ABALONE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 6 NOVEMBER 2007

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Abalone Management Advisory Committee (AbMAC) held its second meeting for 2007 in the afternoon of 6 November 2007 at the Cronulla Fisheries Centre of Excellence.

All industry, NCC and DPI Committee members were in attendance at the meeting. An apology was received from the Recreational representative and it was noted that the Indigenous position remains vacant. A limited number of abalone stakeholders attended the meetings as observers.

The primary purpose of the meeting was for the AbMAC to meet with members of the Special Abalone Recovery Group (SARG) and discuss a paper outlining the draft content of issues to be included in the SARG's submission to the Minister. There was a good level of participation from all meeting attendees where valuable input was provided into all the items raised in the SARG's paper. It was requested from AbMAC to receive the final SARG recommendations before it is submitted to the Minister.

Due to time restraints, no other items on the agenda were discussed. It was agreed that another AbMAC meeting is to be scheduled in early 2008 to discuss the abalone fisheries management budget, total allowable catch issues and other outstanding matters relating to the abalone fishery.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Warren Martin

Chairperson of AbMAC

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