



Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW AC)

Meeting 1 – Minutes

25/26 May 2017

Portside Centre (#5 Room), 207 Kent Street, Sydney

Members

- Stuart Richey AM, CommFish NSW AC Chair
- David McPherson, Group Director – Commercial Fisheries & Aquaculture (NSW DPI)
- Brad Mackay, Executive Officer (NSW DPI)
- Graeme Byrnes, Member – Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council (Commercial Fisher)
- John Luke, Member – Aboriginal Commercial Fishers
- Greg Ryzy, Member - Abalone Share Managed Fisheries
- Geoff Blackburn, Member – Estuary General Share Managed Fisheries
- Steve Everson, Member – Estuary Prawn Trawl Share Managed Fisheries
- Mark Cranstone, Member – Lobster Share Managed Fisheries
- Scott Massey, Member – Ocean Hauling Share Managed Fisheries
- Mitchell Saunders, Member – Ocean Trap & Line Share Managed Fisheries
- Diego Bagnato, Member – Ocean Trawl Share Managed Fisheries
- Steve Hounsell, Member – Inland Restricted Fisheries
- Greg Finn, Member – Sea Urchin & Turban Shell Restricted Fisheries (SUTS)
- John Jarvis, Member – Southern Fish Trawl Restricted Fisheries (SFT)

Invitees

- Carolyn Raine – Project Manager NSW DPI (Day 1)
- Darren Reynolds – Senior Fisheries Manager NSW DPI (Day 2)

Others (Day 1, 25 May 2017):-

- Parliament House – Minister for Primary Industries (The Hon Niall Blair), Ministers Chief of Staff (Sean O’Connell) and Policy Advisor (Miranda Pade).

1 Apologies Dr Geoff Allan, Deputy Director General, NSW DPI Fisheries.

2 Day 1 10:30 - Meeting with The Hon. Niall Blair (Parliament House).

Members met and were welcomed by The Hon. Niall Blair MLC Minister for Primary Industries at Parliament House. The Minister welcomed all members, acknowledged the local traditional owners and member John Luke as the Aboriginal Commercial Fishers representative. The Minister thanked all members for their participation in the newly formed Commercial Fishing Advisory Council (CommFish NSW AC) and indicated that he was looking forward to receiving advice from the Council on NSW Commercial Fishing Industry issue.

All members introduced themselves and summarised their experience in the fishing industry. The Chair discussed a range of issues including transparency, working groups, agenda items and the Business Adjustment Program (BAP).

3 12:30 – Chair’s introduction.

The Chair initiated discussion on their membership roles, conflict of interest disclosure, recording of minutes, pecuniary interests, the overall objectives of the Council to make recommendations as a whole and the public/media interaction of members.

4 CommFish NSW AC Induction

Carolyn Raine (NSW DPI) presented the induction presentation, with a focus on the CommFish NSW AC ‘Draft Charter’. The Council considered the ‘Draft’ CommFish NSW AC Charter that had been previously circulated to members, with some of the main points discussed including terms of reference. Following clarification of a number of sections in the Charter, the Council endorsed it as the basis for its operation.

DECISION: Adopt CommFish NSW AC Charter.

RESULTING ACTION: Release adopted CommFish NSW AC Charter to NSW DPI intranet.

With other topics of Carolyn Raines presentation including the following:-

- Guidelines for Boards and Committees
- Objectives
 - Fisheries consultation & role of CommFish NSW
 - Structure of Committee
 - Composition of CommFish NSW
 - Objectives
 - Terms of reference
 - Who are you representing
- Responsibilities of Members
 - Skills and experience
 - Conditions of appointment
 - Professional Conduct
 - Unacceptable behaviour
 - Conflict of interests
 - Confidentiality
- Operating openly, accountably and transparently
 - Consulting with industry
 - Public disclosure of information
 - Dealing with the Media
 - Reporting to the Minister
- Review of CommFish NSW AC
- Administration of Members
 - Travel and expenses of members

With the following resulting from this presentation:-

DECISION: All CommFish NSW AC members to review their submitted pecuniary interests that they have previously provided to the department and amend if required.

RESULTING ACTION: All CommFish NSW AC members to contact the executive officer if pecuniary interests submitted to the department change.

DECISION: All CommFish NSW AC papers to be made available on the NSW DPI Website, including the Chair statement.

RESULTING ACTION: Release Chair Statement to NSW DPI Internet.

DECISION: Improve industry's understanding of the process of working group involvements initiated by members.

RESULTING ACTION: Draft a media release that includes how decisions are made, with members and other NSW stakeholders can have input into recommendations and also promote working groups.

5 CommFish NSW AC Strategic Agenda & Meeting Dates

The Council agreed to the following dates and locations for future CommFish NSW AC meetings, with strategic agenda to include:-

5.1 Strategic Agenda

The following terms for future meetings this year were agreed:

- all will be 2 day meetings
- meetings to start at 1200 on day 1, finish by 1400 on day 2
- Sydney to be the location at least for next two meetings with future meetings considered for regional areas. To be researched further and members to formulate a potential list of invites.

DECISION: All CommFish NSW AC Members to formulate a list of potential invites to member events, with particular focus on including some young stakeholders to informal get together or as observers.

RESULTING ACTION: All CommFish NSW AC members to contact the executive officer if they wish to nominate an invite to member events.

The Chair referred to Charter as Terms of reference, indicating important that we conduct meetings in a professional manner and that the Council is required to make majority recommendations even if not all members support specific recommendation. The Chair also indicated for members to contact either the Chair or executive officer in regard to additional agenda items. Attendance by proxy members is not permitted but written comments on agenda items may be accepted if the member is unable to attend the meeting. The Chair indicated that his contact details can be distributed all members of the Council and that a list of all members contact details should be distributed to

members of the Council. All members agreed to the release of their contact details to other Commfish NSW AC members.

ACTION: Executive Officer to distribute the contact details of the Chair and all members, including their division represented to all members of Council.

The following dates, locations and topics were confirmed, with unanimous decision to switch topics of meetings 2 and 3, moving the Catch and Effort Online Reporting & Culture of adoption within the Industry to meeting date 2.

Meeting #	Date (Location)	Topic
2	11/12th July 2017 (Sydney)	Catch and Effort Online Reporting & Culture of adoption within the Industry
3	18/19th September 2017 (Sydney)	Investment Plan for the Commercial Fishing Trust
4	27/28th November 2017 (Coffs Harbour)	Cost Recovery Framework for Commercial Fishing Trust Investment Plan

With the following resulting from this discussion:-

DECISION: MFAC Resource sharing document to be distributed to members prior to meeting 3 (Investment Plan for the Commercial Fishing Trust).

RESULTING ACTION: Distribute MFAC Resource sharing document to CommFish NSW AC members prior to meeting 3.

DECISION: Members to contact Chair/other members in regard to any other items to add to agenda, with ongoing agenda prioritisation, with members also to develop strategies of engagement with local fisherman at either the meeting or informal gatherings.

ACTION: Draft agenda for next meeting, including potential to add resource sharing within the department and SFT to agenda for meeting 3.

6 Working groups & MISC Meeting 1 discussion (Cost Recovery)

The Council discussed the importance and different types of working groups, with the Chair indicating that several working groups may be required for the Council around the topics of the investment Plan, Fisheries Research Development Council (FRDC) consultation with public and the cost recovery framework. These groups may require specialist advice, with NSW DPI indicating that there is funding potentially available if required for specialist working groups or advice (e.g. Economist).

A short discussion ensued on different forms of cost recovery that could be discussed in a working group including those used in other States and the Commonwealth cost recovery frameworks. Any cost recovery should take into consideration the public good component that should not be recoverable.

The Chair requested if there were any proposals from members for any specific working groups at this stage, with none indicated by any members.

DECISION: Unanimous decision that working groups would be formed only on an as needs basis.

The Chair discussed conflict of interest with the observation that all members have some form of interest because of their involvement and expertise in different fisheries but that is not a bad thing as long as it is recognised and on the table for all members to be aware of. When a member has an interest where the member could be disproportionately impacted, compared to others in that fishery, either in a positive or negative way, that member would be asked to leave the room while a decision was being made.

The Chair requested that a register of interests be completed, indicating that won't be done before tomorrow's meeting, so each member will verbally declare all pecuniary interests first thing tomorrow to all other members for clarity and transparency.

ACTION: Executive officer to develop a register of pecuniary interests of all members and forward this to the Chair.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm and thanked all members and invitees for their attendance.

7 Day 2 9:00 – Chair's welcome and introduction

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land past and present. The Chair introduced Darren Reynolds, Senior Fisheries Manager NSW DPI, as an invitee to present NSW DPI's proposals on each of the NSW DPI BAP consultation papers.

7.1 Conflict of Interests Declarations

Each member verbally declared their current interests (pecuniary) for transparency, including a pecuniary interest declaration of NSW DPI members and guests.

ACTION: Add to agenda item of next meeting that member's to update pecuniary interest declarations if required.

7.2 Strategic Agenda Items

7.2.1 BAP Consultation Papers

The Chair reiterated that it is important for members to consider the interests of NSW fisheries as a whole and the consequence of complex management arrangements on cost recovery when considering their views. With Darren Reynolds introducing each topic, including industry feedback submission results, background required and existing NSW DPI proposals.

7.2.1.1 1. Regulations to support redefinition proposals

NSW DPI clarified that share management fisheries are defined in the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (the Act), and some fishery changes require a redefinition (e.g. expanding the waters of the spanner crab component of the Ocean Trap and Line fishery).

7.2.1.1.1 Issue 1 Defining 'majority support'

The Council discussed the pros and cons of various ways to determine majority support.

OUTCOME: Unanimous support for recommendation that a 50%+1 vote, or greater than 50% of eligible votes, as 'majority support' determination be incorporated.

7.2.1.1.2 Issue 2 – Shareholders who fail to vote

The Council discussed shareholders who fail to vote.

OUTCOME: Unanimous decision to recommend that shareholders who fail to vote are to be disregarded when determining if a redefinition proposal has majority support.

7.2.1.1.3 Issue 3 Weighing votes based on shareholdings

The Council discussed the pros and cons of weighting votes based on fishing businesses and shareholdings. NSW DPI clarified that the proposal was to be one shareholder equals one vote irrespective of the number of fishing businesses or shares owned.

The Council discussed the proposal in terms of future cost recovery, shareholders with multiple fishing businesses and the variances of polls held by the business community and society in general.

OUTCOME: Majority support a recommendation that votes should be weighted on shareholding (i.e. the number of shares held by a shareholder), with one member wanting to record concerns relating to the possible impact on smaller shareholders.

7.2.1.1.4 Issue 4- Conduct of Polls

The Council discussed the need for any poll to be cost effective, efficient and be accompanied with clear instructions and support. The Chair summarised that majority support seemed to be for hard copy and electronic, but have the choice to do by paper (two options).

OUTCOME: Unanimous support recommending that polls be conducted in writing by either hard copy or email, noting that the Council recommends that electronic reporting polling be considered, in order to aid in cost reductions for industry and include appropriate education/support.

7.2.1.2 2. Transfer rules for new species shares

The Council discussed both options for the transfer rules that will apply for the new species (quota) shares. The discussion included the ultimate flexibility of Option 1, harvest strategies, the benefits of investment in the industry and the need to be able to maximise return on investment.

OUTCOME: Unanimous support for the recommendation for maximum flexibility (Option 1) in regard to the transfer of new species shares.

7.2.1.3 3. Transfer rules for new catch and effort quotas

The Council discussed NSW DPI's proposal, including advantages of ongoing entitlement rights of shares and instant trading of shares electronically.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal as it is, with only holders of the relevant new species shares or a share class that is subject to quota be allowed to hold the relevant quota.

7.2.1.4 4. Criteria for the allocation of new effort shares in the Ocean Prawn Trawl fishery

NSW DPI presented proposals regarding the allocation of new effort shares in the Ocean Prawn Trawl fishery.

7.2.1.4.1 Issue 1: Determining the 'snapshot date'

The Council discussed the proposal and the importance of providing people with certainty and clarity.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal to have a snap shot date around mid-2018.

7.2.1.4.2 Issue 2: Identifying the licensed fishing boat owned and used

The Council discussed for a short time, with no objections to the NSW DPI proposal.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal to apply all three criteria.

7.2.1.4.3 Issue 3: Determining the hull units to use to allocate 'effort shares'

The Council discussed the three scenarios that required their consideration in depth. The Ocean Trawl member indicated that he has pecuniary interests in regard to this issue and was excused from the room to have no further part in the discussion. A detailed discussion followed that included costs associated with bigger boats and disadvantage to some individuals if others are able to use surrendered units¹.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to the allocation of new effort shares in the Ocean Prawn Trawl fishery.

7.2.1.5 5. Additional dillies - Spanner crab north

The Council discussed the proposed increase to the maximum number of dillies permitted in the spanner crab north 40 and the results of submissions received.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to additional dillies in the spanner crab north fishery.

7.2.1.6 6. Crew in the Estuary General fishery

NSW DPI introduced this item in relation to the requirement for crew to hold a commercial fishing licence when employed in the Estuary General fishery.

7.2.1.6.1 Unendorsed crew – category one and two hauling, meshing and prawning & trapping share classes

The Council discussed various issues including the risk of increased pressure and social conflict. It was noted that catch and effort quotas will be used to manage this fishery into the future and unendorsed crew provide for business flexibility and assists to minimise the safety risks associated with operating alone.

7.2.1.6.2 Unendorsed crew requiring a commercial fishing licence

The Council discussed the cost of crew having to hold a commercial fishing license, and supported the concept of developing some sort of industry accreditation in the future.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposals with no changes, noting safety aspects and cost issues.

¹ The word units replaced shares as at 18 January 2018, this was identified as an error, reviewed by CommFish members and has been corrected in archival set.

7.2.1.7 7. Net length for general purpose hauling nets in the Ocean Hauling fishery

The Council discussed this issue briefly.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal to apply a maximum net length of 400 metres to general purpose hauling nets used in the Ocean Hauling Fishery from 1 August to 28 February the following year, meaning a 400 metre maximum net length would apply all year.

7.2.1.8 8. Deterring unlawful participation in prawn ballots

The Council had a short discussion on prawn ballots and the implications of industry run ballots and cost recovery.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to deterring unlawful participation in prawn ballots, with no changes.

7.2.1.9 9. Crew in the Ocean Hauling fishery

The Council discussed the proposed share linkage arrangements for Ocean Hauling net and general shares and the requirement of to hold a commercial fishing licence. The Ocean Hauling member indicating that he fully supported the proposal but declared a potential pecuniary interest and asked if he should be excluded, members indicated should remain. Potential benefits to Aboriginal commercial fishers were also discussed.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposals in regard to crew in the Ocean Hauling fishery.

7.2.1.10 10. Managing catches of quota species in non-quota fisheries

The Council discussed the costs and benefits of trip limits in general and the daily and possession limits proposed by NSW DPI to assist to protect the integrity of the new catch quota management arrangements. There was considerable discussion on the Wallis Lake blue swimmer crab fishery and the taking of this species in the Ocean Trawl and Ocean Trap and Line fisheries. Options discussed included the requirement for anybody that wanted to retain catch quota managed species to hold quota and to report the proposed daily and possession limits electronically in real time.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation that the arrangements be implemented as proposed, noting it is also recommended that more research be done to determine the impact of trawling activities on the spawning biomass of BSC in waters adjacent to Wallis Lake as well as the cumulative take of BSC from all fishing activities with a possible view to spatial or temporal closures. It was also recommended that any take of quota species by trip limit should be reported in the same manner as quota holders.

7.2.1.11 11. Marking requirements for commercial fishing boats

There was a short discussion on boat licensing and marking requirements.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposals in regard to marking requirements for commercial fishing boats and removing the NSW DPI boat licensing requirements in the additional Estuary General and Ocean Hauling share classes.

7.2.1.12 12. Marking requirements for commercial set fishing gear

The Council discussed the various different marking requirements of set gear in certain fisheries. Noting that Council recommends for consistency that all to minimum 100mm irrespective of area and some kind of grace period for changeover to implementation.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal with one exception – to have a consistent minimum buoy diameter in all fisheries of 10 cm in all areas.

7.2.1.13 13. Minimum crew numbers Estuary General and Ocean Hauling fisheries

There was a short discussion of the Council in regard to the minimum number of endorsement holders to operate nets and hold priority, including submission discrepancies and enacting government's previous announcement in relation to unauthorised crew. The Chair then summarised and indicated unanimous support to NSW DPI, noting submission discrepancies and recommending. NSW DPI committed to further industry consultation to prawn ballots.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal regarding the minimum crew numbers in the Estuary General and Ocean Haul fisheries.

7.2.1.14 14. Real time quota reporting - Estuary General

The Council discussed this issue, including submission responses received, procedures on other situations where unable to report, cost recovery impacts and other working examples that already have been implemented. The MFAC representative declared a pecuniary interest for the Estuary General prawning share class but was not required to leave the room. Also discussed were additional reporting requirements, with NSW DPI committed to investigating the cost / benefit of tagging mud crabs and further extension and training.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements in the Estuary General fishery. Noting that NSW DPI is committed to further investigating tagging of mud crabs.

DECISION: Next meeting to include presentation on online reporting options/procedures.

RESULTING ACTION: NSW DPI to present in regard to online reporting options/procedures.

7.2.1.15 15. Real time quota reporting - Ocean Hauling garfish

The Council discussed the submission discrepancies and the proposal to increase the distance to 50 metres from point of landing as a reporting requirement.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the sea garfish component of the Ocean Hauling fishery, noting that there will be an increase to 50 metres from point of landing requirement.

7.2.1.16 16. Real time quota reporting - Spanner crab

The Council discussed the requirement discrepancies to other fisheries and the proposal to change when the pre-land requirement has to be made.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the Spanner Crab component of the Ocean Trap and Line fishery, noting support of change to pre-land requirement as proposed.

7.2.1.17 17. Consultation real time quota reporting- Lobster

The Council discussed the issues raised at the recent Lobster Working Group meeting, with the Council recommending that additional reporting parameters be included in the real time reporting in order to improve reporting accuracy of the data collected for the fishery.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the Lobster fishery, noting that further details to be considered and potentially included in real time reporting requirements.

7.2.1.18 18. Consultation real time quota reporting – Abalone

The Council discussed standardised bin weights and the receiver to get electronic copy in order to retain chain of custody. The Council also discussed the landing of Abalone catches in different states, the corresponding consequences of limited compliance jurisdiction for those states involved and the additional biosecurity issues of these actions.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the Abalone fishery. Noting that further details to be considered, including secure bin tags, landing out of jurisdiction and receivers retaining chain of custody.

7.2.1.19 19. Consultation real time quota reporting-Red Urchin

The Abalone member indicated a possible conflict of interest in regard to the Abalone and SUTS fishery. The member was not required to leave the room for the discussion.

The Council discussed the current requirements where catches of red urchins are to be validated when landed while purple urchin has no quota, are generally taken in large quantities with quality losses if extended periods of time are taken in getting the product to market. Also discussed was the issue of existing outstanding SUTS fees for some shareholders.

OUTCOME: Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the SUTS fishery. Noting that further details are to be considered and NSW DPI investigates any outstanding SUTS fees and attempt to recover fees or cancel those licences that don't comply.

7.3 General Businesses

The Chair opened up discussion to members for general businesses, with the following topics included in the discussion:-

- Recommend looking at switching Abalone season back to a financial year, referring to the biology of species that in summer has a smaller weight average and potential peak take due to season timing. If occurred would increase financial accountability (Economics) and reduce burden on industry.
- The Minister to determine time frame of decision on Council recommendations and implementations of meeting outcomes.
- Trip limits north of Barrenjoey, logbooks and 5" rubber footlines in the trawl fishery
- Importance for transparency of Council and short turnaround of actions to give industry/public assurances that CommFish NSW AC is getting outcomes achieved.
- Poaching of Pipi's in Zone 4.

- Concerns around fisheries compliance issues, particularly around theft. The Council discussing more extensive penalties, particularly for repeat offenders, with a suggestion that a proportion of fines should be going back to managing the fishery as per other examples worldwide.
- A future meeting to include a discussion on a peak industry body and possible funding sources.
- Current inland fishery issues (eg. Catch and effort reporting discrepancies, Carp fishery and the impending release of the carp virus, drying lakes policy and the issue of access to waterways in the west of the state).
- Agenda item for future meeting to get a briefing on Marine Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy that includes Kingfish.

The Chair thanked all members for their remarks, with the following resulting from these discussions:-

DECISION: Future meeting to incorporate discussion on compliance issues, with a recommendation that a senior compliance representative attend to give an overview.

RESULTING ACTION: NSW DPI to present in regard to compliance issues at a future meeting.

ACTION: Add item to agenda for next meeting, briefing on the Marine Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy that includes Kingfish.

DECISION: Members to form register of regulations that potentially require amending and to nominate specific issues to address.

RESULTING ACTION: Form a register of regulations that is nominated by CommFish NSW AC members.

7.4 Next Meeting – Confirm Date and Location

Chair confirmed that next meeting will be 11/12th of July 2017 commencing at 12am in Sydney with venue to be confirmed. The NSW DPI member advised that the Minister had announced members of CommFish NSW AC in Parliament yesterday. The Chair closed the meeting at 16:00 and thanked members for their contribution and professionalism.

DECISION Arising List

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1	2	All CommFish NSW AC members to review their submitted pecuniary interests that they have previously provided to the department and amend if required.	All members ongoing
1	3	All CommFish NSW AC papers to be made available on the NSW DPI Website, including the Chair statement.	NSW DPI ongoing
1	4	Improve industry's understanding of the process of working group involvements initiated by members.	NSW DPI/All members ongoing
1	5	All CommFish NSW AC Members to formulate a list of	All members

		potential invites to member events, with particular focus on including some young stakeholders to informal get together or as observers.	ongoing
1	6	MFAC Resource sharing document to be distributed to members prior to meeting 3 (Investment Plan for the Commercial Fishing Trust).	NSW DPI
	7	Members to contact Chair/other members in regard to any other items to add to agenda, with ongoing agenda prioritisation, with members also to develop strategies of engagement with local fisherman at either the meeting or informal gatherings.	All members ongoing
1	8	Unanimous decision that working groups would be formed only on an as needs basis.	All members
1	9	Next meeting to include presentation on online reporting options/procedures.	NSW DPI
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1	3	Release Chair Statement to NSW DPI Internet.	NSW DPI
1	4	Draft a media release that includes how decisions are made, that members and other NSW stakeholders have input into recommendations and promote working groups.	NSW DPI
1	5	All CommFish NSW AC members to contact the executive officer if they wish to nominate an invite to member events.	All members
1	6	Executive Officer to distribute the contact details of the Chair and all members, including their division represented to all members of Council.	Executive Officer
1	7	Distribute MFAC Resource sharing document to CommFish NSW AC members prior to meeting 3.	Executive Officer
1	8	Draft agenda for next meeting, including potential to add resource sharing within the department and SFT to agenda for meeting 3.	NSW DPI
1	9	Executive officer to develop a register of pecuniary interests of all members and forward this to the Chair.	Executive Officer
1	10	Add to agenda item of next meeting that member's to update pecuniary interest declarations if required.	Executive Officer
1	11	NSW DPI to present in regard to online reporting options/procedures.	NSW DPI

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OUTCOME Arising List

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1	1.2	Unanimous decision to recommend that shareholders who fail to vote are to be disregarded when determining if a redefinition proposal has majority support.	In progress
1	1.3	Majority support a recommendation that votes should be weighted on shareholding (i.e. the number of shares held by a shareholder), with one member wanting to record concerns relating to the possible impact on smaller shareholders.	In progress
1	1.4	Unanimous support recommending that polls be conducted in writing by either hard copy or email, noting that the Council recommends that electronic reporting polling be considered, in order to aid in cost reductions for industry and include appropriate education/support.	In progress
1	2	Unanimous support for the recommendation for maximum flexibility (Option 1) in regard to the transfer of new species shares.	In progress
1	3	Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal as it is, with only holders of the relevant new species shares or a share class that is subject to quota be allowed to hold the relevant quota.	In progress
1	4.1	Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal to have a snap shot date around mid-2018.	In progress
1	4.2	Unanimous recommendation to accept NSW DPI proposal to apply all three criteria.	In progress
1	4.3	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to the allocation of new effort shares in the Ocean Prawn Trawl fishery.	In progress
1	5	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to additional dillies in the spanner crab north fishery.	In progress
1	6	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposals with no changes, noting safety aspects and cost issues.	In progress
1	7	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal to apply a maximum net length of 400 metres to general purpose hauling nets used in the Ocean Hauling Fishery from 1 August to 28 February the following year, meaning a 400 metre maximum net length would apply all year.	In progress
1	8	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in regard to deterring unlawful participation in prawn ballots, with no changes.	In progress

1	9	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposals in regard to crew in the Ocean Hauling fishery.	In progress
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1	19	Unanimous recommendation to accept the NSW DPI proposal in principle in regard to real time quota reporting arrangements for the SUTS fishery. Noting that further details are to be considered and NSW DPI investigates any outstanding SUTS fees and attempt to recover fees or cancel those licences that don't comply.	In progress