

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES JOINT AUTHORITY

## Minutes of 2022 meeting of the WAFJA

Teleconference  
21 November 2022

### Attendance

**Members:** Anna Willock, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA); Deputy for the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries (Chair).

Dr Rick Fletcher, Executive Director, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia (DPIRD); Deputy for the Western Australian (WA) Minister for Fisheries.

**Secretary:** Maddison Watt (DPIRD).

**Observers:** Jeremy Smith (AFMA), Elissa Mastroianni (AFMA) and Clinton Syers (DPIRD).

### AGENDA

The draft agenda for the meeting (**Attachment 1**) was adopted.

#### 1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

##### a) Identification of members

Anna Willock identified herself as the Deputy for the Commonwealth Government Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries and therefore the Chair of the meeting.

Rick Fletcher identified himself as the Deputy for the Western Australian Minister for Fisheries and therefore the other member of the Western Australia Fisheries Joint Authority (WAFJA).

The Deputies appointed Maddison Watt (DPIRD) as the secretary for the meeting.

##### b) Confirmation of previous Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 30 November 2021 were tabled and endorsed as a true and accurate record (**Attachment 2**).

#### 2. JOINT AUTHORITY NORTHERN SHARK FISHERY (JANSF)

##### Status of the JANSF

The WA Deputy noted that there was no reported fishing activity in the JANSF for the previous year.

### **Future management options for the JANSF**

The WA Deputy noted JANSF and Western Australian North Coast Shark Fishery licence holders recently contracted a consultant to develop a future management proposal for the WAFJA and the WA Government's consideration. The Deputies acknowledged they would consider industry's proposal out of session, once a formal submission was made.

The Deputies also noted the continued need for simplified jurisdictional management arrangements.

## **3. JOINT AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORTING**

### **2021/22 WAFJA Annual Report**

The Deputies approved the 2021/22 report (**Attachment 3**).

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Fins Naturally Attached**

The WA Deputy noted DPIRD is introducing legislation to prohibit commercial fishers from possessing or landing sharks, unless they are whole or trunked with fins naturally attached. These arrangements will apply statewide for any commercial fishery permitted to retain sharks.

### **State Marine Park planning**

The WA Deputy provided an update on the State Marine Park planning process in the north-west of WA as part of the WA Government's Plan for Our Parks initiative.

### **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing**

The WA Deputy thanked the Commonwealth Government Deputy for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's continued support in operations against IUU fishing in the northwest of WA.

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

At a date to be determined.

Meeting closed.

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**MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 2022**

**2:00 PM AEST (11:00 AM AWST) – 3:00 PM AEST (12:00 PM AWST)**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- a) Identification of Members; Anna Willock (Commonwealth) and Rick Fletcher (WA)
- b) Confirmation of previous Minutes

### **2. JOINT AUTHORITY NORTHERN SHARK FISHERY (JANSF)**

- a) Update from WA
- b) Future management options for the JANSF

### **3. JOINT AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORTING**

- a) 2021/22 WAFJA Annual Report for approval

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **5. NEXT MEETING**