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Re: Next steps in establishing a Peak Recreational Fishing Body for NSW

Dear recreational fishing stakeholder,

I am writing to provide an update on the formation of the working group to assist with preparation of draft foundation documents for the establishment of a NSW peak body for recreational fishers.

An exceptional response was received to the call for expressions of interest (EOIs) to participate in the working group, with 17 members indicating their availability. This speaks to the good will, passion and commitment to establish a viable peak body for NSW recreational fishers.

All of those who expressed an interest showed an array of valuable skills and experience, however given the need for a small group to progress work efficiently, it was decided that the working group be limited to seven members. After carefully considering the EOIs received I have selected the working group, as follows: Ms Audi Croft, Mr Colin Tannahill, Mr Craig Copeland, Ms Jo Starling, Mr Karl Mathers, Mr Stan Konstantaras and Mr Tom Slater

It is important to emphasise that participation on the working group in no way preempts the eventual membership of the peak body, or any associated positions. The working group has solely been selected to ensure a range of experience across governance and recreational fishing and is focused on developing draft documents for broader consultation.

It is expected the WG will meet during the upcoming weeks both online and in-person. All outputs will be circulated to the broader group for consideration. We are hoping to convene a second in-person meeting of the whole forum shortly thereafter.

Thank you again for your involvement as we move forward with this initiative.

I look forward to your continued participation and appreciate your commitment to our shared goal of establishing a successful peak body to advocate for the future of recreational fishing for NSW.

Yours sincerely,

Dr James Findlay

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