

Marine Parks Advisory Council

Summary Record of Meeting 2010/01 – 20 May 2010

The following is a summary of matters considered by the Advisory Council at its meeting held on 20 May 2010.

1. Zoning Plan Reviews

The Chair gave an update on the progress of the zoning plan review process for the Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Marine Parks following the announcement by Ministers on 19 April. The Chair advised Ministers have indicated that the Government will continue to focus on improving the management of existing marine parks, rather than establishing new ones. Members considered possible state-wide implications of the proposed changes.

2. Select Committee on Recreational Fishing

The Advisory Council briefly considered the NSW Government submission and discussed the progress of the Inquiry.

3. Review of Research and Monitoring and Strategic Research Plan

Members gave advice on the draft *NSW Marine Parks Strategic Research Plan 2010-2015*. Dr Jordan and Dr Koop from the Department of the Environment, Climate Change and Water outlined how the plan builds on the previous plan and incorporates almost all of the recommendations of the *'Independent Review of Marine Parks Science in NSW'* with the remaining recommendations to be addressed by marine park programs including zoning plan reviews and operational plans.

4. Australian Government East Marine Bioregional Planning

Mr Anderson from the Commonwealth Government gave a recap of the East Marine Bioregional Planning Process and areas for further assessment indicating that the draft plan will be released for public consultation early in 2011.

5. Communications

The Advisory Council considered the findings of research on stakeholder perceptions, motivations and behaviours. Members gave advice on the draft site map for the upgrade of the Marine Parks Authority website.

6. Policy Development

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

7. Artificial Reef Scientific Research

Council noted a presentation on artificial reef research from Mr Folpp, Industry and Investment NSW.

8. Advisory Committee Updates

Members considered updates from marine parks advisory committees.

9. Work Plan 2009/10

Members noted progress with the annual work plan.

Next Meeting

Council scheduled their next meeting in August 2010.

Further Information

If you require any further information on any matters in this summary please contact Karen Ballantyne, Secretariat, Marine Parks Advisory Council on (02) 9585 6394 or executive.officer@mpa.nsw.gov.au.