



Marine Parks Advisory Council

Summary Record of Meeting 2010/02 – 10 August 2010

The following is a summary of matters considered by the Advisory Council at its meeting held on 10 August 2010.

1. Marine Parks Amendment (Moratorium) Bill

The Chair brought the Bill introduced by the Shooters and Fishers Party to the attention of members. Members noted that, if passed, the Bill would impose a moratorium on the declaration of additional marine parks and the expansion of sanctuary zones within existing marine parks for five years. Members considered implications for future zoning plan reviews.

2. NSW Recreational Fishing Trust

The Advisory Council considered a presentation giving an overview of Recreational Fishing Trust programs from Mr White, Industry and Investment NSW.

3. Marine Parks Economic Research

Mr Godden, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) outlined research underway on the assessment of economic costs and benefits associated with marine parks as part of the Marine Parks Strategic Research Framework 2010-2015.

4. Select Committee Inquiry into Recreational Fishing

Members noted an update on the progress of the Inquiry and considered the 1996 Government response to the Report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries Management and Resource Allocation in NSW

5. Draft Work Program 2010/11

Members considered and endorsed the draft Advisory Council work plan for 2010/11.

6. Marine Parks Permit System Review

Mr Read, DECCW, gave an overview of the current marine parks permit policy and described how the review aims to improve and standardise the permit system.

7. East Marine Bioregional Plan

Mr Boxall, Australian Government, summarised consultation on the areas for further assessment to date.

8. Advisory Committee Updates

Members considered updates from marine parks advisory committees.

Next Meeting

Council tentatively scheduled their next meeting in November 2010 to enable consideration of matters arising from the Recreational Fishing Inquiry report.

Further Information

If you require any further information on any matters in this summary please contact Karen Ballantyne, Secretariat, Marine Parks Advisory Council on 1300 550 474 or executive.officer@mpa.nsw.gov.au.