

**Draft Minutes of
Fishery Management Committee
24th March 2022 Meeting**

Date: 4.30pm, 24/03/2022
Location: George Fam Council Chambers

- 1. Declaration of Opening**
- 1.1 Acting Chairperson Gordon THOMSON opens meeting at 4.25pm
- 2. Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence / Declaration of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest**

Attendees: Mr David PRICE
Mr Gordon THOMSON
Ms Rosnah PAL
Mr Chris SU
Mr Mark ROCHFORT
Mr Brady COLLETT
Mr Kelana ARSHAD
Mr Kelvin LEE
Mr Shahrin JAMIL entered 4.35pm

Community Consultative Committee Members attending
Cr Hafiz MASLI entered 4.24pm
Ms Joy WICKENDON

National Parks Australia
Mr Michael MISSO (by video conference)

Pew Foundation and Sea Country Solutions
Christabel MITCHELL (by video conference)
Kendra TRAVAILLE (by video conference)

Apologies: Michael PRIDE
Minute Taker Karin LINES-LWIN

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3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 3.1 That the minutes of the 14th April 2021, 13th September 2021 and 17th February 2022 be confirmed as true and accurate records.

Moved: David PRICE

Seconded: Chris SU

Carried: 8/0

Resolution: FMC2/2022

4. Action Items/Business Arising

- 4.1 FMC wrote to the Minister on 18/2/2022 to advise the Minister of the FMC's endorsement of her *2022 Draft Exposure Christmas Island Fishery Ordinance*.

FMC yet to receive a response from Minister on 18/02/2022 letter to announce the new draft exposure. The draft exposure is not listed on the APH website under the 'tabled papers' page yet.

5. Agenda Business

5.1 Presentation by Pew Foundation and Sea Country Solutions

Christabel MITCHELL and Kendra TRAVAILLE appeared by video conference for Pew Foundation and Sea Country solutions respectively.

Updated the FMC that the outcomes of the fisheries ordinance ballot and views of the Island community have been taken into consideration by the Minister and inserted into the draft 2022 Ordinance.

Christabel MITCHELL and Kendra TRAVAILLE advise that the proposed local 'Fishery Advisory Committee' that the Minister must consult with under the new ordinance is not the 'Shire of Christmas Island Fishery Management Committee.' The Minister must declare the members of the ordinance's 'Fishery Management Committee' by name; the convention will be that the Minister will name all the Fishery Management Committee members as the ordinance's 'Fishery Advisory Committee.'

Action Item:

FMC members to provide a short self-introduction bio to Kendra TRAVAILLE for the purposes of being declared by the Minister as the Ordinance passes.

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Gordon THOMSON reminds committee that the Terms of Reference for the Ordinance's 'Fishery Advisory Committee' is still yet to be developed. THOMSON asked for the recirculation of a governance diagram proposed by Sea Country Solutions in 2021 that put forward a model under which an Ordinance 'Fishery Advisory Committee' may work.

Action Item:

Sea Country Solutions to forward governance diagram to the FMC members.

Kendra TRAVAILLE said the focus has been on delivering the Ordinance. Now that this is coming to an end, the formalisation of the operational responsibilities needs to be addressed, starting with the Terms of Reference and the governance arrangements under the Ordinance.

FMC agreed to provide input into the Terms of Reference.

5.2 Presentation by National Parks Australia

Mike MISSO appeared by video conference.

Mike MISSO congratulated the FMC on their progress on the fisheries matter. Advised that Commonwealth Environment Minister Sussan LEY proclaimed the Christmas Island Marine Park on the 20th March 2022.

Mike MISSO informed the FMC that the future 10 Year Management Plan for the Marine Park will require a Community Reference Group, or similar. Noted that this was the requirement for all National Parks.

Discussion in the meeting about the FMC's ability to fulfil this role as the Community Reference Group for the CI Marine Park.

Members noted that the FMC was formed under its own charter regarding the application of state fishing laws, a separate matter.

Chris SU noted that he was a member of the terrestrial Christmas Island National Park's Community Reference Group and that Mike MISSO could consult Parks Manager Kerrie BENNISON on developing or working together with the terrestrial Community Reference Group.

Mike MISSO provided an overview of the upcoming Indian Ocean Territories Marine Park Grant Program 2022. It is a \$2.2m grant program opening on 29th March to mark the opening of the CKI and CI Marine Parks.

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The IOT Marine Park Grant Program will be open for IOT and non-IOT entities in the not-for-profit and private sector to conduct a range of projects in the IOT Marine Parks.

Mike MISSO advised that the Grant Guidelines will be released on the 29th March and would be able to provide further details.

FMC further discussed its ability to participate in the new CI Marine Park Community Reference Group. David PRICE requested that Mike MISSO provide a Terms of Reference for the Community Reference Group so that members can better understand what the involvement and expectations may be.

Mike MISSO advised that every National Park requires the development of a 10 Year Management Plan and that this document would take two years to develop.

Action Item:

Mike MISSO to return with Terms of Reference for Marine Park Community Reference Group when its finalised.

6. General Business

Nil

Meeting Closed: 5.35pm

Next Meeting: 27th April 2022

No.	Action Items from 24/3/2022 FMC Meeting	Person
1	FMC members to provide a short self-introduction bio to Kendra TRAVAILLE for the purposes of being declared by the Minister as the Ordinance passes.	All FMC
2	Sea Country Solutions to forward governance diagram to the FMC members.	Sea Country Solutions
3	Mike MISSO to return with Terms of Reference for Marine Park Community Reference Group when its finalised.	Mike MISSO