



DISPLACED EFFORT WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE — MEETING No. 4 Thursday, 29 May 2008 1:00pm – 4:00pm

The Displaced Effort Working Group (DEWG) welcomed the Minister for Environment and Conservation to the first part of the meeting and noted her ongoing interest and strong commitment to the full engagement of the industry, particularly in respect to displaced effort and/or quota.

Members were pleased with the Minister's feedback on regional visits. The Minister reported to members that engagement with the industry, including through the DEWG, was particularly valuable in progressing the marine parks program.

Outcomes

Members of the DEWG would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its third meeting held on Thursday 29th May 2008:

- an independent report by Econsearch to assess the Displaced Commercial Fishing Effort Model, was considered by DEWG members;
- based on this report, advice was prepared to assist the further development of drafting instructions for both commercial fishing and aquaculture;
- members noted advice that DEH would next adjust the draft drafting instructions and seek confirmation of them with the DEWG, after consultation with relevant government agencies, then forward to the Minister for Environment and Conservation.
- Once Government has considered and approved the drafting instructions Parliamentary Counsel would be approached to prepare the draft Regulations for two weeks targeted industry consultation assisted by the DEWG;
- the working group reiterated its earlier recommendation 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;
- members noted an update on Marine Parks and that on 22 May 2008 the Minister for Environment and Conservation had announced the proclamation of the *Marine Parks Act 2007* and the membership of the Marine Parks Council of South Australia;
- members noted an update on the Minister's regional visits since the last DEWG meeting;

- DEWG noted progress towards a liaison position to work between industry and government on displaced commercial fishing effort. DEWG members are working with DEH on the development of this position.
- Members welcomed news that the Minister will soon appoint to the DEWG representatives from the Marine Scale Fishers Association and the South Australian Blue Crab Pot Fishers Association.

The Displaced Effort Working Group recommends that you approve the communication of this advice, with any notes or adjustments you require, to our respective members.