



NATIONAL SEAFOOD INDUSTRY ALLIANCE

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COMMUNIQUE

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The National Seafood Industry Alliance Incorporated (NSIA) held its Annual General Meeting and a General Meeting on Tuesday 24 November 2015 in Canberra at the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation offices. This communique has been compiled to provide an overview of NSIA activities whilst in Canberra.

At the AGM Chairman, Mr Grahame Turk reported on NSIA's activities over the past year which included the securing of funding to establish a National Peak Body, input into the Commonwealth Marine Reserves and advocacy for Country of Origin Labelling for seafood. Grahame also reported that in addition to the three main areas of focus above other matters of importance for NSIA during the year were the relocation of FRDC which has still not been resolved, Australian Maritime Safety, the 2014 Biosecurity Bill and a NSIA policy position on Resource Sharing Framework, which is yet to be finalised.

The committee endorsed the financial audit report and appointed the following people to the Committee:

Chair:	Katherine Winchester (Northern Territory Seafood Council)
Treasurer:	Alex Ogg (Western Australian Fishing Industry Council)
Secretary:	Franca Romeo (Wildcatch Fisheries South Australia)
Committee Members:	Eric Perez (Queensland Seafood Industry Association)
	Grahame Turk (New South Wales Seafood Council)
	Johnathon Davey (Seafood Industry Victoria)
	Julian Harrington (Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council)
	Pheroze Jungawalla (National Aquaculture Council)
	Renee Vajtauer (Commonwealth Fisheries Association)

Following the AGM, a General Meeting was held of which the key items for discussion were the National Peak Body project for which NSIA has contracted Brian Ramsay, Inovact to deliver services. NSIA agreed to re-look at the current timeframes to truncate the project, following strong industry feedback for this project to be completed in a shorter time frame. It was also recognised that communications surrounding this project need to be reviewed and improved to ensure maximum engagement and input from industry. NSIA discussed the opportunity to co-ordinate both the Peak Body project and the Communications Strategy in a way to maximise a successful outcome for both projects.

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NSIA noted that the 2013 election statement had largely been delivered on and that a 2016 election statement finalised before the end of December 2015 would be beneficial. An annual update from FRDC was delivered to NSIA, it was agreed that the Fisheries Resource Sharing Framework policy for NSIA requires finalisation, and NSIA agreed to provide input into the planning for the 2017 National Seafood Industry Award categories. An issue was raised by a member regarding freedom of information requests for fishery data such as video footage and further clarification surrounding this matter will be sought.

Following the NSIA meetings, a series of meetings with Parliamentarian's from the Agriculture, Environment and Health portfolio's were held to discuss key NSIA issues, including the National Peak Body project, the marine reserve review and Country of Origin Labelling (CoOL).

NSIA also met with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to discuss the National Peak Body project, CoOL and the Department's Communication Strategy presented at Seafood Directions. NSIA discussed the opportunity to co-ordinate both the Peak Body project and the Communications Strategy in a way to maximise a successful outcome for both projects.

The NSIA will next meet via teleconference on 16 December 2015 of which key agenda items include the review of the National Peak Body project's first milestone report, finalisation of resource sharing framework and the 2016 election statement.

Katherine Winchester
Chair
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