

INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 4 + 37 PERMIT FOR ZONE 3

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 41 Years

I have many concerns for the way the commercial fishery is being managed in NSW and draw your attention to my personal views on the following:

The Impact to my Business Shareholding is as follows:

Fishery <u>OCEAN HAULING REG 4 ZONE 3</u>	Shares held: <u>60</u>	Shares now required <u>50</u>
Fishery <u>OCEAN HAULING NET (4)</u>	Shares held: <u>60</u>	Shares now required <u>50</u>
Fishery <u>ESTUARY HANDLINE/HAULING (4)</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>ESTUARY MESHING (4)</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>250</u>
Fishery <u>ESTUARY PRAWNING (4)</u>	Shares held: <u>250</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>ESTUARY CAT.1 (4)</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery _____	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____
Fishery <u>ESTUARY PRAWN</u>	Shares held: _____	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>ZONE 3</u>	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____
Fishery _____	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____

I have had to pre purchase shares because:

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: BECAUSE MY ZONE 3 PERMIT

ENDS ON 31 DEC 2016. I WILL NEED TO
BUY 150 PRAWN EG SHARES / 150 MESHING, ZONE 3



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Subsidised Trading:

(circle the answer you support)

- In Your opinion is it fair? Yes / No
- Has the process been adequately explained? Yes / No
- Can you access a computer? Yes / No
- Did the training answer your questions? Yes / No
- Can you have ease of trading your shares knowing that you will get
enough to continue what you did pre the reform? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you agree that you are trying to buy back your job? ☒ Yes / No
- Have you borrowed money? Yes / ☒ No
- How will the debt you have incurred affect your viability?
- It will be better? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you see that you will have more value in your business? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you agree to the need to linking shares with effort or quota? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you perceive that the process has made it impossible for you to
regain shares to reach the level of effort for your business viability? ☒ Yes / No
- Did you support the message to the Minister that inactive share
holders should be offered a buy-out first with a fair offer? ☒ Yes / No
- Did you support the message to the Minister that NO fisher should be
Forced to buy back their jobs to do what they do today? ☒ Yes / No
- Is paying even 5% or 10% for the shares taking you into too much debt? ☒ Yes / No
- Are you able to participate in the share trading? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you support how this reform has been structured? Yes / ☒ No
- In the period 2007 to 2016 have you ever agreed to a Reform in this manner? ... Yes / ☒ No
- Did your Management Advisory Committee agree to a reform in this manner? ... Yes / ☒ No



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Commercial Fishers Personal Views

(Circle the answer you support)

Has DPI given you any information and analysis of the outcome of the trading?

.....Yes / ☒ No

Is it a satisfactory result?

Yes / ☒ No

Please explain:

Is your current debt prohibiting you from borrowing for your business? Yes/No

Please verify did you utilize the grant for financial advisor? Yes/☒ No

Did the advisor confidently recommend investment? Yes / No

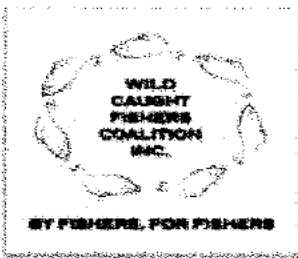
Do you support the changes for unendorsed crew brought out in July? ☒ Yes / No

Why? IT SUPPORTS THE CHANCE FOR

YOUNG ADULTS TO ENTER ^{THE} COMMERCIAL
~~THE~~ FISHING INDUSTRY

Were you adequately advised of these changes? Yes / ☒ No
your views:

Do you have the changes in writing that give you clear directions on what is permissible in your region? ☒ Yes / No



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Personal Commercial Fishers views:

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Do you have issues in your region with the Prawn Draw?

☒ Yes / ☐ No

Please explain

BECAUSE I HAVE 250 PRAWN SHARES
I ~~BE~~ WAS ABLE TO GET A SECTION 371(e)
PERMIT TO PRAWN. ~~AT~~ I PARTICIPATED
IN TWO PRAWN DRAWS AT TAMBOY IN
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. WITH MY
SON AN UNINDORSED FISHER. I TRIED TO DO
IT IN NOVEMBER BUT WAS PREVENTED TO,

Do you support the further culling of Active commercial fishers from the inshore waters estuaries and lakes in NSW?

Yes / ☒ No

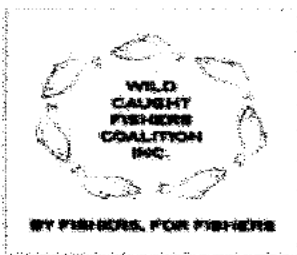
Please explain:

FISHING COOPERATIVES NEED A
MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SUPPLIERS TO
SURVIVE.

THE ~~DESIGN~~ DESIGN OF THE FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES SHOULD HAVE
BEEN IMPLEMENTED BEFORE OUR
WORKING AREAS WERE TAKEN.

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions Yes ☒ No

Why?
ALL FISHING METHODS ARE SEASONAL
AND RELY ON HOW HEALTHY THE WATERS
AND RIVER BOTTOM ARE EACH YEAR.



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Is there now a visible Increase of trap setting in your region that concerns you?

☒ Yes ☐ No.

If you're an Indigenous Fisher:

Have you been informed of your future participation in the reform adequately?

Please explain:

NO. WE HAD MORE MEETINGS
WHEN THE "CONSULTIVE" PROCESS PERIOD
WAS APPLIED. WHEN FISHERIES TOOK
INFORMATION FROM US TO BE USED
AGAINST US

Are you being ostracised by other fishers since the trapping and hauling net and prawn draw changes have occurred ☒ Yes / ☐ No

Please explain: IN THE NOVEMBER PRAWN DRAW
AT TAMBOY, I WAS TOLD BY FISHERIES
ON THE DAY OF THE DRAW, THAT I COULD ONLY
GO ON THE ONE MAN PEGS I WENT ON THE HOUSE
PEG. ON THE NIGHT I WAS ON, FISHERS LOCALLY

If you are a Line West or Line East Fisher please state which fishery and if you know what is proposed for your fishery..... ☒ Yes / ☐ No.

Please clarify: WOULD NOT EVEN TELL ME
WHERE THE PEGS WERE THAT I
NEEDED TO TIE TO.



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Given there is approximately 1% of the Australian Population allowed to commercially fish to provide seafood for approximately 78% of the population who do not fish recreationally do you agree that there is a major management issue in providing local seafood to local communities in NSW? Yes / No

Your views:

- ① NSW FISHERIES REMOVED OUR WORKING
WATERS FROM US. FOR THE BENEFIT
OF DEVELOPERS, RECREATIONAL FISHERS
AND THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.
- ② WHEN THE CANNERIES WERE CLOSED
AT EDEN, THE AUSTRALIAN SALMON
INCREASED AND ATE THEIR WAY TO

Further Comments.

- THE QUEENSLAND BORDER.
- ③ THE OUTSIDE FISHERS SAW AN INCREASE
IN SHARK ACTIVITY AFTER MARINE PARKS,
RECREATIONAL FISHING HAVENS AND NO
GO AREAS WERE IMPLEMENTED.
AND STARTED TO CATCH LARGE
NUMBERS OF SHARKS.
- ④ THE SHARK CATCHING WAS CLOSED
BEFORE IT REALLY GOT STARTED

Remember to attach correspondence you have sent to DPI, or the Minister,



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I NEED TO WORK IN ZONE 3
MY PERMIT 37 FINISHES ON THE
31 DECEMBER. I WILL NEED TO BUY MORE ^{SHARES}
MY TRIBAL FISHING AREA INCLUDES:-
THE HASTING RIVER (CLOSED)
THE MANNING RIVE (2/3 CLOSED)
LAKE INNES, WATSON TAYLOR
AND QUEEN LAKE WILL BE TAKEN
FROM ME
INCREASED FEES FROM FISHERIES
SAFEFOOD, MARITIME WILL DESTROY
MY FISHING ABILITY. IN THE FUTURE
I FEEL THAT MODERNISING MY
FAMILY FISHING BUSINESS FORTY ONE
YEARS AGO WAS A WASTED EFFORT
WHEN IT CAN BE DESTROYED BY
THE STROKE OF A PEN.
HOW CAN I RECOMMEND TO YOUNG
PEOPLE TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES
LEARN A TRADE, AND GO BACK TO
THEIR FAMILIES TO BETTER THEIR
LIVES.