

**OCEAN TRAP & LINE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY
28-29 August 2006**

Attendance

All industry members in attendance. Apologies from Megan Kessler (NCC) and Peter Goadby (Recreational member).

Meeting times

This is the third MAC meeting for the year. We are on track to reach the target of meeting at least quarterly.

MAC matters

Di Watkins has been taken off-line for a 6-month period to oversight share management. Peter Turnell is her replacement during this time.

SIAC (Seafood Industry Advisory Council)

Gary Braithwaite was nominated as preferred SIAC member. (The NCC is also a member of the Council). Note that the establishment of SIAC will lead to this body being the pre-eminent policy advisory body for the Minister. The Council has 4 working groups, being

Structural Adjustment	Pricing and Costing
FMS Implementation	Communications

No report was received from SIAC, since it had not met since the last MAC meeting.

Fisheries Management Strategy

Issues relating to trap escape panels, grey nurse shark closures, spatial and temporal closures for snapper and wobbegong trip limits were discussed. Those interested in the particulars should review the Minutes of the meeting for further details.

Development of the Share Management Plan.

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider the implementation of share management plans. A series of open port meetings is being planned to explain the details of the plan. Industry members voiced concern regarding an apparent anomaly in share allocations. Existing fishers have been allocated 25 or 40 provisional shares, new entrants to the fishery will require 40 shares. Since adjustment of minimum holdings (upwards) might be used as a management tool, it was thought more equitable that the allocation of 40 provisional shares be made into 50 actual shares. A letter was drafted to the Minister advising of this point of view.

Marine Parks

The proposed Bateman Bay Marine Park plans were discussed, with officers. The proposal is on display until 15 October. Those affected are encouraged to make submissions.

Commonwealth Buyout

Concern was expressed that the buyout could lead to an escalation of effort within the State fishery. The Department advised it is examining options.

Next Meeting

All MACS are meeting on 26 September, to further consider share management plans.

NB This one-page Summary represents my interpretation of the more significant matters, and is not meant to be a comprehensive review of the meeting.