

National Fisheries Plan Coordination Group Communique

On 18 October, representatives from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, Seafood Industry Australia, the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, 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 third meeting provided an opportunity for members to review the ongoing work that was agreed to at the previous meeting. All projects are continuing to be developed or are in the early stages of implementation, in particular:

- The Australian Fisheries Management Forum Digital and Data Sharing Working Group are developing a National Data and Digital Strategy to promote collection and sharing of data to support decision making.
- Seafood Industry Australia is developing an employment platform to support employment, participation and health in the fishing, aquaculture, and seafood sectors.

The meeting also provided opportunity to discuss other national level government initiatives and how the National Fisheries Plan may interact.

The group will meet again in early 2024.