

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF  
FMC MEETING 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPT 2024**

Date: 5.00pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Location: George Fam Council Chambers

**1. Declaration of Opening**

Chairperson Azmi YON opened the meeting at 5.08pm

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

**FMC Members**

Chairperson Azmi YON

Committee	Sharin JAMIL	Kelvin LEE
	Gordon THOMSON	Mark ROCHFORD (5.10pm)
	Chris SU (minutes)	

**Guests**

Blue Transitions, Scientific Advisors to FMC	Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE
Blue Transitions, Scientific Advisors to FMC	Dr. Rebecca WEEKS
Biospherics, Fish Stock Assessment Consultancy	Dr. Jeremy PRINCE

**Apologies**

Committee	David PRICE
	Brady COLLETTE
	Kirsten SHANYGINA

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## 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 3.1 Confirmation of FMC meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### FMC Resolution

**Moved: Gordon THOMSON**

**Seconded: Shahrin JAMIL Res. No: FMC7/24**

*That the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> August be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Carried: 5/0**

**For: Azmi YON  
Gordon THOMSON**

**Shahrin JAMIL  
Chris SU**

**Kelvin LEE**

## 4. Action Items / Business Arising

No progress on the Boat Ramp Signage request from Nov 2023. Chair Azmi YON requested consideration of magnets for the proposed sign.

*Mark ROCHFORD arrives 5.10pm*

## 5. Agenda

### 5.1 Ranger Update

Dr. TRAVAILLE and Fisheries Ranger JAMIL present September 2024 Ranger Update. Copy of Ranger Update and presentation filed in FMC archives for committee and ratepayer access on request.

#### FMC Resolution

**Moved: Chris SU**

**Seconded: Kelvin LEE Res. No: FMC8/24**

*That the FMC receive the September 2024 Ranger Update*

**Carried: 6/0**

**For: Azmi YON  
Gordon THOMSON**

**Shahrin JAMIL  
Chris SU**

**Kelvin LEE  
Mark ROCHFORD**

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## 5.2 Dr. Jeremy PRINCE Stock Assessment Update

Dr. PRINCE of Biospherics presented the Stock Assessment Update for Wahoo. Dr. PRINCE utilised the historical data of catch from Mark ROCHFORD over the last year.

The formula shows that Wahoo are reproducing at a sustainable level based on the sample of Wahoo captured. In summary the replacement rate is 0.2, and the data we have collected so far is 0.25 – 0.40 which is very healthy. The modelling will only improve the more data we collect from Mark ROCHFORD and Shahrin JAMIL over time.

Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE and Dr. Jeremy PRINCE requested the FMC consider which species to prioritise for the continues Stock Assessment Program research with the now trained Fisheries Officer Shahrin JAMIL.

Copy of Biospheric’s Stock Assement Update and presentation filed in FMC archives for committee and ratepayer access on request.

### FMC Resolution

**Moved: Chris SU**

**Seconded: Shahrin JAMIL Res. No: FMC9/24**

*That the FMC recommend Flying Fish, Mackeral Scad, Flame Tail & Ruby Snapper, Red Tip Grouper, Rock Lobster and Black Leather Jackets as the focus for the next stage of the Fish Stock Assessment program and that the Fisheries Ranger prioritises collecting data for said species.*

**Carried: 6/0**

**For: Azmi YON  
Gordon THOMSON**

**Shahrin JAMIL  
Chris SU**

**Kelvin LEE  
Mark ROCHFORD**

## 5.3 Dr. Rebecca WEEKS and Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE, presenting on Draft Monitoring and Science Plan for Christmas Island Fisheries.

Blue Transitions presented the Monitoring and Science Plan to FMC as a requirement of the funding agreement.

FMC presented with an option of research priorities over for the next ten years for consideration. A final prioritised list will guide management of future research activities.

DITRDC require this prioritisation by November 2024.

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**Action Item:**

FMC to provide requests for monitoring and science plan development by the October FMC meeting.

Chris SU to send FMC Blue Transitions Draft Monitoring and Science Plan for CI Fisheries.

**5.4 Draft Biosecurity Fact Sheet Notice Feedback**

Infrastructure provided Draft Fact Sheet Notice on 5/9/2024 for comments. Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE and Chris SU reviewed and attach the following copy for FMC adoption.

<b>FMC Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Kelvin LEE</b>		<b>Seconded: Shahrin JAMIL</b>	
		<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>FMC10/24</b>
<i>That the FMC endorse the edited copy for Infrastructure's consideration.</i>			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>6/0</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Azmi YON</b> <b>Gordon THOMSON</b>	<b>Shahrin JAMIL</b> <b>Chris SU</b>	<b>Kelvin LEE</b> <b>Mark ROCHFORD</b>

**5.5 Researcher Code of Conduct**

Infrastructure has requested FMC to provide a Researcher Code of Conduct outlining expectations of practice whilst in the IOTs. FMC reviewed the draft provided by Dr TRAVAILLE and Chris SU.

<b>FMC Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Kelvin LEE</b>		<b>Seconded: Shahrin JAMIL</b>	
		<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>FMC11/24</b>
<i>That the FMC endorse the Researcher Code of Conduct presented.</i>			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>6/0</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Azmi YON</b> <b>Gordon THOMSON</b>	<b>Shahrin JAMIL</b> <b>Chris SU</b>	<b>Kelvin LEE</b> <b>Mark ROCHFORD</b>

**6. General Business:**

**7. Close of Business: 5.50pm**

**8. Next Meeting Date: TBA**