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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION) INC. DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held at Western Australian Sportsmen's Association,

Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley

Tuesday 16 SEPTEMBER 2014 at 7.35 pm

1. OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened at 19:35 hrs.

- President John Curtis welcomed all award winners, their families and delegates to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

3. PRESENT

Joe Horvath, OSAC.	Peter Osborne ORSSC
Mark Hansen, Beachcombers.	Bruce Davies, OSCA Mt Barker
Paul Longo, POBAC	Jason Pember, FAAC
Russell Bunce, FAAC	Terry Fuller - SCAC.
Wilf Core, Melville AAC	George Holman, SCAC
Denis Loran, HYC.	Pat Shinnick, LAAC
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer	
John Crompton, Secretary & Proxy Esperance Surf Casters	
John Curtis, President	

4. APOLOGIES

Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton A/C, Ken Howells, SCAC

5. VISITORS

NIL

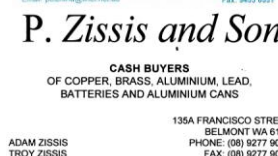
6. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Terry Fuller is Proxy Delegate for SCAC in place of Ken Howells,

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was moved Joe Horvath, Seconded, Russell Bunce; "That Standing Orders be suspended to allow with for the AAWA Awards Presentation to proceed." Motion carried

Laurie Birchall, President of the inaugural organization that later became the AAA (W A Division) Inc and one of the Association's three patrons, gave a brief but interesting history on fishing in Western Australia and the formation of the Association.



Trophy winners for the 2013 / 2014 Competition Year were;

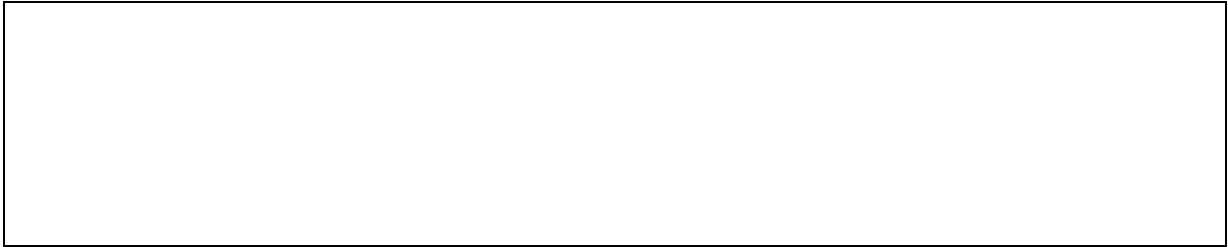
DIVISION		NAME	CLUB
MENS	1 st	Jason Pember	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
	2 nd	Tony D Alonzo	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
LADIES	1 st	Kerry Lukies	Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club
	2 nd	Filomena D Alonzo	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
VETS	1 st	George Holman	Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA
	2 nd	Pat Mckeown	Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA
JUNIORS	1 st	Michael Lapthorne	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
	2 nd	Jake Speed	Hillarys Yacht Club
MINI JUNIORS	1 st	Cody Lapthorne	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
	2 nd	Morgan Keet	Surf Casters
CHAMPION CLUB	1 st	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club	
	2 nd	Surf Casting & Angling Club of W A	

Moved by Joe Horvath; Seconded; Pat Shinnick; "That Standing Orders be resumed so that the meeting may proceed". Motion carried

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 AUGUST 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the 19th of August were circulated to all delegates.

8. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES



Moved...Joe Horvath Seconded; Mark Hansen; “That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record” Motion carried.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Joe Horvath queried – 196e/14 Relating to Marine Reserves

John Curtis replied that the Federal Government is reviewing the marine reserves area that was declared by the previous government, (A press release relating to this is attached to these minutes).

Mark Hansen queried why the Beachcombers Dry Casting Day was not listed in correspondence. John Crompton replied that the agenda was sent out before the Beachcombers email was received.

Terry Fuller noted that an email sent to the secretary relating to an incorrect date for the Port Gregory Rock and Beach Competition was not listed in Correspondence Inwards (Email).

11.

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	From	Subject	Action
041/14	Melville Amateur AC	Affiliation Fees	Treasurer
042/14	Fremantle Sailing Club	Letter of Resignation from AAAWA	Filed
043/14	Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass – September Issue	Filed
044/14	Seniors Recreation	Directory of Sport & Recreation	Filed
045/14	ANZ Awards	Sports Star Awards Forms	John Curtis

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	From	Subject	Action
033/14	Secretary	Delegates Council Minutes 19 August 2014	Post
034/14	Secretary	AGM Minutes & Financial Reports 19 August 2014	Post
035/14	Secretary	Fremantle Sailing Club unpaid Affiliation Fees 2013/2014	Post
036/14	Secretary	Awards Night invitation 10 Letters sent out to Award Recipients & Clubs	Post
037/14	Secretary	Club Affiliation Membership Accounts sent out 25 August	Post

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

Number	From	Subject
193e/14	Telstra	Association Telephone Account
194e/14	Pat Shinnick	AAA Badges Invoice

195e/14	Medianet	Woodside Energy Wins Inaugural Marine Biosecurity Award
196e/14	Marine Reserve	Commonwealth Marine Reserve Updates
197e/14	Ron Mathews	Withdrawal from AAAWA unable to participate in AAA Events
198e/14	Carmel Langdon	AAA Boating Sub Committee August minutes
199e/14	Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass eNews August 2014 Issue 2
200e/14	Dennis Loran	Mindarie Keys this morning appears to have access to all areas for fishing.
201e/14	Pat Shinnick	Information on item 159e/14 Media net re Abrolhos?
202e/14	Pat Shinnick	5 Boating Booklets sent to PO BOX
203e/14	Associations Forum	Register Now! Future Leaders Conference 2014
204e/14	Laurie Birchall	Fish Tales September 2014
205e/14	Terry Fuller	Editor for AAAWA website –Complaint
206e/14	Recfishwest	Recfishwest Fishing Forecast 22nd August 2014
207e/14	Pat Shinnick	Club Marine 10,000 Reasons Campaign Results - Press Release
208e/14	Geraldton Fishing Club	Update AAA WA Membership Club Update
209e/14	Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview - Issue 33, 34, 35,36
210e/14	linet.net	linet Limited Billing Team receipt
211e/14	Pat McKeown	Unable to attend Awards Night
212e/14	Medianet	Fisheries officers will monitor Mandurah crab fishing closure
213e/14	ANZSLA	Early bird registration ends today for the 2014 ANZSLA Conference!
214e/14	Recfishwest	Recfishwest E-news Edition 29
215e/14	Neil Dodds	State Record Fish Capture for Record Sweep 3rd June 1980
216e/14	Jason Pember	Requests scales from clubs for Port Gregory
217e/14	Pat Shinnick	Two scales available at Lancelin for Jason Pember
218e/14	Ken Howells	Did not receive August Delegates Meeting Minutes via email?
219e/14	Russell Bunce	Received the August Minutes via Email on the same listing as Ken Howells
220e/14	Bruce Davies	Received the Minutes via email on the same listing as Ken Howells
221e/14	Medianet	Fisheries officers will monitor Mandurah crab fishing closure
222e/14	Jason Pember	On the AAAWA Website a date mistake for the Rock & Beach Competition at Port Gregory, it should be 27/28 September – NOT 27/28 October 2014
223e/14	Associations Forum	Future Leaders Conference: Develop your skills in association management
224e/14	Biosecurity Advice 2014/11	Biosecurity Advice 2014/11- Quarantine policy for freshwater ornamental finfish from approved countries
225e/14	SCAC Secretary	Club details Surf Casting and Angling Club
226e/14	Recfishwest	Recfishwest Fishing Forecast 12th September 2014
227e/14	Beachcombers	Sunday the 19th October 2014 Perth Polo Club's King's Meadow
228e/14	Terry Fuller	Month Mistake on AAAWA Website for Port Gregory Venue wanting to fix the change of date
229e/14	Pat Shinnick	Ordered 5 FiloFish Booklets

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

Number	To	Subject
038e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	AAAWA Delegates Council Agenda 19 August 2014
039e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	AAAWA Delegates Council Minutes 19 August 2014
040e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	2014 Club Marine Mandurah Boat Show - 10th - 12th October 2014
041e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	Website Temporary Closure / Future State Boat Angling Championships
042e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	AGM Minutes / Financial Reports 19 August 2014
043e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	2014/15 State Dry Casting Championships Details.
044e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	AAA (WA Division) Inc State Rock & Beach Championships.
045e/14	To All Affiliated Clubs	AAAWA Delegates Council Agenda 16 September 2014

Moved Mark Hansen, Seconded Joe Horvath, "That the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards be endorsed". - Motion carried.

10 TREASURERS REPORT-

General Account Balance as of 19 August \$ 9,892.09

Carnival Account Balance \$ 814.47

Income for SEPTEMBER 2014

Melville Amateur AC	AAWA Annual Affiliation Fees Cheque	200.00
Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club	Direct Deposit Affiliation Fees	200.00
Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club	Direct Deposit Affiliation Fees	200.00
Lawrence Birchall	I x FiloFish Species Book – Direct Deposit	27.00
Joshua Gorringer	I x FiloFish Species Book – Direct Deposit	27.00
Henry Boogaard	10 x FiloFish Species Books – Direct Deposit	270.00
Pat Shinnick	5 x FiloFish Species Books – Direct Deposit	135.00
Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club	AAWA Annual Affiliation Fees	200.00
Fremantle Amateur Angling Club	AAWA Annual Affiliation Fees	200.00
Melville AC	Melville AC Beach & Rock Fees cheque	70.00
Beachcombers	AAWA Annual Affiliation Fees Cheque	200.00
SCAC	Beach & Rock fees Cash	55.00
Richard Siudak	I x FiloFish Species Book – Direct Deposit	27.00
	Total	\$1811.00

Accounts for payment SEPTEMBER 2014

John Crompton	September Honorarium	300.00
Float	Telstra Account	18.68
Float	Association Website linet Account	70.00
Float	Stamps, Copy Paper, Stationery	93.15
Trophy Choice	Awards Presentation Trophies	852.70
Trophy Choice	Rock & Beach Competition Trophies	427.00
Trophy Choice	Rock & Beach Competition Medals	624.00
John Curtis	Food Platters Awards Night	94.94
Treasurer	Sports Association WA Bar tab awards Night	39.50
Russell Bunce	Bluewater Tackle vouchers Beach & Rock	310
Hoera Koopu	Auditor fees	100.00
	Total	\$2305.97

Moved Richard Siudak - Seconded Pat Shinnick "That the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried.

BUSINESSES ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT

Nil

11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Orders are being taken for Fil-O-Fish I D booklets, closing date 16 September
When received the books will be handed out to the Delegates to pass on to those who have ordered them. The estimated is \$27.00 including postage and if it is anything less monies will be reimbursed.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Jason Pember reported on the State Rock and Beach Championship at Port Gregory. Everything is organised, he has received a limited number of forms, ORSSC has emailed saying that they have 25 Members going and Fremantle have also 25 Members going to Port Gregory. There are still a few camping sites left. Port Gregory Caravan Park owners seem very happy and easy to get along with. Peter Osborne will bring the club scales and the AAA Banners.
The Estuary will be in November and there are still a few things to be done. The delegates should promote the event to members to attend the fishing competitions, especially the juniors and the mini juniors. The more members that enter, the more winners there will be in the Angler of the year competition awards.

Boating Report

There was no meeting this month due to a number of people not being available. Sponsors are looking fine, Club Marine said they will sponsor the event again and that their logo has been changed.
ORSSC members are all enthusiastic, similar to Hillarys last year for the upcoming event. Should there be any other potential sponsors please advise Pat ASAP at the books will be finalised for publication in December,
A letter had been sent out to all Clubs regarding potential venues for future events. It would appear that a lot of Clubs have new Secretaries following elections. Some had not been handing the information on to the right people. Clubs have contacted Pat saying they will run the event. Lancelin club have indicated that they are willing to run the event and asked if I can set up.
Henry Boogaard and Jayaweera Gamini have spoken to the Bunbury Power Boat Club who are also possibly interested.
John Curtis noted that the Association had received advise from the Fremantle Sailing Club that they no longer want to be affiliated with the AAAWA.

Dry Casting Report

All forms have been sent out and all clubs should have applications and details, can I please add that all clubs must have two non casting people to assist on the day as volunteers. Can clubs please add the names of these volunteers to the teams list so that we know who is from what Club and use their skills and rotate them throughout the day.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is an error on one of the forms that indicates that the date of the event is the 28th of October 2014. **The correct date is Sunday 26th of October.**

Can clubs also please provide a the details of a club contact for any queries that may arise before the event. Delegates are asked to go back to their clubs and promote the event.

George Holman asked about the increase of fees and shouldn't that be approved by delegates Council, and why has it gone up?. John Curtis noted that costs for the event had

risen and the Association does not want to run events at a loss. Fees had to go up because the Insurance and ground rental had also gone up.

Recording Officer Report

There have not been any claims received at a State level, however there was a claim for a Mary River Cod from Queensland which is an inaugural record for that species. That claim is being processed.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

The next meeting for those going to the National Convention at Wallaroo in South Australia will be held at the W A Sportsmen's Association on **Tuesday 25th November at 7.30 pm.**

Bruce Davies queried the letter received from Terry Fuller about the Association website where there is a statement that was quite alarming, namely claiming copyright. What is the purpose of this statement? The website needs to move forward and still has to be managed. Copyright issues have to be resolved. Software license issues have to be resolved.

Terry Fuller stated that:

Most pages on the AAAWA are my personal Intellectual Property. I retain all personal rights under copyright law and these rights have never been assigned to AAAWA or to any third party.

I have never been paid for doing any of this work or use of my personal computer and other equipment.

I therefore give notice of a possible breach of my personal intellectual property rights should AAAWA continue to use this material without my involvement.

Further discussion followed and it was moved by Peter Osborne that a sub-committee be formed meet and resolve this issue.

Peter Osborne moved, Seconded Mark Hansen; "That Pat Shinnick chair a sub-committee to resolve the issues relating to the Association web site management"
Motion Carried:

The following delegates were elected to the Sub- Committee:
Pat Shinnick, Dennis Loran, Bruce Davies, & Terry Fuller

Dennis Loran noted that in all fairness to the Chair, the all licenses and software should be in the hands of AAAWA only.

Notice of Motion

George Holman handed an unsigned Notice of Motion to the Secretary:

George Holman moved; "That a person representing the State of WA at AAA Nationals Championships may decline to be nominated as a member of some particular team; and may instead nominate to be, and compete for WA as, part of a team made up of eligible persons of their choice."

George Holman did not speak to the motion. It will be discussed at the October meeting and voted upon at the November Delegates Council Meeting.

There being no further business , the meeting was closed at 21:40.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30 pm.

A A A (W A Division) polo shirts (black with gold trim, logo and pocket) are now available. Please advise the Secretary of your shirt size and quantity - \$30.00 each

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (W A DIVISION) INC
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION CALENDAR
2014 / 2015 / 2016**

2014	
September 2014 2014 /2015 Competition Calendar	State Rock and Beach Championships 27 & 28 September 2014 - Port Gregory Boundaries – South of Kalbarri River Mouth to North of Bows River Mouth Briefing 11.00 am Saturday, 27; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 4.00 pm ; Sunday, 28 September 2014
October 2014 2014 /2015 Competition Calendar	State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 26 th October 2014 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.
November 2014 2014 /2015 Competition Calendar	State Estuary Championships 29 & 30 November 2014; Location - Walpole Boundaries –Walpole and Nornalup estuaries and associated rivers downstream to a line at the river mouth from the jetty to the flag on the other side of the mouth. Registrations 11.00 am Briefing 11.30 am Saturday 29 November; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 11.00 am Sunday, 30 November 2014,
2015	
March 2015 2014 /2015 Competition Calendar	State Boat Angling Championships 28 th / 29 th March 2015 Location, Ocean Reef Marina; Hosted by the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club Sign On: 05:00 - 08:00; Competition Start 06:30 am. Bags in Truck By 15:30; Weigh In Commences 16:30 Presentations Commence; 18:30 at Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club
October 2015 2015 /2016 Competition Calendar	State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 26 th October 2015 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.
November 2015 2015 /2016 Competition Calendar	State Estuary Championships 28 29 November 2015; Location Swan & Canning Rivers & Cockburn Sound Briefing 11.00 am Saturday 28; Lines Down, 1.00 pm Weigh In commences, 1.00 pm Sunday 29.
2016	
March 2016 2015 /2016 Competition Calendar	State Rock and Beach Championships 5 - 7 March 2016 Long Weekend - Cheynes Beach, Albany Boundaries – Bremer River mouth to Middleton Beach Albany Briefing 11.00 am Saturday, 27; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 4.00 pm; Sunday, 6 March 2016
October 2016 2016 /2017 Competition Calendar	State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 30 th October 2016 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.

**AAA (WA DIVISION) INC CLUB EVENTS REGISTER
2014 Calendar Year**

The aim of this calendar is to alert all affiliated clubs of events run by member clubs. Hopefully this will aid in planning events so that clubs avoid a clash of dates.

All clubs are asked to advice of any 'special events' that they run so that they can be included and encourage participation of other Association members.

Events can be added to this Calender by contacting the Secretary:
Australian Anglers' Association (WA Division) Inc
PO Box 2200 Marmion WA 6020

2014 Calendar Year

The Beachcombers Angling and Boating Club	The next Dry Casting event will be held at at the Perth Polo Club's King's Meadow Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford on Sunday the 19th October 2014 Start time 08.30 am. Fees of \$5 per single or \$10 per family apply. All welcome. Any queries please ring Peter Stoeckel on 0417283265.
Surf Casting & Angling Club Of WA	Monthly Dry Casting Competition Dry Casting is held at the Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine Competition starts at 8:30 am. 5 October 2014; 2 November 2014; 7 December 2014; 4 January 2015; 1 February 2015; 8 March 2015; 29 March 2015.
2015 Calendar Year	
Swanfish 2015 Melville Amateur Angling Club (in conjunction with Recfishwest)	Saturday / Sunday 21st and 22nd February 2015. Venue is Taylor Road, McCallum Park. Registrations can be done online and registrations can be made on the Saturday between 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. A Catch and Release competition is also available to competitors Weigh-in commences at 9.00 am on Sunday 22nd February 2015 Contact is Sharon at email montesfish@hotmail.com
Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club	2015 Sport Fishing Classic 11th and 12th April 2015
Hillarys Yacht Club	2015 Harbour Classic Saturday 18TH April 2015 Start Time: 06:30 hrs, Finish: 15:00 hrs, Weigh in: commencing 16:0 (Alternate Date Sunday 19 th April)
Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club	2015 Ultra Light Sport Fishing Classic Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd of May 2015
2016 Calendar Year	
Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club	2016 Ultra Light Sport Fishing Classic Sat 7th and Sun 8th May 2016.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS MARINE PARKS REVIEW PROCESS

Press Release from the Federal Department of the Environment.

The Abbott Government says it is delivering on its election commitment for an independent review of Commonwealth Marine Reserves with the chairs and terms of reference for the Expert Scientific Panel and Bioregional Advisory Panels announced today.

“It is important that an independent review based on science is undertaken which reconsiders zoning boundaries to restore community confidence,” said Environment Minister Greg Hunt. “The Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review will examine the management arrangements for the new marine reserves rushed through by the previous government in November 2012.”

“Unlike the previous government, we are committed to getting the management plans and the balance of zoning right, so we have asked the expert panels to consider what management arrangements will best protect our marine environment and accommodate the many activities that Australians love to enjoy in our oceans.” The expert panels will help restore confidence in Commonwealth marine reserves. They will provide advice to the Government, based on the best available science and after genuine consultation with stakeholders.

“The Government is determined to ensure a science-based review of Commonwealth marine reserves and zoning boundaries, while maintaining our strong commitment to the marine reserves and their estates,” said Minister Hunt. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture Senator Richard Colbeck said “The management plans of marine reserves must be based on sound science and developed in consultation with local communities, including commercial, indigenous and recreational fishers.”

“In our election policy we said we would ‘appoint an expert scientific panel to review the science supporting the boundary area for each zone’ and that we ‘will reconsider proposed boundaries in consultation with stakeholders’ – that is what we have done and what we will do to restore confidence in the process.”

“Our aim is to have a sensible balance, which protects the environment, supports a sustainable fishing industry, attracts tourism and provides cultural, recreational and economic benefits for coastal communities.”

The review will be conducted by six panels:

An Expert Scientific Panel, chaired by Associate Professor Bob Beeton, will look closely at the science supporting the new marine reserves. Professor Beeton is Associate Professor at the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management at the University of Queensland. He has recently chaired the 2011-12 NSW Government Audit of Marine Parks and is a past chair of the Australian Threatened Species Scientific Committee as well as the Australian State of the Environment Committee. Other members of the panel include Mr Peter Cochrane, Adjunct Professor Colin Buxton, Dr Julian Pepperell and Dr Sabine Dittmann.

Five Bioregional Advisory Panels (one for each marine region, except the South-east marine region) will ensure that communities, marine-based businesses and other interested groups are consulted about the management of marine reserves in those areas.

The Bioregional Advisory Panels will be co-chaired by Professor Colin Buxton, Adjunct Professor of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania, and Mr Peter Cochrane, Australian Government Ambassador for the IUCN World Parks Congress, Adjunct Fellow at the Fenner School for Environment and Society Australian National University, and the former Director of National Parks.

Other panel members include: North Bioregional Advisory Panel Mr Joe Morrison, Mrs Katherine Winchester and Mr Matthew Barwick.

North-west Bioregional Advisory Panel Dr Andrew Rowland, Mr Brett McCallum, Associate Professor Stephan Schnierer,

South-west Bioregional Advisory Panel Dr Andrew Rowland, Mr Clayton Nelson, Ms Sue Middleton,

Temperate East Bioregional Advisory Panel Mr Simon Boag, Mr Stelios (Stan) Konstantaras and Professor William Gladstone.

Coral Sea Bioregional Advisory Panel Mrs Judy Lynne, Ms Larissa Hale and Mr Neville Rockliff

Panel members have been selected for their capacity to facilitate input from a broad range of stakeholders. The review panels will report to the Government in mid-2015.

RECREATIONAL FISHING GROUPS WELCOME MARINE PARKS REVIEW

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) today welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government that work will commence on development of new management plans for the Commonwealth Marine Reserve system. ARFF was instrumental in having the previous management plans, developed by the Rudd-Gillard Government, scrapped. ARFF managing director Allan Hansard said the recreational fishing community's position on marine reserves was clear.

"We want to see the process underpinned by comprehensive scientific risk-based assessment," Hansard said. "Under this process recreational fishers should not be locked out of marine reserve areas unless there is a good scientific justification to do so.

"If the science shows that marine areas are so environmentally sensitive that require limiting access for recreational fishers, then access for other recreational activities such as diving and tourism should also be assessed and appropriately limited.

"Arguably, these activities are just as harmful to highly sensitive marine environments as recreational fishing is." Hansard said the previous management plans were discriminatory as they excluded recreational fishing from vast areas without any scientific justification. Yet diving, large-scale tourism, cargo shipping and even defence activities could still occur in these areas.

The previous process also lacked genuine consultation and engagement with key stakeholder user groups, Hansard said. "This was not good public policy and definitely was not good marine conservation policy."

ARFF hoped the Abbott Government has learnt from the disastrous mistakes of the previous government and establishes a marine protection process where decisions are based on comprehensive scientific assessment and genuine consultation and engagement, Hansard said.

"ARFF looks forward to working with the Government in achieving a marine reserve system that all Australians can be proud of," Hansard said.