



NATIONAL SEAFOOD INDUSTRY ALLIANCE INCORPORATED

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COMMUNIQUE

December 2015

The National Seafood Industry Alliance Incorporated (NSIA) held a Committee Meeting on 16 December 2015 via teleconference. This communique has been compiled to provide an overview of key NSIA issues discussed.

An update from Brian Ramsay, Invoact Consulting on the *Developing a National Peak Body* project was provided and NSIA are in agreement that the project is on target to deliver its first milestone report due at the end of January 2015. Acting on the feedback from industry for urgent need for a peak, NSIA is exploring options to shorten the timeframe of the project as well as better identify exactly what would the peak body do that is valued by industry.

The development and content of both a NSIA draft Resource Sharing Framework and 2016 Election Statement was discussed and NSIA is working towards finalising both of these documents by the end of January 2016.

A briefing paper from Professional Fishermen's Association on the Williamstown RAAF contamination was noted highlighting the detrimental impacts this has had on NSW fishers and the environment.

Putting a value on the professional seafood industry was discussed, in light of recent FRDC research that undertook a similar activity for the recreational sector. NSIA noted that a meeting was to occur the next day to discuss a potential research project aimed at evaluating the extended economic value of aquaculture and harvest fisheries to Australia.

Correspondence regarding the Farm Household Assistance Program was noted and further information has been sought by NSIA members about this program.

Johnathon Davey was elected to the role of Deputy Chairman, which was warmly welcomed by NSIA current Chair.

The next meeting will occur on 27 January 2016 via teleconference.

Katherine Winchester
Chair
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MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SEAFOOD INDUSTRY ALLIANCE

