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Northern Prawn Fishery - Northern Prawn Fishery Resource Assessment Group (NPRAG)

 TELECONFERENCE 9 OCTOBER 2012

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This teleconference was held to consider comments provided on the Northern Prawn Fishery Industry Pty Ltd proposal for Individual Transferrable Effort Quota.

Attendees

Members

Dr Ian Knuckey, Chair
Ms Fiona Hill, AFMA Member
Mr Michael O'Brien, Industry
Dr Norm Hall, Independent Scientist
Dr Malcolm Haddon, CSIRO
Dr Rodrigo Bustamante, CSIRO
Mr Brodie Macdonald, Executive Officer

Observers

Ms Annie Jarrett, NPFI
Mr Andy Prendergast, Austral Fisheries

Preliminaries

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:15am and welcomed all members and observers. The following interests were declared by all members in relation to the agenda item.

Name	Position	Interest
Brodie Macdonald	RAG Executive Officer.	No pecuniary interest.
Fiona Hill	Manager, NPF	No pecuniary interest.
Mike O'Brien	Industry Member	No pecuniary interest. Employee of Tropic Ocean Prawns which hold gear and boat SFRs and east coast trawl licences
Ian Knuckey	NPRAG Chair Director, Fishwell Consulting	No pecuniary interest. Paid Chair of NPRAG. Research interests in other Commonwealth and state fisheries including a few national projects. Interested in NPF Observer Tender.
Rodrigo Bustamante	Scientific Member	No pecuniary interest. Paid member of NPRAG. CSIRO Researcher
Malcolm Haddon	Scientific Member	No pecuniary interest. Paid member of NPRAG. Involved in review of Commonwealth Harvest Strategy Policy.
Norm Hall	Scientific Member	No pecuniary interest. Paid member of NPRAG and undertaking some work for the Department of Fisheries, Western Australia, unrelated to the NPF.
Annie Jarrett	Observer CEO NPFI NORMAC Executive Officer	No pecuniary interest. Employee of NPFI
Andy Prendergast	Observer	General Manager for prawning division of Austral Fisheries, a major NPF SFR holder.



Apologies

Apologies were received from Rik Buckworth, Tom Kompas, Ian Boot, James Woodhams and Ron Earle.

Industry revised individual transferrable effort (ITE) management proposal

This special teleconference was convened to discuss the proposal from the NPFI Pty Ltd for a revised ITE management system. This document was distributed to the RAG at its September meeting to allow consideration out-of-session. Comments were collated by the RAG Executive Officer and redistributed to the RAG. The Chair thanked RAG members for providing extensive comments on the proposal.

The Chair reiterated the conflicts of interest from members relating to the proposal. It was established that while there is direct conflicts of interest, this work is being undertaken with support of the AFMA Commission and NORMAC, the conflict of interest should not restrict the deliberations of the RAG in providing sound advice to NORMAC and the Commission.

The RAG discussed the proposal page-by-page to ensure that all comments were accurately captured. The RAG agreed that Ms Jarrett would incorporate comments provided by the RAG into a final document for consideration by the RAG. The RAG will then provide a recommendation to NORMAC, which will in turn provide advice to the AFMA Commission.

The RAG discussed the form of the recommendation that it would be able to make to NORMAC on the proposal. It was considered that this would be decided after the document had been revised and resubmitted to the RAG.

<p>Action Item (NPFI) NPFI to amend proposal to incorporate comments from the RAG. The proposal will then be re-distributed to the RAG to allow a recommendation to be made to NORMAC.</p>

The Chair closed the meeting at 1:00pm.

