

Chair's Summary – Line & Trap Harvest Strategy Working Group Meeting 7

The seventh meeting of the Line & Trap Harvest Strategy Working Group (the Working Group) was held on 15 & 18 November 2024 and saw the Working Group continue to design the decision rules of the Yellowtail Kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*) and Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*) harvest strategies.

The Working Group thoroughly discussed management options and decision rules for Snapper and Kingfish at meetings 4–6. To support a comparison of the differences between key commercial management measures, the Working Group requested some final data analyses which were provided by DPIRD at meeting 7. While new commercial management measures may require that commercial fishers adjust their operations, effective management has clear benefits and is expected to support the future prosperity of the fishery.

The Working Group revisited options for proposed recreational management arrangements and recreational members continued to support proactive management changes for Snapper and Kingfish. Traditional recreational controls, such as bag, boat and size limits are being considered under the harvest strategies, and equivalent, yet different management approaches will be introduced to manage the commercial sector. Additional measures will also be considered if greater catch reductions are needed under low biomass levels.

NSW DPIRD provided an update on the developing Snapper and Kingfish stock assessments, which are expected to be ready for the Working Group to consider prior to the upcoming eighth meeting. In addition to the developing assessments, NSW DPIRD will provide final drafts of the Kingfish and Snapper harvest strategies to be considered by the Working Group before they are released for public consultation.

I look forward to finalising these strategies at the upcoming meetings and receiving the public's comments in the near future.

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