species.
- A joint collaboration between RFNSW and CommFish NSW would assist in expediting the change on this important black marketing issue.
- The member for Sea Urchin & Turban Shell (SUTS) Fishery advised that CommFish has drafted a paper to recommend additional assistance to DPI Compliance. It was

AGREED: That CommFish NSW and RFNSW would share the paper and work with DPI to make a joint recommendation to the Minister.

Action9.1: DPI Group Director, Recreational & Aboriginal Fishing and Group Director, Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture to form a sub group to jointly prepare a recommendation to the Minister on the prevention of black marketing of fish, to be sent as a joint letter by the Chairs of CommFish NSW and RFNSW

3. Need for consistent size limits for commercial and recreational sectors

AGREED: That consistent size limits, applying to both the commercial and recreational sectors need to be considered.

NOTED:

- CommFish NSW (MFAC member) spoke of Blue Swimmer Crabs and that the main competitor for NSW is South Australia. With Blue Swimmer Crabs now managed by quota and a commercial size limit of six and a half centimetres, smaller crabs are less marketable. He also indicated that Wallis Lake fishers have been measuring crabs and confirm that larger sized crabs are not impacted much from handling. It was suggested that consideration should be given to progressively increasing the size each year, to deliver a better product to market and a higher price. Increased minimum size is something that commercial fishers would like to see implemented for recreational fishers as well.

- RFNSW would like to see the size limits for Snapper and Kingfish increased; specifically, considering increasing the size limit of Kingfish to 75cm and decreasing recreational bag limits at the same time. RFNSW asked for CommFish input.
- Firstly the member for Ocean Trap & Line Fishery declared his pecuniary interest in Snapper prior to making comment. It was advised that an increase in size would impact commercial fishers financially, as they do not need to target such large fish; restaurants prefer smaller Snapper (around the current size limit) for the plate. The DPI member suggested that the science should inform the size limit management arrangements. Following further discussion, the RFNSW Chair indicated that the science should be considered carefully and should be used to determine the minimum legal size.

AGREED: By both Councils that further discussion should be held as soon as convenient.

- The member for SUTS advised that the size limit for Abalone had been adjusted over time and noted that having more robust estimates of the recreational take of abalone and rock lobster would greatly benefit the management of these shared resources.

Action 9.2: NSW DPI to summarise the science on the most effective way of optimising increasing the spawning biomass, and market prices of Snapper and Kingfish and forward to RFNSW and CommFish NSW for further discussion.

4. The Mulloway recovery program and the need for monitoring

NOTED:

- There was overall applause for the Mulloway recovery actions. Discussion focused on the next steps.
- RFNSW identified that it will be requesting regular monitoring to determine whether the recovery program is increasing the spawning biomass of Mulloway, and whether the removal of mesh net registrations is increasing the catch of large fish. The CommFish NSW Chair suggested that DPI also review the number of fish caught, not just the tonnage, as the increase in fish size will increase the tonnage.
- RFNSW acknowledged that there was an urgent need to quantify how many Mulloway were caught by recreational fishers each year.
- RFNSW noted the impact of the removal of mesh net registrations is largely unknown at this stage. CommFish advised that if they need to provide recommendations in the future to further reduce fishing mortality, they will do so.
- Both RFNSW and CommFish members are both highly focused on sustainability and ensuring recovery of the species. Therefore, it was suggested that the science needs to dictate how this should be managed through monitoring the biomass, size, catch location, habitat and the quantity taken. The member for Southern Fish Trawl Fishery suggested that there is a need to build on the harvest management framework that is already in place.
- Members asked what actions DPI is taking with regard to Mulloway; the DPI member indicated that commercial catches are being monitored monthly and that

independent surveys are being undertaken and modelled. Statewide recreational catch surveys are also underway.

Action 9.3:

- 1. DPI to provide regular updates on Mulloway.**
- 2. Unanimous support to invite Campbell Davies from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to the next joint meeting to discuss what research CSIRO are doing on the application of 'close-kin' genetic techniques as a tool to measure the rebuilding on spawning biomass in overfished stocks.**
- 3. Support to invite to the next joint meeting a CSIRO expert and DPI scientists to inform members about the methods used to develop harvest strategies.**

5. Need for overall catch limits and better measures of catches by all sectors, to improve the management of shared resources

NOTED:

- CommFish advised that commercial fishers are currently still highly regulated by input controls noting the additional controls recently implemented by the Business Adjustment Program.
- CommFish are looking to review some of the current commercial fishing regulations; it was suggested that RFNSW and CommFish NSW should form a joint group to look at red tape reduction.
- Discussion involved the need to ensure sustainability and equitable access to our fisheries resources across all sectors. RFNSW advised that all sectors are custodians of our fisheries resources and should be collectively involved in their future management.
- In addition to current surveys of recreational fishing, it was suggested that Compliance Officers may be able to collect additional recreational fishing catch information when undertaking compliance activities to increase the amount of available recreational information. Another option was the potential implementation of a catch log for fishers.
- RFNSW Chair suggested that Recreational Fishing Trust funding be requested to engage a think tank to look at how to enhance recording of the recreational catch. This was supported by both Councils.

ACTION 9.4:

- 1. Investigate the formation of a joint RFNSW and CommFish NSW group to reduce red tape associated with fishing regulations**
- 2. Facilitate a Recreational Fishing Trust application to engage a think tank to recommend additional, cost effective methods to measure the recreational fisher catch.**

6. Other concerns:

NOTED: CommFish shared concerns that whilst Australian Salmon are caught for lobster bait, it was suggested Australian Salmon may be predated Whiting in large numbers. RFNSW questioned whether commercial fishers are required to record fish caught for bait,

which was confirmed. It was also mentioned that there was no export market for Salmon at present. Concerns were expressed by CommFish that more Salmon are being observed further up the east coast.

7. Next Meeting

NOTED: It was recommended that CommFish NSW and RFNSW meet at least once a year.

8. Meeting Close

NOTED: Both Chairs closed the meeting at 12:08pm, thanking all Council members for their contributions.

Appendix A – Current Actions & Recommendations List for Meeting 9 – Day 1

Actions

No.	Action	Whom	Comments	Status
7.4	Invite Research Leader Fisheries Resource Assessment (NSW DPI) to attend the next Council meeting and provide an update on the development of fishery harvest strategies.	NSW DPI	Meeting 8: Chair indicated that this a standing item with DPI to provide updates at future meeting Meeting 9: Chair advised that NSW DPI representative for harvest strategies be invited to attend next meeting	In progress
7.8	Council supports NSW DPI, MFAC and Estuary General Members developing signage options in support of NSW commercial fishing for tabling at a future Council meeting.	NSW DPI/ MFAC,& EG	Meeting 8: Chair indicated that this is a standing agenda item. Meeting 9: Chair advised still in progress	In progress
7.22	The Council recommends: 1. NSW DPI investigates the issues raised in regard to FisherMobile and catch and effort reporting system errors. 2. Further discussion on boat licences to be included at a future Council meeting. 3. Including discussing changes to NSW DPI Fisheries compliance practices with onset of mobile reporting systems at a future Council meeting.	Council & NSW DPI	Meeting 8: Chair advised boat licencing and compliance are standing items. With further update required regarding FisherMobile Meeting 9: Chair advised that Item 1 was completed and item 2 & 3 to be discussed further at a later meeting	1. Completed 2. In progress 3. In progress
8.1	The EO to amend the register of interests and distribute to Council members.	EO	Meeting 9: Chair advised that this has been completed	Completed
8.2	When supported and finalised through additional internal consultation, NSW DPI to release list of regulations to industry. Meeting 9: Action has been amended to: 1. NSW DPI to release a call for submissions, on the full list of regulations. 2. EO to write to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW AC) inviting comment on the consultation paper when released.	NSW DPI	Meeting 9: Actions to 8.2 have been updated	In progress

8.3	EO to investigate a joint meeting with RFNSW at the first available opportunity.	EO	Meeting 9: Chair advised meeting set for tomorrow 22 November 2018.	Completed
8.4	Estuary General and SUTS Council members to be involved in the drafting of an issues paper identifying potential measures to assist compliance in reducing illegal fishing and distribute to other Council members for comment. Meeting 9: Action has been amended to: 1. SUTS Member to liaise with DPI NSW Compliance on the draft recommendations and make amendments where applicable. 2. EO to recirculate to members for further feedback.	EG/SUTS & AB; NSW DPI	Meeting 9: Action to 8.4 has been updated.	In progress
8.9	Council members recommend that NSW DPI: 1. Investigate the potential of automatic disqualification for certain high level offences such as trafficking fish. 2. Provide further information on the topic of automatic disqualification for Council members review at a future meeting.	NSW DPI	Meeting 9: Chair advised in progress	In Progress
8.16	Council recommend NSW DPI draft written response to industry individual that has provided multiple submissions to the Council, issue deemed NSW DPI operational.	NSW DPI	Meeting 9: Chair advised that this has been drafted and will be sent out within the next few days.	In Progress
8.17	Council members support NSW DPI investigating options and further discussion at a future Council meeting around issue of possession and transport of catches of non-quota species by authorised agents. Meeting 9: Nominated CommFish NSW members to further review DPI NSW recommendations and provide feedback back to progress this action.	Council	Meeting 9: Action 8.17 updated. The following members Estuary Prawn Trawl, Estuary General, Lobster, MFAC and Ocean Trawl are to review and provide recommendations.	In Progress
8.18	EO to: 1. Refer issues identified as operational matters to NSW DPI; recommend NSW DPI to send written response to issues identified. 2. Respond to individuals that have made submissions to the Council that have relevance to list of regulations, indicating that correspondence received will be retained as a submission. 3. Update summary of correspondence register and redistribute to Council members prior to any Council meetings.	EO	Meeting 9: Chair advised that EO noted for action to be a standard action for all meetings, this can be completed.	Noted and completed

8.19	Council members request that a NSW DPI recreational fishing manager attend a future Council meeting to provide a briefing on the recreational EIS development.	NSW DPI	Meeting 9: Chair advised possible attendance at next meeting	In Progress
9.1	1. EO to collate feedback from members to draft a letter of thanks to Brad Mackay on behalf of CommFish members. 2. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Greg Rzy on behalf of CommFish members.	EO		
9.2	EO to amend Pecuniary Interest Register and circulate to members	EO		
9.3	1. Stock assessments and harvest strategies are to be completed. 2. NSW DPI to model, a flat charge for each class of shares held in each fishery and report to CommFish for further consideration.	NSW DPI		
9.4	1. EO to respond to Correspondence No. 43, 46, 47 and 48 2. NSW DPI to respond to Correspondence No. 44 and 45 3. NSW DPI to investigate the list of species and consult with CommFish NSW on the advantages and disadvantages of introducing a non-permitted species list instead of a permitted list.	EO		
9.5	A letter from the Chair to Minister is to be drafted and sent in relation to low interest loans for all fishers in the fishing industry to support adoption of new and innovative technology.	Council		
9.6	EO to investigate if meeting information was sent to all members.	EO		
9.7	NSW DPI to review the IFAR process.	NSW DPI		
9.8	NSW DPI to provide a further update to CommFish NSW for consideration.	NSW DPI		
9.9	NSW DPI representative to review the approval process to upload minutes to the website.	NSW DPI		
9.10	NSW DPI to investigate the appropriateness of amending NSW regulations to be more in line with the Commonwealth regulations as applicable to catching Royal Red Prawns.	NSW DPI		

No.	Recommendations to Minister
9.1	Member's unanimous support for: A working group consisting of CommFish NSW and RFNSW to be formed to review submissions following consultation on the regulations.

Appendix B – Current Actions List for Meeting 9 – Day 2

No.	Action	Whom	Comments	Status
9.1	DPI Group Director, Recreational & Aboriginal Fishing and Group Director, Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture to form a sub group to jointly prepare a recommendation to the Minister on the prevention of black marketing of fish, to be sent as a joint letter by the Chairs of CommFish NSW and RFNSW	NSW DPI/ & Sub group		
9.2	DPI to summarise the science on the most effective way of optimising increasing the spawning biomass, and market prices of Snapper and Kingfish and forward to RFNSW and CommFish NSW for further discussion.	NSW DPI		
9.3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DPI to provide regular updates on Mulloway 2. Unanimous support to invite Campbell Davies from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to the next joint meeting to discuss what research CSIRO are doing on the application of 'close-kin' genetic techniques as a tool to measure the rebuilding on spawning biomass in overfished stocks. 3. Support to invite to the next joint meeting a CSIRO expert and DPI scientists to inform members about the methods used to develop harvest strategies. 	NSW DPI EO's		
9.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate the formation of a joint RFNSW and CommFish NSW group to reduce red tape associated with fishing regulations 2. Facilitate a Recreational Fishing Trust application to engage a think tank to recommend additional, cost effective methods to measure the recreational fisher catch. 	Both Councils RFNSW		