

MANAGEMENT AND MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

5642. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Fisheries

I refer to the Management and Ministerial Advisory Committees established under sections 29, 33, 37, 41 and 42 of the FRMA, and ask from the 30 June 2005 until the present date, how many times and on what dates did each of these committees meet?

Hon JON FORD replied:

The Rock Lobster Management Advisory Committee has met Ten times:

1 July 2005; 11 November 2005; 8 February 2006; 13 June 2006; 27 October 2006; 4 February 2007; 2 May 2007; 3 July 2007; 28 August 2007; 25 October 2007

The Abalone Management Advisory Committee has met Five times: 11 August 2005; 10 February 2006; 11 June 2006; 23 July 2007; 5 November 2007

The Purse Seine Management Advisory Committee has met Once: 28 June 2006

As a general rule this particular MAC has only met when there are a sufficient number of issues to discuss or if there is a particular issue that the department needs to take to the committee in order to affect a management change. The management of the Purse Seine fishery is fairly static at the moment. Quotas are set at conservative levels to ensure sustainability, but relatively low industry activity means that the quotas (with the Exception of Albany) are not being exhausted by the end of the season.

The Demersal Gillnet & Longline Management Advisory Committee has met twice: 7 July 2005; 21 February 2006. As a general rule this particular MAC has only met when there are a sufficient number of issues to discuss or if there is a particular issue that the department needs to take to the committee in order to affect a management change.

The shark fishery has just undergone a major review in response to sustainability concerns. A number of the recommendations made by the MAC, which I have approved are in the process of being implemented. The MAC will most likely convene when the new management arrangements have been finalised.

The Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Fifteen times: 8 November 2005; 9 November 2005; 3 March 2006; 18 June 2006; 29 June 2006; 21 August 2006; 16 October 2006; 4 December 2006; 5 December 2006; 26 February 2007; 27 February 2007; 28 May 2007; 29 May 2007; 27 August 2007; 28 August 2007

The Carnarvon Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Six times: 20 July 2005; 12 October 2005; 24 May 2006; 4 October 2006; 21 March 2007; 24 October 2007,

The Denham Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Eight times: 20 July 2005; 28 November 2005; 20 March 2006; 26 June 2006; 9 October 2006; 27 November 2007; 7 May 2007; 10 September 2007

The East Kimberley Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Five times: 8 August 2005; 11 May 2006; February 2007; 29 May 2007; 16 October 2007

The Esperance/Goldfields Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Nine times: 5 December 2005; 8 June 2006; 18 September 2006; 13 November 2006; 22 January 2007; 26 March 2007; 11 June 2007; 6 August 2007; 15 October 2007

The Exmouth Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Six times: 29 September 2005; 15 December 2005; 24 April 2006; 31 October 2006; 6 June 2007; 17 September 2007

The Great Southern Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Seven times: 9 September 2005; 9 December 2005; 24 March 2006; 19 May 2006; 4 May 2007; 15 June 2007; 21 September 2007

The Metropolitan Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Five times: 20 February 2006; 26 February 2007; 7 May 2007; 2 July 2007; 29 October 2007

The Midwest Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Eleven times: 4 August 2005; 10 November 2005; 9 January 2006; 27 April 2006; 12 June 2006; 11 September 2006; 13 November 2006; 12 March 2007; 14 May 2007; 17 July 2007; 25 October 2007

The Peel Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Eight times: 21 July 2005; 8 December 2005; 9 March 2006; 7 September 2006; 14 December 2006; 15 February 2007; 8 August 2007; 12 September 2007

The Pilbara Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Seven times: 9 July 2005; 5 November 2005; 6 May 2006; 29 July 2006; 22 November 2006; 18 August 2007; 7 November 2007

The South West Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Eight times: 9 August 2005; 13 December 2005; 4 July 2006; 22 August 2006; 5 December 2006; 23 January 2007; 12 July 2007; 15 November 2007

The West Kimberley Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee has met Four times: 23 February 2006; 22 June 2006; 21 November 2006; 3 October 2007

The Aquaculture Development Council has met Thirteen times: 13 July 2005; 4 November 2005; 12 December 2005; 10 February 2006; 24 May 2006; 16 August 2006; 11 October 2006; 13 December 2006; 28 March 2007; 15 June 2007; 13 August 2007; 5 October 2007; 13 November 2007

The Aquaculture Bill Taskforce has met Three times: 4 September 2007; 8 October 2007; 14 November 2007

The Abrolhos Islands Management Advisory Committee has met Eleven times: 28 July 2005; 9 November 2005; 6 February 2006; 7 February 2006; 6 June 2006; 8 August 2006; 6 November 2006; 7 November 2006; 14 June 2007; 7 August 2007; 8 August 2007

The Joint Trawl Management Advisory Committee has met Once: 8 June 2006

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The Commercial Access Panel has met Twice: 20 July 2005; 13 October 2005

This Panel was established for a set period, and is now finished.

The West Coast Management Planning Panel - Nil

This Panel was established for a set period, and is now finished.

The Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee has met Twenty-two times: 30 June 2005; 1 August 2005; 29 August 2005; 1 November 2005; 28 November 2005; 30 January 2006; 16 February 2006; 16 March 2006; 27 April 2006; 25 May 2006; 29 June 2006; 24 August 2006; 28 September 2006; 26 October 2006; 23 November 2006; 22 February 2007; 28 March 2007; 26 April 2007; 24 May 2007; 7 June 2007; 26 July 2007; 27 September 2007

The West Coast Demersal Scalefish Fishery Committee of Advice (s42) - Nil

This committee has only recently been established and has not yet met.