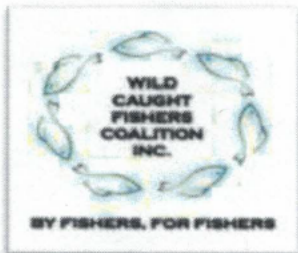


**INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH
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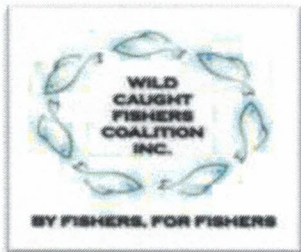
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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 4-5-6-7

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 33 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 _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FISHING AS I HAVE
HISTORICALLY DONE

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and

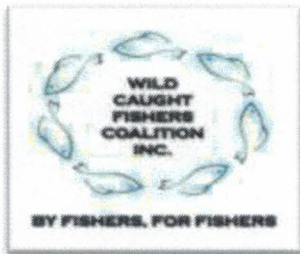
my personal situation: AS THIS REFORM IS AGAINST MY VIABLE

FISHING BUSINESS I AM AT A LOSS TO BE ABLE TO

COMMIT ANY MORE MONEY INTO THE FISHING INDUSTRY

AS I HAVE SPENT SOME \$500,000 SINCE THIS SHARE
MANAGED FISHERY HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

Please sign every page.....



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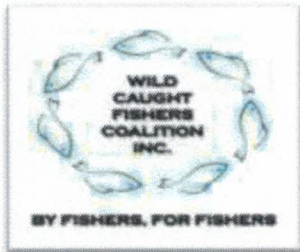
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Subsidised Trading:

(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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Did you know about the 'Pymont Pact' and the decision by NSW Seafood Industry Advisory Committee? To remove 100% inactive effort and 50% active effort? ... ~~Yes~~ / No

Do you support this to be a fair strategy for 2016? ~~Yes~~ / No

Do you agree to the method selected by DPI to use the collective Catch History of the individual fisher, divide this with all fishers across the state in a pro rata distribution for some fisheries to develop quota and or effort? ~~Yes~~ / No

If you disagreed with the Linkage options and the reform; were you welcome to sit at the working group meetings ~~Yes~~ / No

Can you clearly make a business decision from the information that has been provided to you for this Business structural adjustment program at this stage? ~~Yes~~ / No

Are you aware of any harvest strategy or cost benefit analysis? ~~Yes~~ / No

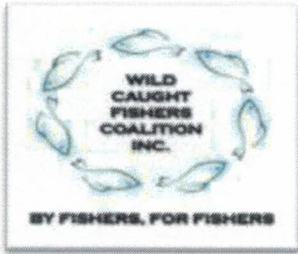
Mock/Preview Share trading:

Did you participate in this? ~~Yes~~ / No

Did this resolve your questions? ~~Yes~~ / No

Please explain:

BECAUSE THE SHARE TRADING SITE
WAS NOT AVAILABLE I DID NOT GET TO
PARTICIPATE.



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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:

DID NOT WORK

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? DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES

YES OR NO - SOME ARE FAIR SOME ARE NOT.

Were you adequately advised of these changes? ~~Yes~~ / No
your views: NOT ADVISED ON ANY

OF THE ABOVE CHANGES

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

IT WOULD BE INEQUITABLE ON A SHARE
BY SHARE BASIS

Do you support the further culling of Active commercial fishers from the inshore waters estuaries and lakes in NSW? ~~Yes~~ / No

Please explain:

BY CULLING ACTIVE FISHERS THERE
WILL NOT BE ENOUGH FRESH SEAFOOD FOR
THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

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

Why?

DEPENDS WHEN YOU ARE TALKING KG
QUOTA — YES
TALKING DAYS — POSSIBLY NO



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Personal Commercial Fishers views

(circle the answer your support)

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:

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

Please explain: _____

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: _____



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Personal Commercial Fishers views

(Circle the answer you support)

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:

Further Comments.

SEE ATTACHED.

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

SUBMISSION: REFORM OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY.

WHAT REFORM?

The only thing this reform is doing for the Fishing Industry is closing it down. The Baird Government, Niall Blair and the DPI are the ones who are responsible for the demise of the Commercial Fishing Industry. The MAC hand picked by the Minister have not heard the concerns of the average Commercial Fisherman who have had their fishing rights eroded on the whim of some hierarchy that think for themselves and not for the Commercial Fishery as a whole.

WHY?

Why try to fix something that is not broken. Listen to the fishermen whose businesses you are trying to take from them. Do you really think that a Commercial Fisherman would rape and pillage a product or species of fish/prawns etc. to put themselves out of business.

The Commercial Fishermen are hard working persons with generations of history in the business and do not want to have to buy their own businesses back as will happen when they implement this current reform package.

Dictatorship comes to mind when you read all the glossy pages and pamphlets put out by the DPI.

THINK AGAIN.

Think again about what you are doing to the Commercial Fishing Industry. Does the average "Joe Blow" have to go and catch their own fish to eat? You cannot replicate wild caught fish in aquaculture. Every part of the Seafood chain will suffer from the catcher to Co-op to shop to customer. Even the transport industry that take the catch to market will suffer.

When will Australia, in particular New South Wales, be smart enough to be self sufficient in their home grown industries instead of importing seafood from other countries.

KEEP THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VIABLE.

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTED AS SUSTAINABLE



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