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**NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INCORPORATED
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 2015
ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB, 1 LEVEY STREET, WOLLI CREEK NSW 2205
DRAFT MINUTES**

1 OPENING

Don Barton welcomed participants and opened the meeting at 9.30 am.

Present

Don Barton (President), Charles Atkin (BC), Radge Diakiw (SFRC), Peter Gibson (NSW RFS), David Graham (OTAS) John Robb (CCFC) and Steve Samuels (MAS)

Invited Guests

Stan Konstantaras (RFA NSW) and Scott Nichols (DPI- Fisheries)

At this meeting the following affiliates were represented: Barrington Club (1) Central Acclimatisation Society (1), Central Coast Fly Rodders (1) Monaro Acclimatisation Society (1), Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society (1), NSW Rodfishers' Society (1) and Sydney Fly Rodders' Club (1).

2 Apologies

Jeff Baldock (GFC), Dawn Hopkins (HFFC), Laurie Muldoon (NETAS), Chris Robinson (HNF), Jason Reynolds (PFIGA), Don Salter (LS), Ray Tang (CAS)
(Barton/Diakiw)

Organisations that sent apologies were: Bass Sydney, Hastings Fly Fishing Club, Lakeside Fly Fishing Club, Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association, and New England Trout Acclimatisation Society,

3 MINUTES

15 August 2015 Ordinary General Meeting Minutes - Endorsement

The Council endorsed the minutes of the 15 August 2015 Ordinary General Meeting.
(Diakiw/Robb)

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 21 February 2015 MEETING

4.1. Angler Access Website

Don Barton reminded the Meeting that efforts to speed up the availability of access information to recreational anglers by asking DPI to provide the access information gathered through a RFFTEC funded project, to Paddle NSW has proved unsuccessful. On 25 October NSWCFA wrote to Fisheries seeking written advice on when anglers could get this information. A response has not yet been received. The Meeting noted that not even a partly completed database had been released for angler benefit.

4.2. NSWCFA Raffle.

Peter Gibson advised that he expected to have a plan for conducting a NSWCFA raffle in 2016 ready for consideration by the end of the year.

4.3. Renewal Notices – Delegates to NSWCFA

The Meeting noted that many clubs were omitting to nominate delegates when renewing their annual affiliation. A consequence of this omission was that many members of organisations were not getting direct advice of NSWFA meetings and other activities. The Meeting resolved to write to those organisations seeking contact details of nominated delegates.

(Gibson/Robb)

ACTION Peter Gibson

4.4 Strategic Review

John Robb expressed disappointment that he had little response to his requests for input to finalise the Strategic Review. Stan Konstantaras advised that the RFA had developed its 6R Strategy (a 2 page document) which had proved useful in enabling the RFA to focus on its top priorities. The Meeting noted that this document would be reviewed for its relevance to NSWCFA priorities.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Presidents Report

The Meeting accepted Don Barton's President's Report (Attachment 1)
(Barton/Gibson)

5.2 NSWCFA Executive

The Meeting noted the minutes of the 9 September 2015 Executive Meeting (Attachment 2).

5.3 Treasurer's Report

The Meeting accepted the Treasurers Report (Attachment 3) which was prepared by Don Salter and tabled by Radge Diakiw.
(Diakiw/Robb).

5.4 Regional Reports

Sydney Region

Radge Diakiw advised that he planned to contact all affiliated clubs in the region. He also referred to activities associated with access to Smith Road (see Agenda Item 7.3).

Newcastle Region

Charles Atkin provided an overview of Barrington Club activities

OTAS

David Graham provided an overview of activities in the Orange region.

MAS

Steve Samuels advised the following matters:

- Fisheries is conducting a creel survey on Lake Eucumbene for a catch to effort study
- The proposed limnology study for Lake Eucumbene has been stalled
- Rainbow trout trapping at Gaden Hatchery have been less than ideal for the last 3 years but this year's trapping has been slightly better. But the fish have been mainly 2 year olds rather than 3 year olds. Further, 48% of the fish trapped were stocked fish rather than the usual 5%. These results indicate a recruitment problem for rainbow trout in Lake Jindabyne. Since the fish have been nose tagged they are easy to identify with a scanner.
- The annual Gaden fin clipping of rainbow trout to be stocked in Lake Eucumbene is to be replaced with a nose tagging program. It is expected that the nose tagging will be less stressful than fin clipping for the 37,500 rainbow trout to be stocked in Lake Eucumbene this season. Nose tagging will be carried out by Fisheries and the need for volunteers will be reduced from about 30 to about 3.
- MAS is objecting to State Water deciding to stop releasing water from Tantangara Dam into the Murrumbidgee from 18 January. Among other consequences, such an action could threaten the survival of Macquarie Perch below the dam wall.
- As a result of a meeting between MAS and Cooma Local Council, Fisheries has commenced negotiations with Cooma Local Council to allow fishing on Lake Wallace adapting the access regime for Thompsons Creek Dam.

CAS

Don Barton advised that:

- CAS and the Central Tablelands Local Land Services have begun consultations on non-target native fish eg galaxia.
- CAS have also begun consultations with Local Councils on habitat issues.
- Willows removed from the Macquarie River around Bathurst are being replaced with native species.
- CAS was concerned that mining activities in the area were compromising water quality as well as removing much needed water from waterways.
- CAS was investigating ways of improving compliance with angling conditions on Thompsons Creek Dam.
- CAS was concerned about the implications of irresponsible stocking of fish in farm dams.

5.5 RFA NSW Report

Peter Gibson tabled the report (Attachment 4)

5.6 Snowy Lakes Strategy Committee

Peter Gibson tabled the report (Attachment 5)

5.7 Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council

Don Barton advised that the Council has no longer got a representative from recreational anglers. Stan Konstantaras further advised that the RFA has asked for a replacement recreational angler representative to be appointed to the Council.

5.8 Ministerial Recreational Fishing Advisory Council

Don Barton and Steve Samuels advised that membership of the subject Council had not yet been decided and that Fisheries had advised applicants that an announcement would be made after a chair to the Advisory Council had been appointed.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing

- 25 Oct 2015: Cameron Westaway, DPI re Angler Access Website (See Agenda Item 4.1)
- 16 Nov 2015: Federal Minister for Agriculture re Dwarf Gourami Virus
- Alistair McBurnie, DPI re Smith Road Access

Incoming

- Fisheries Scientific Committee re Proposed Determination of Stocky Galaxias as Critically Endangered Species

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) Review

John Robb advised that submissions on this Discussion Paper had been extended to early December. This Discussion Paper proposed a framework where TSRs would become community assets to be managed by Local Land Services and that there was a potential for anglers and other community groups to have a much greater say in their management.

The Meeting resolved that John Robb would finalize the NSWCFRA draft he had developed in line with the discussion so that it could be provided to affiliated groups so they could have the opportunity to support the NSWCFRA in their response to the Discussion Paper. The Meeting also noted that Peter Gibson would alert to the extended public comment period in the next issue of the Freshwater Fisher.

7.2 Pest Animal Management – Issues Paper

The Meeting noted that the authors of the Issues Paper acknowledged that the aquatic pest species were not properly addressed in the original paper so meetings were organized to address this deficiency.

MAS advised that it had prepared a submission and will make it available to the NSWCFRA. The MAS submission emphasized the need for funding to educate, communicate, and undertake research to enable proper management of aquatic pests. To obtain funding

MAS has recommended that high volume water users eg power generators, irrigators, miners, and national parks should pay an aquatic pest levy similar to levies imposed on farmers etc, to manage terrestrial pests such as wild dog and weeds.

The meeting noted that John Robb had commenced drafting a submission and that the MAS document would prove useful. As well, John Harris has offered to assist in preparing the NSWCFCA response and that John Robb would consult with John Harris and Don Barton in finalizing the submission.

7.3 Smith Road Access

Radge Diakiw advised the Meeting that he had asked Alistair McBurnie for an update on DPI efforts to gain access to the Nepean River near Penrith, through Smith Road. This request was made to determine how the NSW government's sale of land adjacent to the Smith Road access point would affect efforts by the NSWCFCA to access the Nepean River at Smiths Road.

Members of Bass Sydney and the Springwood Fishing Club have asked NSWCFCA to help in gaining access to Smith Road. This road is a Crown Road administered by Penrith Local Council but the Council has refused access requests. The Meeting noted that Radge Diakiw would consult with Fisheries and local angling groups with the intention of asking the Lands Minister to ensure access to the Nepean River via Smith Road was provided.

ACTION: Radge Diakiw

7.4 Pest Species Forum

Peter Gibson advised the Meeting that Andrew Cox (CEO, Invasive Species Council) was interested in consulting with the NSWCFCA on fresh and salt water pest species. The proposed forum would provide an opportunity to address a wide range of issues dealing with aquatic pest species.

The Meeting resolved that as part of the February Ordinary General Meeting of the NSWCFCA there be a Pest Species Forum.
(Gibson/Samuels)

7.5 Meeting with the Minister – Improving Road Closure Processes

Stan Konstantaras advised that the RFA expected to meet with the Minister shortly. The Meeting considered ways of improving the road closure processes which could be put to the Minister. These included:

- Make the website relating to Crown Road Closure processes user friendly.
- Improve the quality of maps on the website.
- Identify the criteria used by Lands to assess objections to road closures so those objecting can make their submissions more relevant.

- Provide links that enable Cadastral diagrams to be overlaid on the Lands SIX Maps system.
- Change the culture of Lands assessors (perceived as a presumption in favour of closing roads) to one of independent assessment.

The Meeting noted that Don Barton would liaise with Stan Konstantaras prior to the meeting with the Minister.

7.6 Treasurer's Change of Address - Notification to St George Bank.

The Meeting noted that a recent interest cheque on a \$10,000 term deposit that the NSWCFCA held with the St George Bank went astray because it was sent to the Treasurers old home address. Radge Diakiw advised that St George Bank issued a replacement cheque. However, St George Bank required a formal notification of the Treasurer's change of address.

The Bank also required that:

- Agreement to the change of address be documented in the Minutes of a NSWCFCA meeting.
- 2 signatories attend a St George Bank branch with a signed copy of the minutes where this resolution is documented.

The Meeting resolved that the St George Bank be formally advised that the Treasurer's address has been changed to:

PO BOX 537
Paddington
NSW 2021

(Diakiw/Gibson)

7.7 Eucumbene River Access at Dennison

The Meeting noted that there was general support for a proposal, supported by Snowy Hydro and DPI, to restrict vehicular access to the Eucumbene River at Dennison to 1 car parking area about 500 metres from the river.

The Meeting resolved that the NSWCFCA write to DPI, Snowy Hydro and Kosciusko National Park supporting a proposal to have only 1 car parking area about 500 metres from the river at Dennison.

(Gibson/Samuels)

7.8 NSWCFCA Constitution

John Robb tabled a draft of the new constitution which has most recently been reviewed by Peter Gibson, Don Barton and NSWCFCA honorary solicitor, Stuart Beal.

The Meeting resolved that the Secretary will send a proposed version of the constitution as soon as possible and will also notify that a special meeting of the NSWCFCA will be held on 20 February 2016 to consider and accept the new constitution.

(Gibson/Samuels)

7.9 Eildon Dam Project 1,000,000 (Murray Cod)

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fish-stocking/murray-cod-million-lake-eildon>

Stan Konstantaras advised that a component of Project 1,000,000 in Victoria would include stocking of Barramundi into Eildon Dam. The meeting noted that the NSWCFAs would monitor the outcomes of this stocking and consider options for NSW

8 PRESENTATION Scott Nichols Habitat Rehabilitation Unit, DPI

Scott Nichols of the Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Unit of DPI Fisheries provided an overview of the diverse range of factors which can affect the health of waterways.

These factors include:

- In-river habitat - eg aquatic vegetation, snags, gravel beds, pools etc
- Riparian vegetation
- Connectivity of waterways to spawning sites, wetlands, billabongs etc

Scott noted that 97% of the waterways in NSW had been modified by channelising and de-snagging waterways as well as erecting structures including dams, weirs, culverts, storm and flood water schemes and that many of these modifications had resulted in degraded waterways. Scott did however provide details of DPI and community projects that had remediated some of the damage. These initiatives included:

- Remediation of the highly disturbed Myall Creek in Queensland
- A study of vegetated and unvegetated sections of the Hawkesbury River
- Bass Sydney, Kyogle Acclimatisation Society and Tuross Head Fishing Club weeding and replanting activities
- Clean up activities by groups such as Australian Land Based Anglers, Aussie Fly Fisher and Ocean4Shore Group

The Meeting thanked Scott for an excellent presentation. A .pdf version of Scotts Power Point presentation is available at this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sg7ky57yti2s8pu/HabitatFoodChainsPresntnDPI-notes21Nov2015.pdf?dl=0> .

Next Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the next meeting on 20 February 2016 at a St George Rowing Club, 1 Levey Street Wollie Creek NSW 2205

Close

Don Barton thanked participants, invited guests and particularly John Robb for organising the meeting, then closed the meeting at 2.45 pm

Signed as a true and accurate record by

President:

Dated:

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NSW CFA President's Report 21 November 2015

Access

Loss of access to the NSW Government's Crown road disposal programme continues to be of concern.

The ongoing need to draft objections to an exceedingly high standard, with the implication that one must overcome a presumption that the road will be closed, rather than making a submission to a balanced decision-making process, sucks up enormous volunteer time and resources.

We are fortunate, thanks to intervention by the Shooters and Fishers Party, to have the proposed road closures advertised on a central web site (go to <http://roads.crownland.nsw.gov.au> and scroll down to look for closures in your area), so at least we know what is going on, but it is not always possible to find the time to mount an effective objection.

Native Fish Forum

On 13 October I attended the one day Native Fish Forum, which had been organised as an adjunct to the Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Fish Biology at the University of Technology Sydney.

While my attendance was formally connected with my role within the Central Acclimatisation Society, I particularly wished as CFA President to update my personal knowledge of the state of play with respect to inland native fish. John Robb also attended, I was happy to see. I will leave detailed reportage to John, and merely observe that the highlights for me were Martin Mallen-Cooper, who gave a talk relating to the hydro-dynamic issues affecting fish, John Koehn, *Environmental Flows and fish; Setting targets and making predictions*; Brenton Zampatti, *Disparate Response of Invasive and Native Fishes to Engineered floodplain inundation and natural flooding*; Greg Ringwood, *Queensland Flood Recovery*; and Matt Hansen, of the Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association, *Recreational fishers leading fish habitat* (Matt just about got a standing ovation). Craig Boys and Les Perkins (a North American expert) on fish screening were very informative.

Mallen-Cooper's talk dealt in detail with response by fish to hydro dynamic conditions, such as localised turbulence and velocity. All of us who know how to read a river have some knowledge of this, but the detail adduced by Mallen-Cooper was the first scientific word on the subject I recall hearing, at least recently. The importance of the hydro-dynamic environment on fish is implied by the numbers of trout cod in reaches of the Murray which cannot be re-snagged in mid-stream, owing to navigational requirements. Trout cod prefer the faster moving water in mid-stream, but there are no snags or other forms of structure. The result is that while there are relatively good numbers of Murray cod in their preferred habitat near the margins, which have been re-snagged, there are markedly few trout cod.

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The Queensland paper was something of which one would have liked to have obtained a copy, given the monetary value it was able to place on riparian vegetation in terms of the evidence of reduced flood damage to crops, scouring of paddocks etc where good quality native vegetation was in place in the riparian zone. Not a lot of landholders understand or are interested in fish habitat, but the dollar value of mitigating flood damage is something that all would have to be interested in.

Some of the numbers adduce as to fish caught up in pump intakes were very significant; well over 10,000 fry in one pump alone in one day. Thinking back to CAS's last order for Murray Cod fry, at nearly 80 cents each, that's well in excess of \$8,000 worth of fish.

Somewhere along the line, it emerged from the paper on native and invasive fish responses to floodplain inundation that a recent large environmental flow occurred at a time and to an extent that proved perfect for maximum spawning and recruitment of ... carp. How much did that environmental release cost, one wonders. Once again, one is reminded that Fisheries, while having in its ranks outstanding experts in fish science, does not seem to have been allowed much influence on water allocation and discharge (including environmental flows) policies and decision-making.

It seems that KHV is close to release – 2017 was mentioned.

Pest Animals Focus group

I was invited as President of the CFA to attend a Focus Group Meeting for Freshwater Aquatic Pests in Sydney on 23 October relating to the NSW Review of pest animal management.

As with all focus groups, the issues were constrained by a pre-published issues paper www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/literature_203680/Issues%20paper and the terms of reference of the review, which is being conducted by the Natural Resources Commission. (Unfortunately the terms of reference do not provide an opportunity to comment on the impact of stray or unfenced stock.)

Submissions close on 30 November, and we need to take the opportunity to get some real focus on pest species such as redfin (requiring legislative amendment to put some teeth into the prohibition on possession of live redfin and powers of entry and inspection), and effective communication and educative efforts to make people understand the need to control these pests.

We also need to make a claim as stakeholders having a legitimate interest in the effective control of terrestrial pest animals such as feral pigs and goats that do have a serious impact on fish habitat. CAS has been disappointed, for example, with the management of wild pigs which had been rooting up stream beds and adjacent riparian margins during low water periods of Macquarie perch habitat in National Parks, (although there is reason to hope for some improvement in at least one Park), not to mention extensive pig rootings observed along Coxs River, affecting trout and Eastern Macquarie Perch habitat, or damage I have observed to Bass habitat along the banks of the Nepean, not more than a few kilometres from Penrith in Yellomundee Regional Park. This is unacceptable and we should not shrink from demanding more timely responses to evidence of harm being caused by poor management of terrestrial pest animals.

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There is apparently some sort of response plan for tilapia, but not a lot of detail was available in relation to that. Given the potential for massive harm to the freshwater fishery that will result from entry of tilapia to any part of the fishery, especially the MDB, more is needed in developing effective policies of prevention and response regarding tilapia.

Incidentally, Steve Samuels was present representing the Monaro Acclimatisation Society at the Focus Group meeting, and made an impressive and passionate speech as to the need for a full time representative for freshwater anglers.

The NRC will provide a draft report in February 2016, and final recommendations will be provided to the Premier in June 2016

This matter is not unrelated to the The Biosecurity Act 2015, which was assented to in September 2015 and is expected to come into effect in 2017, once the supporting regulations and policies have been settled.

MDB Review and Inland Rivers Network

On 5 November I attended a meeting concerned with the revision of the Murray Darling Basin Plan as relating to the Northern Basin. The event was organised by Bev Smiles of the Inland Rivers Network, and took place at Maxwelton, a grazing property in the Macquarie Marshes some 106 kilometres north of Warren, and was attended primarily by regional environmental groups and local graziers.

The Review of the Plan

Adam Sluggett, from the MDBA, presented and discussed the environmental science component of the MDBA's Northern Basin Review.

Inputs to the Review are due from environmental sciences, social and economic assessments, and interlinking hydrological modelling.

There is a massive amount of scientific effort involved; research (especially emergent knowledge regarding the specific requirements of various fish species), applied science (data collection via satellite imaging, use of LiDAR - see <http://www.mdba.gov.au/sites/default/files/pubs/Fact-sheets/LiDAR-acquisition.pdf>), hydrological modelling etc).

The huge fish habitat assessment by two officers of Fisheries NSW along some 1,126 kilometres of the Barwon-Darling Rivers between Walgett and Wilcannia is but one example of some of the work informing the review.

Adam went into some detail about the Fish and Flows in the Northern Basin project, and has since advised that the reports to or for the MDB will be available at <http://www.mdba.gov.au/media-pubs> (the *Fish and Flows* is at <http://www.mdba.gov.au/media-pubs/research-reports/fish-and-flows-in-the-northern-basin>). The Stage 3 report describes the proposed fish related site-specific flow indicators in the Barwon-Darling that will be used as part of tracking the environmental outcomes of different water recovery options.

Further refinements in knowledge will result in supplementary or amended reports.

The MDBA has an outstanding freshwater advisory group comprising input from SARD, the Arthur Rylah Institute, Griffith University, NSW DPI etc.

I should add that while it appears that fish related issues are well in hand at the Commonwealth end (if Adam's impressive grasp of the fish issues is any indication), the same cannot be said for the NSW end. In NSW the implementation of the Plan is under the purview of NSW State Water (reduced from The Office of State Water to being a sub-department of DPI) and the Office of Environment & Heritage. DPI-Fisheries appear to have relatively little sway, despite the expertise within that Department, which appears to be better respected and recognised outside NSW than within.

It was also noted from the floor of the meeting that the NSW Government had compromised its stance on the groundwater diversion limits to meet the requirements of coal mining and CSG interests.

There was also a general perception that the irrigation lobby had managed to exercise a disproportionate influence on the balance of the existing plan, and would attempt to do so during the Review.

The relative lack of clout extended to Fisheries NSW in respect of local implementation of the MDB Plan (as presently drafted and subsequent to the Review) is an unsatisfactory state of affairs which all freshwater angling groups should take up wherever there is opportunity to do so.

It appears likely that the MDB Plan will be revised, given the scale and quality of the latest scientific efforts, and likely that submissions will be invited. As a guide to the timing, we have been informed that a decision is due as to possible changes to the MDB plan in April 2016. Obviously, time might be tight on this one.

Once the big picture is settled with respect to the Basin Plan (requiring interlocking State and Commonwealth legislation), there may well be amendments to present water plans within NSW, as the big picture is "fine-tuned" (if that's not an unduly optimistic way of putting it) within NSW.

Although this meeting related only to the Northern Basin, and cannot be taken as raising everything relevant to the Basin as a whole (carp, for example, are a lesser concern in the north than further south), it nevertheless provided an opportunity to improve one's familiarity with the whole issue of revision of the Basin plan generally.

I note my appreciation of Bev Smiles efforts in organising the conference and taking the trouble to invite anglers to be represented there, and to Adam Sluggett of the MDBA, for providing such a mass of information so effectively.

It is likely that the CFA will be asked to sign up to a statement of common concerns. I indicated that we would consider that sympathetically but at least seven days' notice would be required to allow consultation within the CFA.

Fish Habitat Partnership

Last Monday I attended the Fish Habitat Partnership AGM and OGM in Sydney. This is slowly building up to being a very worthwhile institution.

One of the most important aspects is that otherwise disparate or even antagonistic groups have become accustomed to ignoring their differences and working together in the interests of fish habitat.

The other benefit is being brought up to speed on current habitat issues, which are too extensive to relay in full here. An awful lot of work is under way in NSW in relation to fish habitat and a considerable amount of information is available as a result of some of the work.

Just some of the highlights brought to attention included:

- Stocking evaluation of calcein marked Murray Cod and golden perch, with DNA profile studies expected next year;
- more news on screening pump intakes - a project is under development seeking voluntary participation by interested landholders to have screens installed on extraction pumps with intakes of 200 mm or more, in conjunction with a credible study to establish the extent to which the screens, besides saving valuable fish, also save pump damage, maintenance costs and downtime, with some assessment of the consequent cost benefit to the landholder (it is known from North American experience that screens save damage to pumps, but how cost effective screens will be to the landholder in the Australian environment is an issue to be settled by such a study);
- the extent and general location of irrigation canals, which trap large numbers of fish when the flow is shut off and the canal dries out, has been mapped;
- the importance of the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion assessment - <http://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/key-initiatives/hawkesbury-shelf-marine-assessment> , which will be very important for bass anglers, and of significance for the recovery of the Australian grayling, one hopes.
- It was noted that while the MDB Plan has resulted in significant if somewhat disappointing environmental allocations of water, “bugger all” environmental allocation of water is available on the east coast.

Hopefully, the FHP will undertake a field trip in the earlier part of next year to inland waters, to become better acquainted with inland waters (the Dubbo region is one possibility).

Development of the FHP’s strategic Plan will need to wait for further funding to cover the work required to complete the plan.

More on Access

On 25 October I wrote to Fisheries, observing the period of time during which access information has been gathered by Fisheries (financed from the Freshwater Trust), with very little being published in a form accessible to anglers. I enquired as to the expenditure of resources to date; where and in what form access information has been published, and when “*web delivery*” (as anticipated to RFFTEC in June last year) can be reasonably anticipated.

DGIV and Murray Cod

Recently, I wrote to Barnaby Joyce, the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, in respect of the unacceptable delay in the introduction of adequate surveillance of importations of ornamental fish at risk of being carriers of dwarf gourami iridovirus. His Department had produced a detailed import risk assessment report following research at Sydney University establishing the fact that gourami could be silent carriers of the virus, which is fatal to Murray Cod; sacrifice of a sample from each batch of gourami and testing for viral particles was the only sure way to clear imported live susceptible fish.

The Department anticipated that at risk fish would be required to be sourced from compartments, zones or countries free from the virus **and** be batch-tested negative for the virus **effective from 1 March 2015**, but caved in to the ornamental fish trade and delayed implementation of the new requirements by one year, putting an important native fish species at unnecessary risk, and did so without consulting obvious stakeholders, such as recreational anglers.

I have asked the Minister why recreational fishing interests were not consulted before the decision was made to delay the new requirements for importation, and sought an undertaking that this would not happen in future.

Shooters and Fishers Party

Early this year some consternation arose within the CFA in relation to publicity issuing from the Shooters & Fishers Party in the run-up to the NSW State elections, in relation to some moderation of the prohibition on clearing of native vegetation and extending logging in NSW forests.

I resisted some pressure to get stuck into the S&FP immediately, because it was obvious that they had adopted a stance directed at putting pressure on the Nationals, using such issues, and we were not going to get their attention in the heat of the campaign, nor should we become embroiled in party politics.

I have now written to the S&F Members in the NSW Legislative Council, drawing their attention to the potential conflict between the position they have adopted and the interests of freshwater anglers, and offering to have a chat with them or their advisors to bring them up to speed on the issues.

I am happy to take questions during the meeting or any later time in respect of the matters covered in this report.

Don Barton
President

**NSWCFA Executive Meeting using SKYPE
Monday 7 September 2015 at 6.30pm**

Participants

Don Barton, Jeff Baldock, Radge Diakiw, Peter Gibson Laurie Muldoon, John Robb, Steve Samuels and Rodney Tonkin

Apologies

Don Salter

Opening

Don Barton opened the meeting at 6.24 pm

Agenda Item 1 – 28 June 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes Endorsement

The Executive endorsed the minutes of the 28 June 2015 meeting
(Diakiw/Robb)

Agenda Item 2 – Strategic Review Activities

The Executive deferred consideration of this item.

Agenda Item 3 – Fund Raising and Future of the Fly-fishing Meet

The Executive noted the paper prepared by Peter Gibson and resolved that Peter Gibson develop a proposal by the end of the year for the NSWCFA to conduct a raffle as a major fund raising activity for 2016. The Executive noted that Rodney Tonkin had conducted a successful raffle recently and his experiences could help in conducting an NSWCFA raffle.
(Gibson/Tonkin)

ACTION: Peter Gibson

The Executive resolved to discontinue the annual Fly-fishing Meet at Wallerawang as a fund raising event, particularly as income and participation had dropped off markedly in recent years. The Executive did however believe there was merit in the NSWCFA organizing an event which would bring anglers together in a social setting. So the Executive resolved that John Robb develop a proposal to conduct an event in 2016 which would encourage angler interaction. Ideally such an event would be financially neutral.

(Robb/Gibson)

ACTION: John Robb

Agenda Item 4 – Redfin

Don Barton expressed concern that the DPI efforts to control the continuing spread of redfin were fragmentary and ineffective. The Executive believed that a more strategic and sustained effort to stop the spread of redfin was needed. To this end the Executive resolved to:

- ask the DPI Minister to establish a properly funded research program aimed at identifying ways of controlling the damage caused by redfin;
- ask DPI to amend its legislation to require that redfin be killed rather than returned/released into NSW waterways; and

- ask (a) redfin expert(s), eg Dr Dean Gilligian of DPI or Professor Richard Whittington of Sydney University, to brief the NSWCFCA on relevant redfin issues.

(Samuels/Tonkin)

ACTION: Don Barton

Agenda Item 5 – Angler Access

5.1 Crown Road Closure Process

Noting the Executive's continued frustration at the inaction of Lands to fix failings such as:

- providing timely information to those objecting to road closures on the status of those objections; and
- the poor quality of the Lands web information relating to road closures;

the Executive resolved to:

- seek a meeting with the DPI Minister to alert him to angler concerns;
- write to Lands asking for access details of all successful objections to road closure applications which could be of relevance to recreational anglers; and
- where available, disseminate access details of all successful objections to road closure applications to anglers through outlets such as the Freshwater Fisher, the NSWCFCA website and/or Facebook.

ACTION: Peter Gibson, Don Barton

5.2 Angler Access Project

Peter Gibson advised that the RFA NSW was slowly reviving components of the stalled Angler Access Project. As well as other initiatives:

- \$10,000 has been allocated for fencing and other works at Narara Creek; and
- funds have been allocated to pay for the installation of a culvert and other works at Mushroom Flats

5.3 DPI Angler Access Website

The Executive still awaits the opening of the DPI Angler Access website

Agenda Item 6 – NSWCFCA Constitution

Noting the advice from John Robb and Peter Gibson that almost all the provisions in the revised Constitution were ready for consideration by the Council, the Executive resolved that Peter Gibson seek the advice of the Honorary Solicitor, Stuart Beal, on whether the revised constitution is in a form that can be considered for endorsement by the Council at its November 2015 meeting. The Executive noted that the outstanding unresolved matters could be resolved by amending the constitution at a later date

Gibson/Tonkin

ACTION: Peter Gibson

Agenda Item 7 – General Meetings

Due to difficulties encountered recently in attracting members to regional meetings in particular, the Executive resolved:

- to trial holding general meetings of the NSWCFCA for the next 18 months in the Sydney region;
- that meetings continue to be held quarterly on the third Saturday of the month namely November 2015, February 2016, May 2016, August 2016, November 2016 and February 2017; and
- that Peter Gibson identify suitable venues for the general meetings.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business

8.1 Electronic Banking

Radge Diakiw and Peter Gibson confirmed the advice to the Executive from Don Salter the NSWCFCA electronic banking facility is operating well. The 3 signatories to the accounts are Don Salter, Peter Gibson and Radge Diakiw and that the bank requires 2 signatory approvals before it will release any funds.

8.2 Thank you Letters - 2015 Fly-fishing Meet

The Executive noted that Don Barton would thank donors to the 2015 Fly-fishing Meet.

Close

Don Barton thanked participants and closed the meeting at 7.49 pm

NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INC
- GENERAL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2015 -

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 4 MONTHS ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2015

| (a) STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE | <u>₹</u> 4 mths | <u>₹</u> YTD 4 mths | <u>₹</u> Last Yr 2015 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Income: | | | |
| Affiliation fees | | | |
| NSW Rod Fishers Society | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Central Acclimatisation Society | 319 | | |
| Sydney Fly Rodders Club | 219 | 219 | 234 |
| Illawarra Fly Fishers Club | 138 | 138 | 143 |
| The Barrington Club | 117 | 117 | 105 |
| Canberra Fishermens Club | 112 | 112 | 0 |
| Lakeside Fly Fishing Club | 108 | 108 | 113 |
| Hastings Fly Fishers | 86 | 86 | 105 |
| Central Coast Fly Rodders | 84 | 84 | 81 |
| Canberra Anglers Association | 79 | 79 | 100 |
| Southern Bass | 58 | 58 | 51 |
| Sydney Coarse Angling Club | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society | 39 | 39 | 33 |
| Professional Fishing Instructors & Guides Assn | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club | 32 | 32 | 53 |
| Bass Kempsey | 31 | 31 | 35 |
| Monaro Acclimatisation Society | | | 350 |
| Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs | | | 300 |
| NETAS | | | 100 |
| Greenwells Fly Fishing Club | | | 79 |
| Singleton Fly Fishing Club | | | 67 |
| Fly Fish Bathurst | | | 38 |
| Hunter Native Fish | | | 31 |
| Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Assn | | | 21 |
| ACT Fly Fishers | | | 0 |
| Springwood Fishing Club | | | 0 |
| Bass Sydney Fishing Club | | | 0 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 1,859 | 1,859 | 2,476 |
| Foundation membership subscriptions & donations | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,635 |
| Investment & Other income | | | |
| Net surplus - Interclub meet Wallerwang | | 0 | 2,200 |
| Term deposit interest (St George) | 490 | 490 | 599 |
| Current account interest (Orange, Wpac) | 15 | 15 | 11 |
| Raffles, donations | | 0 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 3,494 | 3,494 | 6,921 |
| Expenditure: | | | |
| "Freshwater Fisher" monthly newsletter | 1,921 | 1,921 | 5,753 |
| Allowances | 300 | 300 | 1,200 |
| RFA affiliation | 220 | 220 | 220 |
| Meeting expenses | 200 | 200 | 110 |
| Website expenses | 191 | 191 | 189 |
| Bank fees | 132 | 132 | 398 |
| Annual Return lodgement fee | 54 | 54 | 53 |
| Distbn expenses (Safety DVD) recovery | (754) | | |
| Attendance - regional forums | | | 710 |
| Distribution expenses - Safety DVD | | | 754 |
| Insurance | | | 285 |
| Fish Habitat P'ship membership | | | 11 |
| Foundation m'ship promotion | | | 0 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 2,264 | 2,264 | 9,683 |
| Net surplus (deficit) for period | 1,230 | 1,230 | (2,762) |

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(b) STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 OCT 2015

| Accumulated working funds | | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Balance b'fwd 1 Jul 15 | 15,711 | 15,711 | 18,473 |
| Net surplus for period | <u>1,230</u> | <u>1,230</u> | <u>(2,762)</u> |
| Balance c'fwd 31 Oct 2015 | <u>16,941</u> | <u>16,941</u> | <u>15,711</u> |
| <i>Represented by:</i> | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| St George Bank - Grants account | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Orange Cr Union - current account | 139 | 139 | 104 |
| Westpac - current, cash reserve accounts | <u>6,791</u> | <u>6,791</u> | <u>5,596</u> |
| | 6,931 | 6,931 | 5,701 |
| Safety DVD distbn costs recoverable | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | 6,931 | 6,931 | 5,701 |
| Investments | | | |
| St George Term Deposits: | | | |
| Maturing 17 Sep 2018 @ nnn% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | <u>10,000</u> | <u>10,000</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| Orange Cr Union membership shares | <u>10</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>10</u> |
| | 10,010 | 10,010 | 10,010 |
| Total assets | 16,941 | 16,941 | 15,711 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Interclub meet receipts | | 0 | |
| Net assets | <u>16,941</u> | <u>16,941</u> | <u>15,711</u> |

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10 Nov 2015

**Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
Report to NSW CFA 21 Nov 2015**

RFA AGM

- RFA AGM was held on 10 October 2015
- Stan Konstantaras re-elected as President, Max Castle Vice President, Peter Gibson Secretary, and committee of Matt Poulton, Terry Maloney, Malcolm Poole.

Meetings with Minister for Fisheries 5 Nov

The RFA met with Fisheries Minister Hon Niall Blair MLC at the Minister's offices in Martin Place Sydney on 5 Nov 2015. Present were RFA President Stan Konstantaras, ANSA National Executive Officer John Burgess and RFA Secretary Peter Gibson, The Hon Niall Blair MLC and his Chief of Staff Sean O'Connell and Dr Geoff Allan, Deputy Director General, Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries. Main purpose the meeting was to discuss RFA's response to the Fisheries Management Amendment Bill 2015.

Main topics of discussion:

- The bill had tabled in Parliament and was read for the second time on 21 October. The RFA was invited to comment on the bill, which it did in writing on 25 October and was then invited to meet the Minister on 5 Nov to discuss further.
- The Minister advised us that the final reading of the bill will contain more detail.
- RFA advised the Minister that we are concerned about lack of consultation in general, not just the lack of consultation in the process of drafting this bill, but also in the way consultation is enabled in the bill. Minister responded that he see the need for more consultation not less.
- RFA mentioned rec fishing sector's desperate need for a statutory independent peak body and RFA's attempts to get an executive officer position in place as a starting point for an industry driven peak body. Indicated that this would not happen until after the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council was in place and that government found the rec fishing sector fractious, and like herding cats.
- Minister said that regarding giving rec fishing due recognition for its importance, he sees rec fishing as being an important economic driver as well as a social driver in the community.
- Minister said the bill addresses need to strengthen the rec fishing sector and give it durable long term legislated protection into the future...protection that would prove difficult to undo by any future governments with adverse views of rec fishing. The bill: improves consultation; enhances recognition through regulations; provides a flexible framework that enables government to keep up with technology and unanticipated fast emerging issues, allows government to be quick on its feet when necessary.
- Geoff Allan said funding of the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund will not come from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.
- RFA commented that "cultural fishing" should be limited strictly to cultural processes such as passing down of cultural knowledge and that other forms of aboriginal fishing such as fishing for food should be subject to exactly same regulations as non-aboriginal fishers.
- Minister asked if following this meeting, RFA was generally supportive of the bill, or opposed to it. Given assurances from the Minister that regulations in the bill should deliver better consultation, RFA said it was not opposed to the bill.

Meetings with Minister for Fisheries 17 Nov

The RFA met with Fisheries Minister Hon Niall Blair MLC at his Parliament House offices on 17 Nov 2015. Present were RFA President Stan Konstantaras, Matt Poulton from New South Wales Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association and RFA Secretary Peter Gibson, The Hon Niall Blair MLC and his Chief of Staff Sean O'Connell and Dr Geoff Allan, Deputy Director General, Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries.

Main topics of discussion were:

- Beaches and headlands submission by RFA
- Shark issues
- Sydney Harbour access issues and need for recreational fishing haven protection
- Review of the Fisheries Management Act (by about 2020) and fishers' desire to have substantial input into a proper, thorough review
- Request for more informal meetings with the Minister (agreed to hold another in December)
- Discussion of RFA's 6Rs strategy (Minister generally in favour and asked for digital copy so he can respond directly on document)
- Need for funding for FHP to be confirmed. Minister was sympathetic to this and said he highly valued the aims of the FHP
- Minister confirmed that NO DECISION has yet been made about selection of people for the new Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council
- RFA raised ongoing concerns about freshwater access/Crown roads conversions and gave Minister another copy of issues document. RFA to prepare concrete recommendations for improvements.
- Problems with abalone and cray bag limits for rec fishers not keeping pace with limit increases for commercial fishers
- Importance of the recent Hawkesbury Bioregion review conducted by the MEMA, and its effect on other NSW bioregion reviews and indeed national review.

Planned meeting with Fisheries

- Meeting has been organised with senior Fisheries managers to discuss rock fishing safety and salt water access issues on 25 Nov. Meeting will also include Mr Jim Harnwell who is the new Trust Funded Saltwater Access Officer and meeting will also enable the RFA to give a roadmap of priority access issues to Jim to action.

Submissions to MEMA on Hawkesbury Bioregion review

- RFA submitted a response that challenged the lack of community engagement and involvement of NESB anglers
- RFA continues to query poor consultation process used for the review and also conflicts of interest among some members of the MEMA Marine Expert Knowledge Panel

Commercial fishing reforms

- The RFA continues to encourage the Minister to fast track and complete these reforms.

Family Fishing Day

- This was proposed by RFA in lead-up to State election and Fisheries has organised it state-wide on Saturday 5 Dec.

Safe fishing

- Announcement expected soon on regulation of rock fishing, ie whether or not life jackets will be made compulsory
- Malcolm Poole active on many fronts as Fishing Safety Officer
- Problems arising with insurance required by NPWS to allow ANSA/RFA to continue to install angel rings on rock platforms in national parks
- 15000 more safe fishing DVDs produced in October with Trust grant

Mulloy tagging

- Close to 1000 fish tagged with close to 50 recaptures in NSW to date and data returned to Fisheries. Interesting movements to date. A great win for ANSA NSW and citizen science.
- Program methodology now likely to be extended to other species like snapper

Administrative

- RFA financially healthy with adequate funds in bank
- Bookkeeper recently engaged on an honorarium
- New website launched at rfansw.com.au
- Meeting dates for 2016 (usually 3 or more phone hook-ups and at least one face to face) dates TBC

Peter Gibson

NSW CFA delegate to RFA

20 Nov 2015

**Snowy Lakes Strategy Committee
Report from meeting 12 Nov 2015**

Report from Alison McLean (compliance officer Snowy Mountains area)

- New local brochure produced aimed at spawning run fishery (copy supplied to meeting)
- Over 650 compliance checks on spawning run fishery at end of season...90% OK.
- Main issues on Eucumbene River were
 - Vehicle access/damage
 - Upgrading of catches did not seem to be a major problem
 - Behaviour amongst fishers was more courteous
 - Reduced rainbow catches observed
 - Opening of season had much lower angler visits
 - No closed season offences (partly due to low angler numbers)
- Main issues at Jindabyne
 - Low catches
 - Low number of family groups
 - High compliance rate
- Main issues at Tantangara
 - Lowest compliance rate
 - Lots of fish kept
 - Good fishing
 - Overnight camping around lakes less of a problem than in past years
- Fisheries should engage with Tourism Snowy Mountains to promote fishing good news

Report from Garry Green (Gaden Trout Hatchery Manager)

- Hatchery had good production season with good recruitment
- Met all targets with surplus that went to additional stocking, research, private stockings
- Had increased involvement with research activities into Snowy Lakes problems
- Maritime is also now based at Gaden
- Staff spent approximately 100 days off-site on stocking tasks

Report from Jamin Forbes (researcher from Narrandera Fisheries Centre)

- Working on Snowy Lakes Trout Monitoring project (surveys)
 - Said that 1800 fish were trapped at Gaden during the season (1200 brown, 600 rainbows)
 - Browns near record levels
 - Rainbows still very low and don't seem to be recovering as quickly as after previous population crashes
 - Rainbows are now running several months earlier than say 3 decades ago
 - Proportion of tagged fish trapped in spawning run has risen sharply, which could mean there are more hatchery fish in Jindabyne than previously thought
 - Rainbows in the run are younger and smaller than in the past (2 yr old rather than 3 yr old) which could indicate a crash in the 3 to 4 yr old population
 - Monitoring at weight stations at Jindabyne during the recent trout festival showed that 42% of fish caught were stocked fish with 89% of fish being 2 yr old and 11% of fish being 3 yr old
 - Sampled 300 brown and 300 rainbows in Eucumbene by electrofishing
 - Only 5% of fish sampled were tagged
 - Length and weight for both species was highest since 2000
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- Most rainbows were 3 yrs plus
 - Average weight and length of both types is rising, Eucumbene rainbows are recovering faster than Jindabyne rainbows
 - Creel survey is underway, 6 of 22 randomised survey days have been completed

- Animal Care and Ethics Committee has expressed concern about the use of volunteers to fin clip
- JF and Steve Samuels agreed that too many fish are being damaged in process particularly by older volunteers who have poor eyesight and handling dexterity and don't follow instructions about how long fish are in bath, about 5000 to 6000 fish were lost
- Intention is to move completely to coded wire tagging (CWT)
- Decision to stop volunteer fin clipping was announced several days later (probably subject to ACORF approval)
- Cameron Westaway said he was all in favour of encouraging citizen science but there is resistance from some quarters
- CWT can tag about 5000 fish a day

Limnology study

- PhD study has fallen through...after lengthy negotiations with candidate he went back to South Africa
- A DPI staff member also expressed interest but also pulled out
- Now looking at current crop of students at Charles Sturt University at Albury (under Lee Baumgartner) to see if an Honours degree student can take on the project
- Some aspects of study include quality of redds, use of redds by competing species, predation, diet study
- Would start with a study based on Thredbo River before extending a broader study to both lakes

Stocking density

- Jamin Forbes commented on effects of stocking densities (fish per hectare) on lake fisheries
- Stocking density in Jindabyne is twice that in Eucumbene
- Some US figures for stocking density are 5 to 10 times higher than Australia but production potential and biological potential of Australian lakes is not properly known
- Not enough knowledge available to know if stocking by density would be a good idea in Australia

Presentation by National Parks and Wildlife Service (Chris Darlington, Anthony Evans) and Snowy River Shire Council (Alana Dixon)

- A trail is planned to run all the way from Thredbo to Lake Jindabyne, eventually around to Tyrolean Village
- The trail would be designed for walkers, cyclists, fishers
- The trail already reaches as far down as the Ski Tube
- The trail needs to cross the river at some point and the Hatchery grounds are a preferred location due to construction problems and costs. Other locations such as picnic area at Paddy's Corner or picnic area at bridge on highway have problems with span of river (affects cost) or linkage to planned Lake Jindabyne Shared Trail (which is planned as far as Hatchery Bay)
- Was put out to public consultation earlier this year
- Fisheries made a submission (apparently available online, CFA to get link from Cameron Westaway)
- Construction is currently out to tender for proposed method and costs
- Only 2 to 3 km a year likely to be completed

Access at Denison to the spawning run fishery on the Eucumbene River

- DPI/Snowy Hydro reported concerns about damage to the river and surrounds which will cause landscape damage, siltation concerns etc.
- New tracks are forming all the time, not just to the lake but also to surrounding bushland by people collecting firewood
- Some fishers are crossing the river and creating new car tracks to locations such as Hughes Creek
- Need to stop vehicles crossing the river, need to limit the number of parking and camping locations, need to stop increasing river bank damage
- Rubbish is not a real problem this year
- Intimidation of other fishers by setting up camp on the river bank is an ongoing problem
- The problems mostly occur on land that is managed by Snowy Hydro
- Compliance officer commented that in conversations with anglers, there is widespread support for better control of access
- DPI proposes bollard-limited camping/parking well away from the lake, eg at the 'Denison' site, more than 500m from river
- This will also stop river crossing and parking/camping at Gang Gang Creek
- Snowy Hydro keen to support any proposal/consultation to achieve this aim
- Cameron Westaway stressed driving aim is to protect the fishery
- MAS and compliance offer agreed that there is unlikely to be a backlash from anglers about proposed controls

Tourism

- Discussion about role of Tourism Snowy Mountains
- Promotion of fishery is neglected when fishing is good, on assumption it takes care of itself
- Need for consistent ongoing promotion
- Snowy Hydro has contributed \$5000 to TSM to research marketing
- TSM wants to get more engagement with rec fishing industry
- CFA should urge DPI to boost support for the fishery by more positive media releases, not just releases on regulations and prosecutions

Update of strategy document

- The meeting considered the existing strategy document (attached to original minutes)
- Submissions were received from Col Sinclair, MAS
- Col Sinclair's suggestion of lower bag/possession limits was not supported, as the lakes are still fisheries that people want to catch a feed of fish from
- CS also made a point about need to give greater consideration to limits for visiting anglers
- Murray Ogilvie's submission suggested: alternating trapping for stocking between the Thredbo and Eucumbene; a dedicated Fisheries officer to look after ALL aspects of the trout fishery; increased licence fee for the Snowy Lakes; more information to fishers about how money is spent.
- MAS's submission: supported controls at Denison; suggested extension of trophy trout regs through October; ban on hook size (limit to size 8 and ban trebles); complete closure on feeder creeks such as Tolbar, Lucas; education program to encourage fishers to use single hooks on lures.
- No changes to the document regarding stocking levels were proposed
- No changes to the closure periods were proposed
- No change to bag, size and gear limits were proposed

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- The details about use of guide catch data in the document are to be removed due to small data quantity
- The details about spawning site identification are to be changed to mention snapshot analysis, general predation research etc.

General business

- MAS proposed that Fisheries should consider taking fry from Dutton when local stocks are difficult to attain and leaving local run unbothered
- Cameron Westaway commented that at least 200 local fish should be taken to ensure supply of ova
- Garry Green commented that late run (Sep) fish go through without trapping anyway and that fish also move up OVER the trap in any flood period during winter
- Discussion restarted about fin clipping being totally replaced by CWT...generally supported.

*Peter Gibson
NSW CFA delegate to Snowy Lakes Strategy Committee
12 Nov 2015*

**Abbreviations to
NSWCFA Club/Association Names**

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| AAG | Anglers Action Group (North Sydney) |
| ACoRF | Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing |
| ACTFF | ACT Fly Fishers |
| BC | Barrington Club |
| BK | Bass Kempsey |
| BRBFFC | Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club |
| BS | Bass Sydney |
| CAA | Canberra Anglers Association |
| CAS | Central Acclimatisation Society |
| CCFR | Central Coast Fly Rodders |
| CFC | Canberra Fishermans Club |
| CSDAC | Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs |
| DEH | Department of Environment and Heritage (Commonwealth) |
| DPI | New South Wales Department of Primary Industries |
| DWLC | Department of Land & Water Conservation |
| FFB | Fly Fish Bathurst |
| GFFC | Greenwells Fly Fishing Club |
| HFFC | Hastings Fly Fishing Club |
| HNF | Hunter Native Fish |
| IFF | Illawarra Fly Fishers |
| LS | Lakeside Fly Fishing Club |
| MAS | Monaro Acclimatisation Society |
| MDBA | Murray Darling Basin Authority |
| NCC | Nature Conservation Council |
| NETAS | New England Trout Acclimatisation Society |
| NSWCARC | NSW Coarse Anglers Research Club |
| NSWCFA | NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers |
| NSWRFS | NSW Rod Fishers' Society |
| OTAS | Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society |
| PFIGA | Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association |
| RFA-NSW | Recreational Fishing Alliance |
| RFFTEC | Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee |
| SAC | Scone Amateur Fishing Club |
| SB | Southern Bass Fishing Club |
| SCAC | Sydney Coarse Angling Club |
| SFRC | Sydney Fly Rodders' Club |
| SFFC | Singleton Fly Fishing Club |
| SH | Snowy Hydro |
| SWAA | South West Anglers Association |
| SWFC | Springwood Fishing Club |
| TLFC | The Lakes Fishing Club |