

**NSWCFA Executive Meeting (SKYPE)  
Thursday 13 October 2011 at 7.00pm**

**OPEN**      Rodney Tonkin opened the meeting at 7.00pm

**Participants**

Rodney Tonkin, Don Barton, Radge Diakiw, Peter Gibson, Laurie Muldoon and Steve Samuels

**Apologies**

Josh Burns, Terry Flanagan, Hock - sook Tham and Don Salter

**Agenda Item 1- Vacancies identified at the AGM and subsequently**

The Executive noted with regret the resignation of Tom Williams from the Executive and as Vice President for Region 5 (Central NSW) as a result of CAS withdrawing from the NSWCFA in September 2011. The Executive agreed that Rodney Tonkin approach Clive Brabham (Fly Fish Bathurst) to accept its nomination for Vice President for Region 5 (Central NSW).

Attention: Rodney Tonkin

The Executive endorsed the nomination of Jeff Baldock as Vice President for Region 7 (South West NSW).

The Executive agreed not to fill the Scientific Officer position. Rather, if the Council needed scientific advice on a particular topic, it would seek that advice from a person with expertise in that area.

The Executive agreed that in order to have adequate reporting Peter Gibson the MAS delegate to the Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee would jointly report with Steve Samuels the NSWCFA representative. Peter Gibson remains the NSWCFA representative on the DPI NSW Trout Allocation Committee.

**Agenda Item 2 – Freshwater Safety DVD - Multilingual advice**

The Executive, noting that it was not aware of any requests to provide multilingual versions of the Freshwater Safety DVD agreed that at this stage it would not seek production of multilingual versions of the Freshwater Safety DVD until it was satisfied such a DVD was needed. Peter Gibson advised the Executive that he had distributed 5000 of these DVD's and intends to apply for funds to produce more. The Executive also noted that as well as the Freshwater Safety component, the DVD also had spear fishing and rock fishing safety components

**Agenda Item 3 – Farm Dams**

Further to the discussion on risks posed by exotic fish in farm dams at the August NSWCFA meeting, the Executive agreed that Don Barton prepare a discussion paper for the next Council meeting that identified the implications of regulating farm dams.

Attention Don Barton

**Agenda Item 4. – Fishing licence correspondence response.**

The Executive noted that the Minister, in her response to the NSWCFR request to broaden the fishing licence regime to include currently exempted anglers, expressed reservations about the administrative cost and additional red tape of the NSWCFR proposal. The Executive saw merit in the Ministers response The Executive also noted that the Minister expected that a state wide survey on recreational fishing to commence in early 2012 would be a more cost effective way of getting reliable, useable data on recreational fishing participation in NSW. In relation to an insurance scheme for recreational anglers, the Minister advised that she had instructed the Department to refer this issue to ACoRF. The Executive will await the outcome of the ACoRF consideration before acting further

**Agenda Item 5 – Name and Shame advice**

Further to advice from the Minister that the Fisheries Compliance Unit was evaluating options for a name and shame policy, the Executive agreed to take the advice of the Minister and seek more details from the Director, Fisheries Compliance.

Attention: Radge Diakiw

**Agenda Item 6 – Keep Australia Fishing Report - Response**

The Executive agreed to await the road map/strategy being developed by Martin Salter to progress the issues identified in the Keep Australia Fishing Report.

**Agenda Item 7 – Fisheries Cronulla relocation**

The Executive noted the Minister's decision to close the Cronulla Fisheries site and relocate staff and activities elsewhere in NSW.

**Agenda Item 8 –NSWCFR / RFANSW interaction on Freshwater issues.**

The Executive agreed that the NSWCFR delegates to RFA NSW approach RFA to formalise arrangements on procedures etc to follow when addressing/responding to issues which affect both organisations. The aim of this initiative is to ensure that both organisations can work together and are fully informed on evolving issues.

Attention: Radge Diakiw

**Agenda Item 9 MDBA Native Fish Forum 2011.**

The Executive agreed to fund Don Barton (travel and accommodation expenses) to participate in the Forum in November this year.

**Agenda Item 10 – Next General Meeting and Guest Speaker**

Radge Diakiw advised the Executive that Greenwells Fly Fishing Club had confirmed that they would host the next NSWCFR meeting on Saturday 19 November 2011.

The Executive also noted that Rodney Tonkin had confirmed arrangements for the Guest Speaker to be Brian Boyle of the Game Council.

**Agenda Item 11 – The Fishing Inquiry, NSW Government Response**

The Executive, noting advice that the Minister had committed to releasing the Government's response to the Fishing Inquiry by September, agreed that Radge Diakiw seek to get a copy of the Government's response from the Ministers Office.

Attention: Radge Diakiw

**Agenda Item 12 – Proposed Macquarie River Pipeline**

The Executive noted the background paper prepared by Don Barton on the proposed pipeline to extract water from the Macquarie River and agreed that an updated paper be presented to the Council at its November meeting.

**Agenda Item 13 –Relationship between NSWCFR and its Affiliates.**

Further to SWAA and CAS withdrawing from the NSWCFR this year the Executive agreed that Don Barton and Steve Samuels develop protocols etc to formalise the interactions between the NSWCFR and its member groups so that all within the NSWCFR have an agreed understanding of what they can expect of each other. The Executive agreed that when prepared these protocols be put to the Executive and then to the Council for endorsement.

Attention: Don Barton, Steve Samuels

**CLOSE**

Rodney Tonkin closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Prepared by Radge Diakiw Oct 2011