

MEETING	Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council		
MEETING NO.	19	DATE	21 September 2018
LOCATION	Teleconference	TIME	12.30pm
ATTENDEES	Richard Stevens (Chair) Geoff Allan Mark Bulley Graeme Byrnes Assoc Prof Stephan Schnierer Dr Sally Townley Christine Rae - (Executive Officer)		
APOLOGIES	Minister Niall Blair DPI DG Scott Hansen Stan Konstantaras Sarah Fairfull – Director Aquatic Environment		
INVITED SPEAKERS	Nicola Johnstone – Program Leader Marine Strategy		
PREPARED BY	Christine Rae		

AGENDA	Confirmed – Special Meeting – Marine Estate Management Strategy
DRAFT MINUTES MEETING 17	Draft Minutes of 8 June 2018 held over until next meeting on 7 December 2018.
REGISTER OF INTERESTS	Held over until next meeting on 7 December 2018.

Welcome and introductory comments by the Chair

The Chair welcomed all members, and invited guest.

The Chair advised all members that this meeting was a special meeting to discuss the Marine Estate Strategy.

MFAC Strategy – Outcomes –

Held over until December 2018

Challenges & Priorities

Held over until December 2018

8. Invited Speakers

Nicola Johnstone – Program Leader Marine Strategy.

9. Business items

Item	Topic	Background / Overview /Discussion
1	Marine Estate Management Strategy	Marine Estate Management Strategy Stage 1 (2018-2020) presentation was provided to all members for reference. On 16 August 2018 the Premier announced the joint release of the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy 2018-2028. Both the 10-year Strategy and the marine park proposal are the first of their kind in Australia as they are informed by an evidence-based environmental, social, cultural and economic threat and risk assessment. The Strategy outlines 9 initiatives:- 1. <i>Improving water quality and reducing litter</i> 2. <i>Delivering healthy coastal habitats with sustainable use and development</i> 3. <i>Planning for climate change</i> 4. <i>Protecting the Aboriginal cultural values of the marine estate</i> 5. <i>Reducing impacts on threatened and protected species</i> 6. <i>Ensuring sustainable fishing and aquaculture</i> 7. <i>Enabling safe and sustainable boating</i> 8. <i>Enhancing social, cultural and economic benefits</i> 9. <i>Delivering effective governance.</i> Nicola discussed the presentation distributed to members providing further action/clarification/information to the 9 identified initiatives and how DPI will lead the implementation of these actions. \$45.7 million of additional funding has been provided to DPI and the Office of Environment and Heritage to implement Stage 1 of the Strategy (2018-2020). Funding for the first two years will focus on addressing the most severe threats to the health of the marine estate: water pollution and marine litter, with complementary activities to deliver healthy coastal habitats and sustainable land use, protect Aboriginal cultural values of the marine estate, reduce threats to marine wildlife, deliver safe and sustainable fisheries and recreational boating, enhance social, cultural and economic benefits and deliver effective governance. MFAC members noted the presentation which will be further discussed at the December 2018 meeting.

Item 10: Deputy Director General, DPI Fisheries Report

Held over until December 2018

Item 11: Members Reports / Other Business

Held over until December 2018

Item 13: Chair's Summary

Item 14: Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council, scheduled for 7 December 2018 in Sydney.

The Chair closed the meeting at 1.45pm and thanked the Members for their contribution.

Action Arising List

Meeting #	Action #	Action	Status
14	5	Recreational Fishing Policy Framework. Stan to provide update to MFAC Members.	Stan Konstantaras December 2018
17	5	All members to review Challenges & Priorities for discussion and update where relevant December 2018	All Members December 2018 Geoff Allan to ask Director Aquatic Environment to discuss conservation and aquatic environment challenges and priorities with Sally Townley (MFAC Conservation Representative)
17	9.3	Geoff Allan to provide comments from CommFish NSW on the Draft Co-management Policy to MFAC and subsequently to discuss with other Advisory Committees..	Geoff Allan December 2018
18	15	Draft paper on potential new MFAC priority – Preparation of paper on <i>Guiding Principles of Ecosystem Based Fisheries</i>	Stephan Schneider December 2018