



## Chair's summary report to Minister (Meeting 15)

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18 September 2020

Dear Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity for CommFish NSW to have input into the response to the Barclay Report – *Economic Analysis and Social and Economic Monitoring following the NSW Commercial Fisheries Adjustment Program* and on the initial response from the NSW Government.

CommFish NSW met by video conference on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss the report, the Government's initial response and a proposal for Economic and Social Indicator Monitoring from BDO EconSearch. BDO EconSearch provided a presentation on their proposed research methodology and some background into some of their previous assignments for industry and Government economic research.

The main outcomes from the meeting were:

- CommFish NSW is supportive of the Government's initial response to the Barclay Report.
- CommFish NSW strongly supports the proposal for Economic and Social Monitoring put forward by BDO EconSearch and recommends that they be engaged to conduct the research as a matter of urgency.
- CommFish NSW supports the Economic and Social Monitoring proposal to be funded from the Commercial Fishing Trust.

CommFish considers that once baseline economic and social data is in place with an annual survey for updating information, they will be better placed to provide advice on individual fishery performance and any other measures necessary to improve performance.

Yours sincerely

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CommFish NSW Chair