

Fishery Management Committee 2023

Confirmed Minutes of Fishery Management Committee 26th July 2023

Date: 4.30pm 26th July 2023
Location: George Fam Council Chambers

1. Declaration of Opening

Chairperson Azmi YON appearing by video-chat from Perth.

Meeting elected Gordon THOMSON to chair the meeting in-room due to communication difficulties with video-chat option.

Meeting opens 4.45pm

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence / Declaration of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest

Attendees:

Chairperson

Azmi YON

Committee Members

Rosnah PAL

Kelvin LEE

Chris SU

Gordon THOMSON

Mark ROCHFORT (5.05pm)

Sharin JAMIL

Apologies:

Committee

Kelana ARSHAD

David PRICE

Absent:

Committee

Michael PRIDE

Brady COLLETT

Minute Taker:

Chris SU

Guests:

James Cook Uni QLD

Sea Country Solutions

Pew Foundation

Dr. JP HOBBS (vid-call)

Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE (vid-call)

Christabel MITCHELL (vid-call)

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3. Action Items/Business Arising

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

4.1 Resolution to confirm the meeting of 6th July 2023

Motion –

That the FMC minutes of the 6th July 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Res. No: FMC 5/2023**Moved: Shahrin JAMIL****Seconded: Rosnah PAL****Carried: 6/0**

Action Item

Item	Description	Officer	Status
1	Contact for CI Parks Acting Manager Ben to be provided to Prof. Meeuwig	Chris Su	Completed
2	Contact for translation vendors to be provided to Prof. Meeuwig	Chris Su	Completed

5. Agenda Business

5.1 Fisheries Ranger Report

Fisheries Ranger Shahrin JAMIL provides report.

Highlight in the last fortnight included:

- 32 Boat Ramp surveys completed since 4th June
26 wahoo, 11 tuna were reported as caught with 9 lost to shark take
- Airport surveys in this time period showed 3 persons taking fish off island
- Assisting CIDHS in a sustainable fisheries excursion at the jetty.
Thanked Mark ROCHFORT of Shorefire for donation of fishing equipment for excursion

Mark ROCHFORT arrives 5.05pm

5.2 CI Marine Parks Submission

FMC discusses completion of CI Marine Park Submissions by 17th August 2023 deadline.

5.3 CI Stock Assessment Plan

Kendra TRAVAILLE presented the 'Assessing the State of Fisheries Resources on CI' proposal from Jeremy PRINCE (emailed to FMC earlier)

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Motion –

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The FMC note the Biospherics' *Assessing the State of Fisheries Resources at CI (2 year program) proposal* and recommend Council engage Biospherics to deliver on the required fish stock assessment milestone for the Fisheries Management Funding Agreement.

Moved: Chris SU

Seconded: Shahrin JAMIL

Carried: 7/0

5.4 Presentation by Dr. JP HOBBS, James Cook University QLD

Dr. JP HOBBS presented via video-chat to FMC. Introduces the project and summarises he is working with Sea Country Solutions on fish assessments in August, but also with James Cook University on a CI Marine Park Grant with coral reef studies.

Commonwealth have requested FMC input into an application from James Cook University to extract some coral reef samples from Flying Fish Cove. FMC discussed the quantity and area of proposed take with Dr JP HOBBS.

FMC satisfied at the scale and program, requested that Dr JP HOBBS provided a copy of the research data and report to the island after the program ends.

Dr JP HOBBS provided an overview and asked for more FMC and community input into parameters of study when it commence.

Advised proposed travel dates were late August.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Meeting Closed: 5.45pm

Next Meeting: TBA