

FISHERIES COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



AGREED OUTCOMES

Meeting No: 5

Wednesday 23 July 2008; 9.30am; Venue: Level 1, Chifley on South Terrace, 226 South Terrace, Adelaide

6.6 Aquatic Reserves Template

Following discussion it was agreed that the Aquatic Reserves Template be endorsed. This template will now be sent to the Minister advising that it will be used in the preparation of future aquatic reserve management plans. Members will consider priorities for the preparation of these management plans at the next meeting.

6.7 Report of the Technology Working Group

Council noted the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Technology Working Group held on 30 June 2008 and approved the following Terms of Reference for the Technology Review:

- Identify and assess existing processes and opportunities and constraints for adoption of technology in fisheries management and administration; and
- Recommend strategies for implementation and integration of technology in fisheries management and administration; and
- Develop an overarching policy framework to allow for evaluation and utilisation of technology in fisheries management and administration; and
- Encourage collaborative stakeholder investment in technology and innovation for efficient fisheries management and administration.

6.11 Allocation Policy

Members endorsed the draft Allocation Policy with some minor amendments and the addition of a Glossary of Terms. The policy (including the amendments and Glossary of Terms) will be recommended to the Minister for a public release period of six weeks. Once the policy has been approved for release by the Minister it will be posted out to peak industry bodies and added to the PIRSA website (Fisheries Council page).

Council will reconsider the Allocation Policy following public comment before finalising the policy for the Minister's consideration.

6.12 Cost Recovery Review

Council agreed to the following Terms of Reference for the Review of the Cost Recovery Policy:

1. Review the general principles of cost recovery used by Primary Industries and Resources South Australia (PIRSA) for commercial fisheries against Productivity Commission reports relating to best practice and cost recovery principles.
2. Review the PIRSA cost recovery model in relation to the development of charge-out rates and benchmark it against best practice including:-
 - The efficacy of the current model;
 - Providing advice on financial inputs;
 - Reviewing inputs to charge-out rates;
 - Recommendations on depreciation and return on capital; and
 - any other advice for improving the cost recovery model.
3. Review the level of cost recovery for Recreational Fishing (including the Charter Boat Fishery) and develop options for increasing cost recovery in this sector.
4. Consider and advise what role the Council could play in cost recovery.

Council requested PIRSA scope the project and get written quotes for the work to be undertaken.

6.14 Changes to the Exploratory and Developmental Fisheries Policy

Council accepted the changes to the draft Exploratory and Developmental Fisheries Policy and recommended that the revised policy be forwarded to the Minister for approval.



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