

10 August 2023 Salmon Industry Working Group Communique

The Salmon Industry Working Group met on Thursday, 10 August 2023 in Hobart for a preliminary meeting with an interim chair. The meeting was Chaired by Jason Jacobi (Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania).

The Chair opened the meeting by confirming the group membership and nominated proxies. Confirmed members comprise government representatives, the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of the three major salmon companies and the CEO of Salmon Tasmania. The group moved to approach Tasmanian Farmed Salmon Alliance to ensure salmon-related supply businesses are represented on the Working Group.

The group discussed a draft Terms of Reference, which will be revisited following the appointment of an independent Chair. Members agreed on quorum requirements, the frequency of meetings and the public release of a communique following each meeting.

The Chair presented a proposed sub-committee charter for discussion. Members agreed that one sub-committee, comprising industry and government representatives, would be established to focus on the technical and operational aspects of progressing priority actions.

The Chair updated the group on the Expressions of Interest process for appointing an independent Chair. All members agreed on the required attributes of an independent Chair and that a selection panel comprising two industry and two government representatives would review applications.

Sophie Muller (Deputy Secretary, Environment, Heritage and Land, Tas NRE) provided an update on the development of the Environmental Standards for Marine Finfish Farming.