

Communique

Salmon Industry Working Group Meeting – 1 February 2024

The Salmon Industry Working Group (SIWG) met on 1 February 2024 in Hobart for its fifth meeting. This meeting was facilitated by Mr Kim Evans as the newly appointed independent Chair.

Mr Evans was a head of agency in Tasmania for twenty-eight years, the last nine as the Secretary of the Department of State Growth. He was also closely involved in leading a broad range of significant policy and legislative reforms in Tasmania.

Mr Evans shared with the group how he will approach the role, which will include meeting the individual SIWG members. His approach was supported by the members.

The SIWG also heard about the Government's planning for Community Engagement Forums, to be delivered under the Tasmanian Salmon Industry Plan.

There was discussion regarding the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania and Salmon Tasmania submissions to the reconsideration of the not a controlled action – particular manner (NCA-PM) for marine farming in Macquarie Harbour, due on 2 February 2024. The Environment Protection Authority member noted the EPA would be making a submission pointing to past decisions, the latest oxygen data and intended future actions.

