

Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing

Outcomes from Meeting 45 – Thursday 11 December 2008 National Marine Science Centre, Coffs Harbour

Attendance

Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Kevin McKinnon, Neil Ryan, Charlie Howe, Sanchia Glaskin, Max Castle, John Clarke, Ann Garard, John Humphries, Adrian Wayne, Jan McLeod, John Drew, Doug Joyner (deputising for John Dunphy) and Nick James (NSW DPI).

Apologies

John Dunphy, Ron Croker, Claudette Rechterik, Peter Cooley, Jim Harnwell. Note: Jim Harnwell resigned from the Council due to other commitments – a replacement will be sought during the next expression of interest process.

Confirmation of minutes from previous ACoRF meeting

Motion: The council accepted the outcomes as a true and accurate record of discussions from the 44th ACoRF meeting, held 9 September 2008. **Moved:** Neil Ryan. **Seconded:** Charlie Howe. **Carried.**

Business arising from the minutes

Action item

Cameron Westaway to forward information regarding Malpas Dam access arrangements to John Drew.

Completed.

1. National Marine Science Centre site visit

A site visit was conducted as part of the council's re-consideration of the aquarium display/education funding proposals from the National Marine Science Centre and to provide members with a practical overview of aspects of DPI's current catch and release research programs.

2. Proposed sale of the Gaden Trout Hatchery

On Friday 21 November, the Minister for Primary Industries met with the Member for Monaro, the Chair of ACoRF and other key stakeholders to discuss the proposed closure of the Gaden Trout Hatchery. The proposal was part of the NSW Government's Mini Budget announcement on 11 November and associated reforms to the Public Sector. Eight departmental field stations (including Gaden) were identified as being in excess to the core services of the department and were proposed to be consolidated as part of an overall new extension and advisory strategy, aimed at refocusing delivery of services from within the department from a district based model to a regional model. The outcome of the meeting between the Minister and stakeholders was an agreement to delay the closure of the Gaden hatchery subject to stakeholders seeking an investment from the Freshwater Trust to cover recurrent expenditure costs at the hatchery – total \$417,000 per annum.

The Expenditure Committee supported funding of \$417,000 for the **Gaden Trout hatchery** commencing 2009/10, to cover the cost of ongoing recurrent expenditure at the hatchery, subject to the following conditions:

Condition 1: that a management board of directors from relevant fishing organisations with legal recognition be set up as a management body to oversee the operations of the hatchery;

Condition 2: that the long term lease of the property be investigated;

Condition 3: that an MOU be established to guarantee that there will be no additional closures of recreational fishing facilities without the agreement of ACoRF and that

Condition 4: Any financial profits from the Gaden Hatchery come back to the Freshwater Trust.

Council considered the ongoing operation of the hatchery to be essential to maintain the high quality trout fishing opportunities in NSW.

Motion: The council supports the recommendations of the Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee relating to Gaden, including funding of \$417,000 subject to the above conditions.

Moved: John Humphries. Seconded: Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

Motion: In addition to the conditions proposed by RFFTEC, the council requests that a business plan be developed for the hatchery as a high priority.

Moved: Doug Joyner. Seconded: Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

3) Snapper – legal length and bag limit issues

Motion: The council continues to support the increase of the minimum legal length for snapper from 30cm to 32cm and reiterated that this change should be implemented as soon as possible.

Moved: Neil Ryan. Seconded: John Clarke. **Carried.**

A proposal for a maximum legal length on snapper in the future was raised by John Dunphy for consideration by the council.

Motion: The council supports consideration of a slot limit (i.e. minimum legal length of 32cm or 35cm and a maximum legal length of 65cm or 70cm) and a reduced bag limit (from 10 to 5) for inclusion in the next review of recreational fishing rules.

Moved: Neil Ryan. Seconded: John Clarke. **Carried.**

Some members of the council expressed concern about an upper size limit on snapper due to barotrauma issues. It was stated that there is currently no scientific evidence proving that techniques used to release fish caught in deeper waters (e.g. release weights) are effective at increasing fish survival.

4) Recreational take of oysters

The council was advised that the Peak Oyster Advisory Group (POAG) has discussed issues relating to the recreational take of oysters and has requested that the Department (Aquaculture, Compliance and Recreational teams) draft a discussion paper for consideration at the next POAG meeting in March 2009. *Information noted.*

5) Recreational Fishing Access – Meroo Lake

ACoRF was advised that the former Executive Director, Fisheries, Compliance and Regional Relations met with the Deputy Director-General, DECC in mid 2008 to progress the issue. DPI outlined ongoing concerns for the maintenance of vehicle access to the Meroo Lake recreational fishing haven. DECC committed to preparing a proposal for a gated system for anglers to Meroo Lake (see additional information).

The gated system proposal was presented to Council. Council noted that a gated system for Malpas Dam had not been successful because of difficulties associated with accessing keys. It was envisaged that similar difficulties would be experienced with the Meroo gated system proposal, particularly with the two week DECC application process which would only suit local anglers.

ACoRF recommended the following alternative access arrangements for Meroo Lake:

- DECC to maintain open minor corridor access via Meroo Lake road.
- Establishment of a turnaround car parking area by DECC above the high water/flood mark as close as possible to the lake edge to enable anglers to carry or trolley small watercraft and kayaks to the lake edge (the parking area should be no more than 25 metres from the lake edge at any time). A pathway should be provided to the lake edge to prevent the creation of informal tracks and to provide aged or assisted access.

Funding for fishing access point works may be available from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.

- The turnaround area should have cable and bollards or other appropriate fencing to prevent vehicle access to the lake edge.
- The erection of signage at the car parking area to advise fishers about the high conservation values of the Lake, Lake regulations and to fish responsibly.
- NSW DPI to maintain its current promotion of Meroo Lake as a recreational fishing haven on the Department's website and in the saltwater recreational fishing guide (i.e. no additional specific advertising of Meroo Lake as a fishing destination).
- Consultation with the NSW Maritime Authority to implement a 4 knot speed limit on Meroo Lake and the use of electric motors or paddles only.

Motion: The council supports the amended DPI submission and requests that it be forwarded to DECC to progress negotiations regarding access to Meroo Lake. **Moved:** Kevin McKinnon. **Seconded:** Max Castle. **Carried.**

DPI proposed further consultation with DECC to finalise the issue.

6. Recreational Fishing Trust issues

Recreational Fishing Fee Administration program update

i) Investment Plan

The Minister has approved the Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan in light of recommendations from RFSTEC and ACoRF. The various platforms of approved programs have been incorporated in the draft Investment Plan.

The Trust Investment Plan will be subject to annual review to account for any variations in revenue and to direct funds towards new emerging priorities, if required. An annual community expression of interest for Trust funded programs will continue to be advertised by DPI in the future.

ii) Government Licensing System (GLS)

It was noted that Stage 2 of the GLS, which involves the integration of the recreational fishing fee agent management system, commenced on 1 December 2008.

Expenditure recommendations

Recommendations regarding new Trust funding applications reviewed by the Saltwater and Freshwater Expenditure Committees at recent meetings were considered by the council:

a) Programs supported by ACoRF (and RFSTEC)

Program	Proponent	2008/09
New Application - Accessible Fishing Platform on Stockton Foreshore for disabled people - This project involves the building of a cantilevered platform which will extend over the rocks enabling people with a disability or those that are elderly the opportunity to fish.	Newcastle City Council	\$25,000
New Application - Monitoring the Clybucca Creek/Andersons Inlet System (Macleay River) for Acid Sulphate Discharge – This project will monitor low dissolved oxygen levels, low pH, high dissolved aluminium and iron levels which cause fish mortality during a flood event in an estuary.	University of New England	\$1,748
New Application - Dobell Park, Wangi, Foreshore Rehabilitation Project – Fish Cleaning Facility. This project involves the installation of a new fish cleaning table with lighting as part of the Council's boat ramp Rehabilitation and Foreshore Improvement Program. (Total Trust funds requested \$10,000)	Lake Macquarie City Council	\$6,000
Supplementary Funding – Movements and behaviour of tiger sharks (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>), off New South Wales as determined by use of popup satellite tags. This project will provide for 6 new batteries for existing satellite tags.	Pepperell Consulting	\$8,300

Motion: The council supports funding for these programs. **Moved:** John Drew. **Seconded:** Jan McLeod. **Carried.**

b) Programs supported by ACoRF (and RFFTEC)

Platform: Fishing Access and Facilities

Program	Proponent	2008/09
Anglers Reach Boat Ramp Signage - aims to install recreational interpretive signage at two boat ramps at Lake Eucumbene near Anglers Reach providing information on recreational fishing rules. <i>Note: DPI to provide recreational fisheries signage. Trust funding is provided for signage installation costs.</i>	Lake Eucumbene Chamber of Commerce / Snowy River Shire Council	\$600
Fishing facilities at Mannus Lake - aims to build a fish cleaning table at Mannus Lake picnic area for use by recreational anglers and to attract visitors to the area.	Tumbarumba Shire Council	\$6,270

Motion: The council supports funding for these programs. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** Neil Ryan. **Carried.**

c) Programs not supported by ACoRF (and RFSTEC)

New Application - Reconstruction of Rathmines Fuel and Bomb Wharf - This project involves the reconstruction of the Fuel and Bomb wharf in Lake Macquarie. Council noted the concern of RFSTEC that there was no railing proposed for the wharf and that it would be mainly used by boats. It was noted that all previous fishing platforms funded by the Trust had railings (preventing boat access) and were dedicated for land based fishers.	Lake Macquarie City Council	\$50,000
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Motion: The council does not support funding for this program. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** Neil Ryan. **Carried.**

d) In-principle support provided by ACoRF (and RFSTEC) for the pre-proposal submitted by the University of Wollongong (outlined below).

<p>Pre-Proposal – Maintaining a diverse beach worm fishery - This project will investigate the diversity of beach worms on NSW coast and determine their taxonomic status using mtDNA to determine species present and to generate data for diversity surveys and specimens for identification.</p> <p><i>Note: The Expenditure Committee did not consider the project to be high priority but suggested that there be consultation between DPI, FRDC and Southern Cross University to investigate funding opportunities, particularly as this project will also have benefits for commercial fishing.</i></p>	University of Wollongong	Approx \$41,000
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e) Programs supported by ACoRF (supported by RFSTEC). Note: these programs were not supported by ACoRF at the last meeting.

The council requested that this meeting be held at the National Marine Science Centre (NMSC) to enable a site visit and appraisal of the current display at the centre, prior to reconsideration of the two proposals.

Program	Proponent	2008/09
1. Creating recreational fishing aquariums displays that inspire the public about recreational fishing – involves installation of large fish tanks to engage high school students and the public at the Centre.	National Marine Science Centre	\$19,750
2. Educating high school students to get hooked on sustainable recreational fishing – development of a high quality exhibit that engages high school students and educate about sustainable fishing.	National Marine Science Centre	\$20,000

The council recommended that, if funding is to be supported for proposal 2, the proponent should expand the recreational fishing display to include spearfishing, game fishing, tagging programs and rock fishing safety issues, in addition to undertaking more extensive promotion and marketing of the exhibit.

Motion: The council supports funding for these programs, subject to the proponent's implementation of the above recommendations. **Moved:** John Humphries. **Seconded:** John Drew. **Carried.**

7. Trust program updates

a) Estimating and maximising the survival of released angler-caught fish

Since 2003, the NSW Department of Primary Industries (with funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts) has been estimating and maximising the survival of released angler-caught fish. The work involves experiments in the field (as part of recreational fishing events) and aquaria that aim to (1) determine the mortality and main contributing factors for key saltwater and freshwater species associated with local angling-and-release practices, and then if required, (2) develop and test changes to gears or handling practices that maximise survival.

Karina Hall, Research Scientist, provided the council with information on the current study "Quantifying and improving the survival of Murray cod, golden perch and Australian bass released by anglers in NSW", while Dr Matt Broadhurst outlined current barotrauma studies. Barotrauma is physical damage caused by a significant change in atmospheric pressure. In the case of fish, it is caused by the rapid or extreme ascent to the surface when landed.

b) Angling Facilities

Mel Bradbury, Fisheries Manager - Angling Facilities, provided a summary of achievements and future directions of the position, including promotion of the Recreational Fishing Trusts, identification of gaps in infrastructure, potential works and assisting external applicants with grant requests. A current project is the development of an interactive website of all infrastructure projects funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts in NSW, including locations and photographs of completed projects, for the information of all stakeholders.

c) Fishing Competitions

The council was advised that Eddie Douglas, Fisheries Management Officer, Recreational Fisheries was recently appointed to the Fishing Event Management position to assist with the

ongoing development of fishing competitions in NSW, both within marine parks and in other waters.

DPI advised that the Marine Parks Authority had issued 19 fishing competition permits between February and April 2008. The MPA has previously proposed for all events in the Marine Park to participate in the NEATfish accreditation scheme. DPI recognises that the current accreditation process has benefits but is deemed costly, complex and labour intensive by local clubs. Furthermore, some fishing clubs and groups in the Port Stephens area have opposed major changes to their events. NSW DPI staff attended the Nelson Bay Fishing Club event in November 2008 (300 entrants) and discussed the benefits of the voluntary DPI program with organisers and extended an invitation to work with organisers to improve the environmental and social outcomes of the event in the future. A meeting is proposed for January 2009. DPI also proposes to work with Shoal Bay Fishing Club and the local MPA manager.

d) Research - Australian salmon (*Arripis trutta*): Population structure, reproduction, diet and composition of commercial and recreational catches in NSW

Eastern Australian salmon are important to commercial, recreational and indigenous fishers. Management of this species in NSW is restricted by a lack of knowledge on biology and population dynamics. The following aspects are being studied: (i) movements and diet of salmon, (ii) status of the stock, (iii) impacts of resource allocation, and (iv) ecosystem effects of salmon population expansion.

Preliminary results from 1800 gut contents examined so far show that Australian salmon eat mainly small fish. These fish are almost all 'baitfish' species, rather than juveniles of recreationally or commercially important species. There was also no relationship between prey size and size of salmon greater than 40cm i.e. bigger salmon do not eat bigger prey. Baitfish species have life-histories that make them resilient to high predation rates.

e) Fisheries enhancement program

i) Estuarine artificial reefs

The Lake Conjola artificial reef (400 individual Reefballs) was completed in late 2008 and the expansion of Lake Macquarie and Botany Bay reefs are scheduled in the first half of 2009.

ii) Byron Bay artificial reef project

Byron Bay Services Deep Sea Fishing Club received funding from the Community Grants Program to build an offshore reef in the Cape Byron Marine Park (with DPI as a project sponsor). DPI and the Club have been working together over the past 2 years to progress the program, which has been dependent on the development of DECC guidelines for the creation of artificial reefs in all NSW marine parks. It is unlikely the offshore project will be completed by the completion deadline of 28 February 2009 as per the requirements of the Community Grants Program. However, there may be scope for DPI to incorporate the Byron Bay project within the broader offshore artificial reef program.

8. Fishing closures

The following closures are due to expire between 1 February and 30 June 2009. Copies of the existing closure notices were distributed to members with the agenda for information and review.

Closure	Expiry
Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water and Pittwater	19 March 2009
Jervis Bay	9 July 2009
Cook Island	2 July 2009
Nambucca River	18 June 2009

The council was advised that it is anticipated that the closures for the Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water and Pittwater and Nambucca River will be incorporated into Regulation in early 2009, however, it is proposed to renew the closures in the interim.

Motion: The council supports the renewal of the closures, as outlined. **Moved:** Doug Joyner.
Seconded: Max Castle. **Carried**

9. Fishers for Fish Habitat program

Craig Copeland, Manager Conservation Action Unit, provided the council with an overview of the "Fishers for Fish Habitat" program.

In October 2008, the Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald launched a new educational project called Fishers for Fish Habitat, which aims to get more recreational anglers involved in boosting native fish numbers. The new project aims to increase awareness about the importance of fish habitat and inspire anglers to do what they can to protect and enhance these vital areas that our native freshwater fish need to survive and thrive. Many people are interested in helping to improve fish habitat and this program will advise them how they can make a real contribution by doing some relatively simple things.

The council was advised that DPI's Conservation Action Unit will be engaging and working with recreational anglers throughout NSW who want to be involved in cleaning up their fishing spots, improving fish passage and even planting trees to enhance water quality, create shade and food for native fish and provide a future source of snags.

Through the Fishers for Fish Habitat project, these activities will be highlighted at information sessions and in written information to inform anglers about how they can get involved in improving fish habitat. The project will culminate in the first NSW Fish Habitat Forum in June 2009.

10. Out of Session items

a) Botany Bay Port expansion – recreational fishing access/facilities

An update on current negotiations relating to recreational fishing facilities and access at Port Botany, as provided by John Burgess/ANSA, was distributed to members out of session on 17 September 2008.

Action item

Mel Bradbury to liaise with John Burgess and Max Castle regarding options and ongoing negotiations to increase recreational fishing facilities/access in the Port Botany area.

b) Draft Marine Parks Authority Cultural Resource Use Policy

Distributed to members out of session on 31 October 2008, for comment to the MPA by 28 November 2008.

11. Correspondence received

a) Newspaper article - "Try Mango Fishing" (Port Stephens Examiner, 3 October 2008)

This issue was raised to highlight the inconsistency between rules relating to recreational setlining in freshwater (banned) and saltwater (permitted) in NSW. The council expressed a general view that there be consistency in the permitted use of setlines across NSW and requested that this issue be considered for inclusion in the next bag and size limit review.

Action item

That the use of setlines in saltwater be considered for inclusion in the next bag and size limit review.

b) Alexandra Canal (Cooks River) fishing closure

Mr Stewart Case, owner of www.fishraider.com.au, wrote to DPI requesting a review of the current closure of the Alexandra Canal (Cooks River) to all forms of angling and make it a catch

and release only fishery. Mr Case also stated that he would like to see the entire Cooks River made a catch and release only waterway, to increase sportfishing opportunities in the area. The council identified potential compliance and food safety issues with the proposal and therefore did not support the proposal at this stage. DPI will investigate the council's concerns and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Action items

- a) DPI to reply to Mr Case to advise of the council's consideration of, and current position on, this issue.
- b) Recreational Management to investigate potential compliance and food safety issues, for further discussion of possible access to closed areas for recreational catch and release only fishing, at the next meeting.

12. Other Business

a) Mutual recognition of recreational fishing licences between NSW and Victoria

DPI Victoria has proposed the mutual recognition of recreational fishing licences for NSW and Victoria. The Minister has sought advice from the freshwater and saltwater expenditure committees and advisory council on this matter.

NSW DPI outlined the risks and benefits associated with licence reciprocity. The council was advised that the fresh and saltwater expenditure committees do not support the introduction of reciprocal recreational fishing licence arrangements between NSW and Victoria because of the following key issues: i) maintenance of the current Trust revenue stream to fund ongoing DPI programs and some external programs; ii) the need for clear support for the proposal from peak recreational fishing stakeholder bodies; and iii) numerous administration differences between the existing NSW and Victorian licensing systems.

The council also strongly opposed licence reciprocity because the potential risks outweighed the benefits and the proposal would seriously disadvantage NSW fishers.

Motion: The council does not support reciprocal recreational fishing licence arrangements between NSW and Victoria. **Moved:** John Drew. **Seconded:** Neil Ryan. **Carried.**

b) National Parks Association of NSW's marine protection proposals - "The Torn Blue Fringe"

Copies of the executive summary of this document were distributed to assist discussion on the NPA's proposals relating to marine protection and creation and/or extension of marine parks.

The council did not support the further introduction/expansion of marine parks without irrefutable scientific justification.

Motion: The council approach a suitable scientist to seek a scientific analysis and review of the NPA's proposals. **Moved:** John Drew. **Seconded:** Neil Ryan. **Carried.**

A trust application may be submitted to members out of session for consideration.

c) Mulloway

Dr Matt Taylor (UNSW) will attend a meeting during 2009 to update the council on the results of the mulloway specimens from the Richmond River area following a flood event, which he will be testing to establish if they were wild stock or part of the restocking program.

Motion: The council requests an update on compliance activities at the next meeting. **Moved:** Charles Howe. **Seconded:** Adrian Wayne. **Carried.**

d) Biodiversity Strategy for New South Wales

The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MP, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, together with the Hon. Ian Macdonald MP, Minister for Primary Industries, have endorsed the release of a

discussion paper titled "A new Biodiversity Strategy for New South Wales", as the first step in the development of a new Biodiversity Strategy for NSW. The paper was distributed to members for review. Written comments are required from council members as soon as possible to allow DPI time to collate and forward to the chair of ACoRF for review/approval prior to the Department of Environment and Climate Change's deadline of Friday 13 February 2009.

e) Scope of use of Trust funds

The council requested that DPI investigate the potential for the creation of a legal entity (e.g. Trust Fund Board) that may, for example, purchase/own property and other commercial entitlements on behalf of NSW anglers. This proposal is consistent with condition 1 of the council's recommendations regarding Gaden hatchery, as outlined in item 2). DPI advised that the Saltwater Access Manager is currently reviewing legislative issues to progress this matter.

Action item

DPI to advise the council of the current situation and proposed action following investigation of this matter.

f) Identification of an introduced species in Doon Doon Creek, far north NSW

DPI advised that a small number of cichlids (possibly Green Terrors) had been caught recently by anglers in the creek (near Clarrie Hall Dam), which is part of the Tweed River system. Electro-fishing will be undertaken to determine the exact species, extent of the problem and appropriate eradication efforts to be carried out.

g) Freshwater compliance officers

Members expressed concern about the number of vacant Compliance positions for the inland at present. It was noted that RFFTEC raised concerns about the Trust funded Fisheries Officer vacancy at recent meetings and requested DPI to fill this vacancy as quickly as possible to ensure a full contingent of Trust funded officers on the inland. The council supported this request.

It was noted that NSW DPI reported to the freshwater expenditure committee at its last meeting regarding the current level of Trust funded Compliance vacancies. Information relating to this issue, extracted from the RFFTEC meeting outcomes, is included below for council's information:

Mr Pat Tully presented details of the recruitment schedule for Trust funded inland compliance officer positions. Approval to advertise inland vacancies externally has been granted, which will provide an opportunity to attract candidates from local areas. Recruitment to existing inland Fisheries Officer vacancies will occur once appointments to other vacant Fisheries Officer Grade 3 positions have been finalised. Psychological testing is being applied in the recruitment of new Fisheries Officers to assist with assessment of aspirants.

Mr Tully provided a summary of fisheries compliance activities undertaken in inland NSW over the past 6 months. The presentation included information on enforcement outcomes such as fishers checked and compliance rates plus significant apprehensions and court results. It was noted that more than 1,700 freshwater anglers had been inspected between July and November 2008, with an overall compliance rate of 93%. Mr Tully noted that a Compliance Management System is being adopted in NSW with an emphasis on preventative compliance measures and effective planning & mobilisation of resources for specific targeted operations. Crime mapping techniques are also being investigated to enhance the quality of intelligence gathering.

h) Cobia (black kingfish)

Queensland DPI is undertaking a formal review of bag and size limits for the east coast inshore finfish fishery. This included a proposal to reduce the bag limit for cobia from 10 to 2 per person per day, whilst retaining the minimum size limit of 75cm.

NSW DPI will consider the implementation of consistent management arrangements for cobia following completion of the QLD review. It must be noted that preliminary research in NSW shows that cobia reach sexual maturity at approximately 85cm.

Action item

NSW DPI to provide a proposal at the next meeting following completion of the QLD review.

i) Request for spearfishing (USFA nominated) representative on NSW Marine Park Advisory Committees

Motion: The council write to the Marine Parks Authority to request USFA nominated spearfishing representation on NSW Marine Park Advisory Committees. **Moved:** Adrian Wayne. Seconded: John Humphries. **Carried.**

Action item

Letter from the Chair of ACoRF to the Marine Parks Authority requesting spearfishing representation on NSW Marine Park Advisory Committees.

j) Booderee National Park Plan of Management

The council was advised that DPI put in a formal submission in late 2008 regarding the plan of management. Further information regarding major recreational fishing access issues will be provided at the next meeting.

13. Next meeting

- ACoRF meeting 46 (1/2009) – Proposed for Wednesday 20 May 2009 at Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre.

Action items from 45th ACoRF meeting on 11 December 2008

Agenda Item	Action	Due date - if applicable	Team Responsible	Status
4. Business arising	Cameron Westaway to forward information regarding Malpas Dam access arrangements to John Drew.		Recreational Management	Complete.
10. Out of session items	Mel Bradbury to liaise with John Burgess and Max Castle regarding options and ongoing negotiations to increase recreational fishing facilities/access in the Port Botany area.		Recreational Management	Ongoing.
11. a) Correspondence received	The use of setlines in saltwater be considered for inclusion in the next bag and size limit review.		Recreational Management	Pending – next bag and size review
11. b) Correspondence received	a) DPI to reply to Mr Case to advise of the council's consideration of, and current position on, this issue. b) Recreational Management to investigate potential compliance and food safety issues, for further discussion of possible access to closed areas for recreational catch and release only fishing, at the next meeting.		Recreational Management	Pending.
12. c) Other business	Dr Matt Taylor (UNSW) to provide scientific information regarding the studies conducted on juvenile mullocky that were caught by commercial trawlers on the far north coast earlier this year, including what percentage were stocked fish from the Richmond River research program conducted by UNSW.		Dr Matt Taylor (UNSW)	Pending – meeting 46 or 47 (subject to availability of results)
12. c) Other business	Compliance update, including any follow up action that may have resulted from the juvenile mullocky that were caught by commercial trawlers on the far north coast following a flood event in early 2008.		Compliance	Pending – next meeting
12. e) Other business	The council requested that DPI investigate the potential for the creation of a legal entity (e.g. Trust Fund Board) that may, for example, purchase/own property and other commercial entitlements on behalf of NSW anglers. DPI to advise the council of the current situation and proposed action following investigation of this matter.		Recreational Management	
12. h) Other business	NSW DPI to provide a proposal on possible management arrangements for cobia at the next meeting following completion of the QLD review.		Recreational Management	Pending.
12. i) Other business	The council write to the Marine Parks Authority to request USFA nominated spearfishing representation on NSW Marine Park Advisory Committees.		ACoRF Chair/ Recreational Management	Pending.
12. Other business	Request for an update on Eraring Power Station (Brisbane Water article 26/11/08), including details of DPI submission in 2007 and the power station's actions/remedies.		Recreational Management/ Conservation	Pending – next meeting
12. Other business	Request for an update on major recreational fishing access issues, including NSW DPI's submission regarding the Booderee National Park Plan of Management.		Recreational Management	Pending – next meeting