

National Fisheries Plan Coordination Group Communique

On 1 May, representatives from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, Seafood Industry Australia, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, came together to progress the implementation framework for the National Fisheries Plan.

The National Fisheries Plan Coordination Group's fourth meeting focused on the opportunities provided in the recreational fishing sector. Members noted the importance of citizen science and data collection and that a number of jurisdictions were developing recreational fishing apps to capture this information. Members agreed to collaborate at a national level on recreational fishing data collection.

Members discussed how the outcomes of Seafood Industry Australia's Futures of Seafood project may be used to assist in achieving the outcomes of the National Fisheries Plan. It was noted the project provides an opportunity to look at how the commercial sector overlaps with the recreational. Discussion also considered the marketability of underutilised species.

The group will meet again in September 2024.