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Dear commercial fishing stakeholder

**NSW Strategy to assist with the rebuilding of Harrison's and southern dogfish populations
Consultation document**

You are receiving this letter as you have indicated that you would like to keep updated on the development of the rebuilding strategy for Harrison's and southern dogfish populations.

On 5 July 2012 Fisheries NSW received notice that the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment had extended his decision timeframe on the listing of Harrison's and southern dogfish to 28 February 2013. This extension was provided in response to concerns by a number of stakeholders, including the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, requesting that additional time be provided. The time extension was needed for completion of the scientific work being done by the CSIRO, and so that proper consultation could be undertaken with stakeholders.

Fisheries NSW has continued to work with NSW commercial fishers and the Commonwealth departments to develop a draft strategy for the rebuilding of Harrison's and southern dogfish. We have taken note of earlier discussions and port meetings with industry, as well as, the feedback provided by the Commonwealth Threatened Species Scientific Committee (a copy of which I sent to you on 18 June 2012).

Enclosed with this letter is the draft NSW Strategy to assist with the rebuilding of Harrison's and southern dogfish populations. Three options have been developed, each comprising different levels of actions and limits.

You now have an opportunity to provide written comments on the options with a focus on how best to achieve the goals of rebuilding the populations of both Harrison's and southern dogfish while providing viable fishing opportunities. Please provide written comments **no later than Friday 17 August** by:

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If you would like further information, please contact me on 9527 8550 (Mon, Wed and Thurs). If you no longer wish to receive this information, please contact Miriam Vandenberg on 9527 8424.

Sincerely,

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Fisheries Manager
7 August 2012