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Dear Mr Baldwin,

### **NSW Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy and Guidelines**

The NSW Fisheries Harvest Strategy Policy and NSW Fisheries Harvest Strategy Guidelines have been approved by the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW following public consultation and revision.

The policy and guidelines will guide harvest strategy development in NSW, promoting collaboration between Aboriginal, recreational and commercial fishers and other key stakeholders.

Harvest strategies will provide a robust and transparent framework for future decision making, including determination of total allowable catch and effort levels. They will be developed by working groups comprised of an independent Chair, independent scientist and independent economist, along with representatives from commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fishing sectors, as well as DPI staff.

Introduction of fisheries harvest strategies is a key priority for NSW DPI Fisheries. Working groups for the Trawl Whiting, Rock Lobster, Spanner Crab and Mulloway fisheries have already been established. Additional Harvest Strategy Working Groups are in the process of being established, for Abalone and for Line East and Line West / Trap components of the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery.

The policy and guidelines are here: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fish-harvest-policy>

I thank you for the contributions that you and your members have made during development and refinement of the policy and guidelines and look forward to your ongoing input as we develop harvest strategies in NSW.

Yours sincerely

**Sean Sloan**

**DPI Fisheries**  
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