

Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting 8 Communiqué

29 November 2022

Videoconference link via MS Teams

Meeting Overview

The eighth meeting of the Temperate East Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held via Microsoft Teams videoconference on 29 November 2022.

The Chair provided an Acknowledgment of Country, paying respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

The primary objective of the meeting included discussion about the Temperate East Science Program Research and Monitoring Priorities and the draft Consolidation Implementation Plan for years 5 – 8 of the Temperate East 10-year Management Plan.

Six Monthly Management Report

A presentation about Parks Australia's activities since the last meeting in June 2022 was provided to members; highlights included:

- **Authorisations**
7 authorisations were issued across the network, including 4 research, 2 recreational fishing and 1 under direction of a Commonwealth agencies. This is seven less than the previous six month period.

Member attendance:

Tricia Beatty
John Burgess
Brian Busteed
Peter Cochrane
Bob Creese
Adrian Wayne
Russell Gueho (Chair)

Apologies:

Rick Stuart-Smith
Steve Whalan

Observer:

Peter Gallagher, NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI)

- **Compliance**

7 compliance incidents were reported in the network, resulting in 2 warning notices, 1 advisory letter, and 3 penalty infringement notices. This was one less incident than the preceding six months.

- **Science**

Highlights include:

1. April and September reef health surveys in Emily and Slaughter Bays at Norfolk MP indicated unseasonal growth of cyanobacteria and macro algae following repeated polluted storm and groundwater entry to the

lagoon during continued La Nina conditions.

2. Shark acoustic monitoring receivers will be deployed and shark deterrent devices will be tested within Lord Howe Marine Park.

- **Indigenous engagement**

A representative from Parks Australia participated in Sea Country exploration trips and consultations with Traditional Owner groups – the Worimi People of Port Stephens areas and Yaegl People of the Yamba/North Solitary areas under current contracts with NSW DPI in August. The purpose of the engagement was to better understand Aboriginal Sea Country values to design Sea Country education packages for Hunter and the Solitary Islands Marine Parks.

- **Parks Protection and Management**

The Water Quality Working Group, (comprising representatives from Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC), Parks Australia, DITRDC the and the Office of the Administrator) continue to meet regularly to coordinate actions for water quality improvement in the catchment adjoining Emily and Slaughter Bays in Norfolk Marine Park.

- **Communications, Education and Awareness**

Parks Australia staff travelled to the Professional Fishers Association's Seafood Festival held in Bermagui NSW in November 2022 to raise public awareness and knowledge of the Temperate East Marine Park Network.

Research and Monitoring Priorities

The Science and Management Effectiveness team within Parks Australia provided the Committee with an overview of the draft Temperate East Science Monitoring and Research Priorities which is soon to be released publicly.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held at a date to be confirmed in April 2023. For more information about the Temperate East Marine Parks Network or the Committee, visit:

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/partnerships/temperate-east-advisory-committee/>

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