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## **PROCESSOR SUB-COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday September 5, 2014 The Old Woolstore**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

Mark Daft (Chair), Tim Bygrave, Ralph Caccavo, Stephen Crocker, Allen Hansen, Jian He (Jimmy) Stephen Sandrey, Vince Puleo, Dean Lisson, Jillian Freeman (minutes) Steve Withers (DPIPWE)  
Observers –Eileen Thorpe (Tas Seafoods)

#### **Apologies:**

Jan Hardy, Mark Webster,

#### **Welcome:**

Mark welcomed the members.

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Resolution: That the minutes of the Sub Council Meeting held on Wednesday February 12, 2014 having been circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved Steve Crocker and seconded by Ralph Caccavo.

#### **Business arising from previous meeting:**

Nil

#### **Moratorium & Felmingham Report:**

The Minister has agreed to hold the current moratorium in place for another 12 months.

Recommendations from the Report;

1. The optimum is 9 processors whereas there are currently 24 licenses.
2. Maintain the existing cap, and any licenses that are not renewed will be taken out of the market i.e. not renewed.

Set up a working group to discuss and go through the negotiation process with the Minister.

Dean Lisson will facilitate the meeting, Steve Crocker, Darvin Hansen, Ralph Caccavo and Mark Daft volunteered to be in the group.

## Dispatch Docket Book Changes: Steve Withers (compliance and fishery monitoring)

Docket Books/ unloading dockets

Steve explained the new docket books and the additional information regarding transport.

Way sheets – records of bin weights and abalone weights at the point of landing is a legislative requirement, some processors are good at recording the information. If there are any discrepancies in the weight the Department will call for the Way Sheets and there have been occasions where the sheets have been lost or misplaced.

These requirements are not new but a better way of recording the information, a copy of the Way Sheet is given to the fisherman for their records, and once the sheet is torn out of the book the information is committed. If police are inspecting a transport vehicle they will have confidence when checking the documentation.

DPIPWE intends to implement the new books on January 1, 2015. Steve Withers asks for any comments from Abalone processors by September 30, 2014

Some changes to the format were suggested.

Discussion of weight loss from landing to processing facility - the correct weight must be declared on the despatch dockets when leaving the factory for export.

Fish can be left overnight within the truck on transportation to a processing factory with a receipt docket completed on arrival at the factory.

### General Business:

- Meetings with overseas buyers;  
Suggest having a set of criteria of industry protocols for further meetings, terms of trade etc.

ACTION Mark Daft will draft a set of guidelines and protocols for processors to discuss.
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- Constitution:  
Changes to the TACL Constitution to manage the Poll Vote for Processors. Currently the Constitution '57. *Differing Voting Entitlement Procedure* 'Table of votes for abalone processor licence' is a step scale according to the tonnage processed. The Poll Vote currently practised is 21 votes.  
Motion:  
'Amend the constitution 57.1 (A) 'A members who is the holder of an Abalone Processors Licence will be entitled to 21 votes'  
AGREED
- Discussion on the marketing of abalone to the local market, an example was given of the salmon industry and the high dollar return.
- The ban on export of Tasmanian Greenlip into NSW is still in force; NSW has been importing Greenlip supplies from South Australia and West Australia. The Tasmanian CVO has been working with the NSW CVO on the biosecurity of their holding facilities.
- Greg Hughes is proposing to reseed parts of the fishery by taking broodstock from the South Coast and grow in a hatchery/nursery, grow them out to 40mm and deliver back into the water. The proposal is to charge a levy on quota holders.

- Eastern Zone – suggest opening to Motherboats during the January to March closure. NOT AGREED.

**Election of Chairman 2014/15:**

Mark Daft stood down from the chair and Dean Lisson called for nominations;

Mark Daft was nominated by Steve Crocker seconded by Jian He (Jimmy).

Mark accepted the position and was duly elected by the members.

**Meeting closed at 2.10pm**

**New Actions:**

1. Set up a working group to discuss and go through the negotiation process with the Minister on the Processor Moratorium.
2. Mark Daft will draft a set of guidelines and protocols for processors to discuss on approaches from overseas buyers..