

## Marine Parks Advisory Council Summary Record of Meeting 2009/02 – 5 August 2009

The following is a summary of matters considered by the Advisory Council at its meeting held on 5 August 2009.

### 1. Proposed *Marine Parks Regulation 2009*

The Council discussed the summary of key issues and changes to the proposed *Marine Parks Regulation 2009* following public consultation. The Chair advised that the Regulation will now go through the Ministerial approval process and commence on 31 August 2009.

### 2. Catchment Management and Marine Parks

The Council discussed the potential impacts of off park activities, both in the terrestrial and marine environment and the [NSW Diffuse Source Water Pollution Strategy](#) being implemented by DECCW. Council considered catchment and marine park management linkages and a range of initiatives being carried out by marine parks staff.

### 3. Marine Parks Operational Planning Framework

The 2008 marine park legislative reforms revised the provisions and process relating to development of operational plans, and provided an opportunity to revisit and update the way planning was approached building on experience with national park management. Council views on a sample draft operational plan were sought to develop the planning framework.

### 4. Marine Parks Communications and Education Strategy

The Council were provided with an update on the implementation of the strategy. Members were invited to give advice on the development of key messages and a draft new publication, a guide to fishing in NSW marine parks.

### 5. Australian Government East Marine Bioregional Plan

Charlton Clark, Department Environment, Water, Heritage & Arts, Australian Government, provided an update to Council following the release of the Commonwealth's [East Marine Bioregional Plan Bioregional Profile](#). Council discussed the Commonwealth consultation process for areas for further assessment and the draft bioregional plan.

### 6. Policy Development

The Council received an update and provided comment on the following policies under development:

- Artificial Reefs Policy
- Recreational Fishing Competition Policy
- Cultural Resource Use Policy

### 7. Draft Work Plan 2009/10

The Council endorsed the draft Marine Parks Advisory Council Work Plan 2009/10. Priorities include contributing to policy, research and monitoring, communications and climate change adaptation initiatives.

### 8. Advisory Committee Updates

Council noted advisory committee updates.

### Next Meeting

Council scheduled their next meeting in early December 2009.

### Further Information

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