

NSW Fisheries Research Advisory Body
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Dear Ms Farlow,

Thank you for your email of 20 January 2012 regarding the letter sent by the NSW FRAB to all Professional Fishermen in NSW, inviting them to provide the NSW FRAB with Research and Development ideas. As suggested in your email, the letter was circulated to all members of the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC) for input.

The AFAC would like to express its support for research into all aspects of Aboriginal fisheries in NSW, and has identified several key Research and Development ideas that it feels are needed to progress the development of appropriate management arrangements for Aboriginal fishing in NSW. These Research and Development ideas, along with their potential benefits, are provided in the attached table.

AFAC would also like to extend its thanks to NSW FRAB for its support of research associated with Aboriginal peoples in NSW to date.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0457 515 821.

Yours sincerely



Danny Chapman
Chairperson
Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council
14 March 2012

Research and Development Ideas

R & D idea:	Benefits:
<p>Quantifying and understanding the nature of the Indigenous cultural harvest of fish resources in NSW, particularly for culturally significant and high value species such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blacklip abalone (<i>Haliotis rubra</i>) - Pipis (<i>Donax (Plebidonax) deltiodes</i>) - Beach worms (Onuphidae) - Murray cod (<i>Maccullochella peelii</i>) and golden perch (<i>Macquaria ambigua</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantify the present day cultural harvest of fish resources in NSW. - Identify the present day associations with certain species (e.g. abalone, pipis, beach worms, Murray cod, golden perch) - Provide important information for use in the development of culturally informed fisheries management approaches. - Provide crucial information for informed and equitable allocations of traditionally targeted species to Indigenous fishers. - Reduce conflict between Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishers through better understanding of each resource users needs. - Identify current issues with access and current management, and their impacts on culture and practice.
<p>Indigenous fisheries governance structures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide important information to assist with the ongoing development of cultural fishing arrangements not only in NSW, but potentially other jurisdictions as well.