

Marine Parks Advisory Council Summary Record of Meeting 2009/03 – 11 December 2010

The following is a summary of matters considered by the Advisory Council at its meeting held on 11 December 2009.

1. Review of Research and Monitoring Framework and Strategic Research Plan

Professor Fairweather, the Chairperson of the independent review team, tabled the '*Marine Parks Science in NSW – An Independent Review*' report. A summary of the review process, an outline of submissions given by a range of stakeholders and details of recommendations were presented. The Advisory Council provided additional advice on the report following the meeting.

2. Catchment Management and Marine Parks

The Advisory Council discussed a range of initiatives being jointly undertaken in NSW including trials of sea grass friendly moorings, community education, water quality monitoring, research into marine pests and marine mapping. Members considered linkages between Catchment Management Authorities and marine park advisory committees and explored opportunities for further collaboration to manage impacts from catchment activities on marine parks.

3. Coastal Erosion and Marine Parks

The Advisory Council discussed the implications of the [sea level rise policy](#) and the proposed amendments to the Marine Parks Act 1997 and Marine Parks (Zoning plan) Regulation.

4. Marine Parks Education Kit

The Advisory Council considered a module from the kit for the Port Stephen-Great Lakes Marine Park and gave advice on the distribution of the kit.

5. Communications

Members provided comments on the draft recreational fishing guide publication.

6. Policy Development

Members noted the progress from the Advisory Council working group on the development of a Recreational Fishing Competition Policy.

7. Advisory Committee Updates

Council noted advisory committee updates.

8. Work Plan 2009/10

The Council noted progress with the annual work plan. Members discussed the Legislative Council Select Committee on Recreational Fishing terms of reference and call for submissions.

Next Meeting

Council scheduled their next meeting in April 2010.

Further Information

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