

**OCEAN TRAP AND LINE  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSON'S SUMMARY  
22-23 June 2009**

**Attendance**

All members were in attendance.

**Meeting Times**

This was the first meeting of the MAC for over 18 months. The delay was a result of the need to conclude deliberations by SIAC, culminating in the "Pyrmont Pact", to address the issues of sustainability and viability surrounding the NSW Fishery.

**Restructure**

The Pyrmont Pact was drafted in March of this year and is a series of 8 reform components. The MAC gave consideration to the components of the Pyrmont Pact, and in particular to the first two, relating to "creating a suite of tools to provide for input and output controls" and "providing for initial restructuring...". It was emphasized by SIAC members present that the suite of tools was to be regarded as a collection of options only, and that different fisheries could choose whichever tools were deemed to be appropriate to them. Further emphasis was placed on the fact that conditions for restructuring would not be imposed on any fishery and would only be done with the agreement of that fishery. On that basis, and on condition that written advice would be received to the effect that this will be the case, the MAC was prepared to endorse the Pyrmont proposals.

**The Export Licence**

The MAC noted that the legal action taken against the Commonwealth by the NCC in 2007, regarding the awarding of an export licence to our fishery, had failed. The licence has been operational since that time - it is now up for review, and is presently being carried out by the Commonwealth.

**The Spanner Crab fishery**

It was noted that many members of the spanner crab fishery desired a move to a quota system. Options are still being considered - as such the MAC agreed to defer the commencement date for a minimum shareholding requirement.

**Shark management arrangements**

The issues surrounding the shark fishery were the subject of much debate. It was agreed that:

- the 7 research permits, due for expiry on 30 June, should be extended for a further 6 months.
- an interim management period to exist until January, in which time there would exist a 500 kg weekly trip limit (except school, gummy, wobby and dogfish)
- over the next 6 months, more permanent arrangements will be developed in consultation with the MAC
- complementary arrangement with Commonwealth for a 150 kg trip limit for dogfish.

**Next Meeting**

It is hoped that the next meeting can be held in September

*This one page summary represents my interpretation of the more significant matters considered by the MAC. A full review is to be found in Outcomes of Meeting, due to be circulated.*