



DISPLACED EFFORT WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE — MEETING No. 3 Wednesday, 19 March 2008 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Members of the Displaced Effort Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its third meeting held on Wednesday, 19 March 2008.

- Members agreed to the basis for seeking independent professional advice on the draft model (including various steps) and proposed formula for managing any displaced commercial fishing effort arising from the establishment and zoning of marine parks.
- This includes guiding principles that displaced effort be managed in the first instance on a voluntary basis with compulsory acquisition as a matter of last resort.
- It was noted that full commercial negotiations would still be required in the unlikely event that any aquaculture effort was displaced given the different needs and operating requirements of this industry.
- Members welcomed Sylvia Rapo in her DEH role of facilitating industry liaison on coast and marine conservation initiatives, including the arrangements for displaced effort for the Government.
- It was also noted that the seafood industry strongly recommended one or more industry-based counter-parts for the concurrent consultation processes on 19 marine park boundaries and management plans (including zoning arrangements). It is anticipated that this will assist in negotiating cross industry sector outcomes thereby minimising the potential displaced effort to industry and associated costs to Government.
- Members received an update on the Marine Parks program, and in particular noted that expressions of interest for the Marine Parks Council of South Australia are currently being assessed against the criteria set out in the *Marine Parks Act 2007*.
- Members welcomed your recent visit to the lower Eyre Peninsula to meet with key industry representatives and felt that this was an important step to building sound relationships between the Government and industry. Members noted with interest your planned visit to the South East on 26 and 27 March and agreed to assist with meetings with key industry figures in this region.
- Members received an update on DEH's community engagement roadshow around the Eyre Peninsula and Northern and Yorke regions over the past three months and understand that the community engagement program will intensify in the lead up to the release of the 19 marine park outer boundaries.

- Members also noted the ongoing fieldwork along the West Coast, Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula and Fleurieu Peninsula being undertaken by DEH to map habitats and conduct biodiversity surveys. Industry supports this work as the establishment of marine parks needs to be based on the best available science, prior to overlaying the social and economic values.

The Displaced Effort Working Group now seeks your approval to communicate these messages to our respective members

The Working Group aims to complete drafting instructions and explanatory notes for your consideration at its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 30 April 2008.

The Working Group reiterates its earlier recommendations that the drafting instructions and explanatory notes are made available on the DEH website as soon as Government has approved the drafting instructions as the basis for the preparation of regulations and that two weeks targeted industry consultation occurs on the draft regulations, prior to their finalisation.