

National Fisheries Plan Coordination Group Communique

In Late May, representatives from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, Seafood Industry Australia, the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation's Indigenous Reference Group 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 second meeting agreed on national-level priorities and partnerships for collaboration between fisheries agencies and sectors to sustainably grow Australia's fishing, aquaculture and seafood community.

The Coordination Group committed to collaborating on the following priorities:

- cultural and traditional fishing and Indigenous fisheries knowledge (lead: Australian Fisheries Management Forum (AFMF) Indigenous Working Group)
- sustainable development of the aquaculture sector (lead: AFMF Aquaculture Sub-committee)
- digital and data information (lead: AFMF Data and Digital Working Group)
- electronic monitoring (lead: AFMF Electronic Monitoring Working Group)
- employment, participation and health in the fishing, aquaculture, and seafood sectors (lead: Seafood Industry Australia and the FRDC Indigenous Reference Group)
- habitat restoration and enhancement including stewardship across the commercial, recreational and Indigenous sectors (lead: the proposed National Habitat Partnership)
- new approaches to sustainability assessment and reporting (lead: FRDC and AFMF)
- responding to climate change and extreme events through mitigation and adaptation efforts (lead: FRDC and AFMF).

The group will meet again in late-2023 to update on scoping and progress against the priorities.