

Fisheries Management Committee 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 5.00pm Friday November 21st, 2025

Location: George Fam Council Chambers

1. Declaration of Opening

5pm Opened by Chairperson Azmi YON.

Azmi YON welcomes Chris SU and Dr. Kendra TRAVAILLE appearing by Teams video

Azmi YON welcomes the 2025-2027 FMC committee and acknowledges community representatives David MULHERON and Alisdair MCGOVERN to their first FMC meeting.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence / Declaration of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest

2.1 Record of Attendance

Chairperson
Committee

Azmi **YON**
Brady **COLLETTE**
Alisdair **MCGOVERN**
David **MULHERON**
Shahrin **JAMIL**
Kelvin **LEE**
Chris **SU** (online)
Mark **ROCHFORT** (1705)
Azli **ALBASHRI** (1710)
Gordon **THOMSON** (1715)

Apologies

David **PRICE**

Guests

Dr. Kendra **TRAVAILLE** (online)

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3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of FMC meeting of 4 June 2025

FMC Resolution

Moved:

Kelvin LEE

Seconded:

Brady COLLETTE

Res. FMC9/25

No:

That the minutes of the 4 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 7/0

For:

Azmi YON

Chris SU

Alisdair MCGOVERN

Brady COLLETTE

David MULHERON

Shahrin JAMIL

Kelvin LEE

Against:

Mark ROCHFORD arrives 1705

Azli ALBASHRI arrives 1710

Gordon THOMSON arrives 1715

4. Action Items / Business Arising

4.1 Darwin Australian Fish Biology Annual Conference Trip

FMC team of Shahrin JAMIL, Brady COLLETTE and Dr Kendra TRAVAILLE attended the Darwin Australian Fish Biology Annual Conference in August.

Team reported on the experience. Met colleagues in the fishing industry and exchanged professional interests.

Dr TRAVAILLE covered scientific and research interests in fish health and population. A rare networking opportunity for the FMC.

Dr Kendra TRAVAILLE provided introduction to new FMC members on the co-management approach between the Government and IOT Councils, and key areas of research in the current 2025-2028 Funding Agreement period agreed to by the FMC 2023-2025 team.

FMC advised that the 2023-2025 FMC members are still the Fisheries Advisory Committee for the Minister; the three new community reps 2025-2027 are not FAC members. The FAC members' terms end 30 June 2026.

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Meeting discussed the next steps around enforcement duties for the Ranger. At the present the AFP can issue infringements; the Minister will be able to grant the Ranger that ability when Council requests it based on the completion of his formal training in Cert 4 Govt Investigations currently underway. Dr TRAVAILLE advised the AFP are the enforcing body at the present.

Meeting discussed the medium-term goals for the fisheries regime – that the local fisheries ranger will be able to independently issue infringements, ensure compliance and provide community outreach / education locally. Eventual commitment to on the water assets in the medium term is expected; this requires Commonwealth commitment.

Dr TRAVAILLE provides overview to the role of the scientific advisor in the process – it is to assist the research of data that assists sustainable fish take and management for Islanders. There was a significant gap in this area under the WA SDA regime. Meeting noted the lack of data analysis back from WA Fisheries over the years; who were reticent to share any data post their funding period.

FMC notes the 3 years of its funding agreement activity with the Commonwealth has generated significantly more data than the decades under the WA regime, much more cost effectively.

5. Agenda

5.1 Commercial Fisheries License discussion

Dr Kendra TRAVAILLE provides background of events on local Commercial Fisheries License history. Dr TRAVAILLE briefed FMC on the Commercial Fisheries License proposal drafted from FMC 2023-2025 consultation, industry and other stakeholder consultation. Please see attached '*Commercial fishing at CI – proposed management changes.pdf*'

David MULHERON leaves 1803.

Mark ROCHFORT declares interest, exits 1815.

FMC Resolution

Moved: Gordon THOMSON

Seconded: Kelvin LEE

Res. No: FMC10/25

That having considered the Commercial Fisheries License proposal presented, the Fisheries Management resolves to adopt, in their entirety, the recommendations contained in the "*Commercial fishing at CI - proposed management changes*" as presented by Dr K Thomas Travaille on 21 November 2025

Carried: 9/0

For:

Azmi YON

Chris SU

Alisdair MCGOVERN

Brady COLLETTE

David MULHERON

Gordon THOMSON

Shahrin JAMIL

Kelvin LEE

Azli ALBASHRI

Against:

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- 6. **General Business:**
- 7. **Close of Business:**
- 8. **Next Meeting Date:** TBA

