

WESTERN ROCK LOBSTER COUNCIL Inc.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Jurien Bay, Jurien Hotel

9:00am Saturday 6th March 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATTENDANCE: DEXTER DAVIES, STEVE MCLEARY, JOHN COLE, TERRY PARISH, JASON BARRETT, TERRY MOUCHEMORE, DARREN MCTAGGART, NIC SOFOULIS, JOHN NEWBY

GUESTS:

APOLOGIES: JAMES PARATORE, ANTHONY PIRROTINA, FEDELE CAMARDA, PETER HAMMOND, VICKY KERR.

PROXIES: NIC SOFOULIS HELD PORXIES FOR JAMES PARATORE, FEDELE CAMARDA AND PETER HAMMOND; TERRY MOUCHEMORE HELD A PROXY FOR ANTHONY PIRROTINA.

1. WELCOME

The meeting was declared open by the Chairman at 9:15 and the Chairman welcomed all present.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1 BOARD MEETING 18 DECEMBER 2009

The minutes from the meeting on 18 December 2009 was confirmed as true and correct with changes as per James Paratore email (26.02.2010).

Moved: Nic Sofoulis Seconded: Terry Parish Confirmed

ACTION: Minutes to be circulated to the Board within 10 days by mail or as soon as possible.

2.2 TELECONFERENCE MEETING 5 JANUARY 2010

The minutes from the teleconference meeting on 5 January 2010 were confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: Terry Mouchemore Seconded: Darren McTaggart Confirmed

2.3 QUOTA WORKSHOP MEETING 15 JANUARY 2010

The minutes from the Quota Workshop meeting on 15 January 2010 was confirmed as a true and correct record with corrections.

Moved: Terry Parish

Seconded: Steve McLeary

Confirmed

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4. REPORTS

4.1 FINANCIAL

The Financial Report was accepted.

Action: Have a working financial budget

Moved: Steve McLeary; Second: John Newby; Carried.

It was moved to have a finance committee in order to meet good governance in response to the Audit Report. Peter Hammond, the Executive Officer and John Newby were nominated to be on the Finance Committee.

Moved: Nic Sofoulis; Second: John Newby; Carried.

4.2 CHAIRMAN

No Chairman report to be listed

4.3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

No Executive Officer report to be listed

5. CORRESPONDENCE FROM PFA'S / MOTION FROM GPFA AGM

1. Letter from Latitude 31 Pro Fish Association dated 4 March 2010

Tabled, Discussed and noted that answer to point 1 was yes.

2. Letter from Indian Ocean Rock Lobster dated 16 January 2010

Tabled, discussed and noted.

3. Letter from WA Rock Lobster Fishers Federation dated 23 February 2010

Tabled, discussed and noted response regarding 30% pot usage is Yes, the Council will

4. Letter from Latitude Fisheries dated 23 February 2010

Tabled, Discussed and noted

5. Combined A & B PFA Zone Meeting held on 4 March 2010

Tabled, Discussed and Points 1 – 9 was and noted. Comments to the following points were made:

Point 3) As soon as available from Department of Fisheries. Request Department of Fisheries Numbers.

Point 8) Yes

Point 9) Noted but not agreed.

6. Email from Lat31 dates 3 March 2010 in reply to email from Terry Mouchemore
It was suggested by the WRLC that the Department of Fisheries present at this meeting as issue had already been taken up with them after meeting on 18th December 2009. Toni rang on 1 Feb 10 and informed the WRLC that they had decided not to invite the Department of Fisheries

6. UPDATE ON CUMULATIVE CATCH AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

7. OPTIONS FOR NEXT YEARS' ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 INTERIM QUOTA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NOT INDIVIDUALLY TRANSFERABLE)
PAPER BASED, NOT ELECTRONIC

Confirmed this is the WRLC's most favoured option

7.2 CATCH/POT/DAY LIMIT FOR PEAK PERIODS (MAY BE REQUIRED IN 'WHITES' ONLY)

7.3 STRAIGHT "POT REDUCTIONS IN THE PEAKS (20%-30%) NOTHING ELSE

8. ALLOCATION OF TACC BETWEEN ZONES

Presentation by Gil Waller and Nic Sofoulis

After an hour of in depth discussion the Chairman indicated the meeting was probably at deadlock.

There was a feeling further analysis of the information should take place. The decision should be based on the science available.

Recommendation 1: In any allocation or quota the breakdown by zone should be as follows: Zone A + B 50% and Zone C 50%

Moved Nic Sofoulis Second Jason Barrett.

6 in favour and 6 against

Recommendation 2: Zone C should be given the same allocation as Zone A + B for 2009/2010. This can be achieved by:

1. Giving Zone C an additional 605 tonnes or

2. Reducing Zone A + B by 302 tonnes and increasing Zone C by 302 tonnes

Moved Nic Sofoulis Second Jason Barrett.

6 in favour and 6 against

Resolved: WRLC requires further information be presented and analysed to establish validity

9. QUOTA – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON TIMING

ALLOCATION

Moved Nic Sofoulis Seconded Steve McLeary Carried

That Quota be allocated by:
Establishing the TACC for the whole fishery then divided by the number of units
in the whole fishery

ZONES

A discussion on doing away with zones took place. The view on this was 6 in
favour 6 against

Resolved: request Department of Fisheries research to evaluate the removal of
zones in the WRLF under ITQ management system

10. CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR:

10.1 NEXT YEARS' ARRANGEMENTS

Develop options for soaking areas in B & C Zone – By 20th March to Board
Members

10.2 QUOTA OPTIONS

Develop Quota options paper – interim

Get some funding – Costing

11. OTHER MATTERS

11.1 POSITION OF CHAIRMAN

John Cole left the room. It was unanimously resolved that John Cole continue on
as Chairman

11.2 RESEARCH AND MARKETING

Resolved WRLC make provision to invite Department of Fisheries Research and
a marketing and processing representative as required to attend Board meetings

12. NEXT MEETING DATE & CLOSE

Saturday 10th April in Geraldton (Tentative) Meeting Closed 1:00pm