

Communique

Salmon Industry Working Group 28 September 2023

The Salmon Industry Working Group met on 28 September 2023 in Hobart for its second meeting.

An Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies representative presented on 'Macquarie Harbour: Oxygen Dynamics and Environmental Conditions Revisited'. He spoke to both historical and current data and the environmental impact that climate change is having on the Harbour. There was discussion about the risks and opportunities of pumping dissolved oxygen (DO) back into the Harbour with technology that is used both in Australia and internationally for reoxygenating low DO environments. The salmon industry has proposed this DO remediation measure for the Harbour.

There was discussion regarding the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* assessment processes in the context of Macquarie Harbour and the existing determination relating to salmonid farming in the Harbour.

The Director, Environment Protection Authority spoke to the Storm Bay total permissible dissolved nitrogen output (TPDNO) allocation process. He explained that a decision had not been made on TPDNO allocation. However, the presentation was designed to inform Working Group members of the decision-making process.

An update was provided on the recruitment process for the Working Group's independent Chair. The position was advertised in the press and online. Expressions of interest are open until 5pm on 30 October 2023.

